

St. Thomas More Church

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Eucharistic Celebrations
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am
Weekdays:
Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am
Saturday: 9:00 am
Holyday Vigil: 7:30 pm
Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm
or any time by appointment

Reverend Phillip M. Johnson, Priest-in-charge
Reverend Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Deacon John Harrington
Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader
Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary
Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren	424-3212
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Knights of Columbus	Dick Spence	428-8325
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart	429-6948
Pastoral Counselor	Claire Spence	428-8325
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212
Rosary Ministry	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	424-4759
Spiritual Direction	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073
	Denise Radziwill	424-0494
St. Vincent de Paul	Frank Nicoletti	424-3212
Stewardship	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Youth Ministry	Stan Thompson	424-1120

Worship

Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Ch. Art Environment	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Eucharistic Ministers	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Lectors	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Linen Committee	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Sacristans	Dom Sacca	
	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Ushers	Roger Pisani, Director	609-488-0020
Music Ministry	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
	Len Kolojejchick	346-4078
	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461
Social Development	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Bridge Groups	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	Al Shaffer	609-417-6770
Career Ministry	June Garafano	229-7461
	Bob Lento	344-7454
Funsters (over 50 club)	Committee	424-3212
Parish Festival	Eileen Withers	751-6838
Women's Club		

Administration

House of Charity	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Parish Finance Council	Robert Crawford	424-3212
Parish Pastoral Council	Marie Enny	751-8893

PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission (*Purpose*)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

Vision (*Goals*)

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Irene Rellosa

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

Father Johnson's series, *A Married Priest?*, will continue next week.

RCIA Classes Begin

Tuesday, October 2 will be the first class for those wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are for those who are not baptized as well as those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. If you were baptized but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation these classes will prepare you to receive these sacraments.

Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212-ext. 104 to receive more information about the RCIA classes.



'FUNSTER NEWS'

Friday, Nov. 9: Barnes Foundation Museum & Lunch—9:30 am-3:30 pm. Price: \$78 per person; includes bus, admission to museum, bus driver tip, complete family-style luncheon at Spasso Italian Grill in Phila, tax and meal gratuity.

Payment due Oct. 1; make check payable to St. Thomas More Funsters & mail to Bob Lento, 7 Merryton St., Voorhees, NJ 08043.

Sunday, Dec. 9: Annual trip to *Tomasello Winery*—12:45-5:45 p.m. Price: \$95 per person; includes bus, wine tasting, 4 course dinner with wine throughout meal and magnificent entertainment.

Payment due by Nov. 1; make check payable to St. Thomas More Funsters & mail to Bob Lento, 7 Merryton St., Voorhees, NJ 08043.

NEXT FUNSTER MEETING: Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. in St. Thomas More Hall for all those going to Barnes Foundation and Tomasello Winery.

Bob Lento, 344-7454

Women's Club News

25th Anniversary Tea: Sunday, September 30, following the 11:30 Mass. ALL women's club members and ALL women of the parish are invited. New members are always welcome. Dues are \$10. RSVP for the Tea by Sept. 25—call Helen Hawksley at 424-3334 or Lorraine Kennedy, 489-0031.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

September 9, 2012

\$10,099.00 - 238 Envelopes

May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.

The Faith of Children

Fr. Phillip Johnson

It was bath time for Julie (age 3 ½) and Josephine (age 1), who were to be baptized on the coming Sunday. They and the parents had completed their final preparation session. During the bath, as their mother tells it, July took Josephine's doll from her and plunged it vigorously three times in the water, saying, "God once! God twice! God three times!" and then gently handed back the doll.

A young mother was pushing her shopping cart slowly down the long supermarket aisle, the toddler daughter rambling along behind, or so she thought. When she turned to speak to the child, she panicked a moment. But then she heard the familiar small voice sounding from the next aisle over: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name . . .".

A skinny black bright-eyed kindergarten boy, from a very poor and very troubled family, was blessed to have a grandmother who made real sacrifices so that he might attend an ecumenical Christian school. In the chapel of the school hung a large crucifix. One day, out of the blue, he suddenly announced to his teacher that he wanted to be a priest. Moved by this, on his next birthday his mother and grandmother gave him a small simple cross on a chain – not a crucifix, just the cross. Opening the gift he exclaimed loudly in distress: "I can't wear this. Jesus fell off!"

I could go on and on with such true stories that remind us of the religious and spiritual sensitivities of young children. You don't have to "start from scratch" in the Christian education of a child. You do, however have to be vigilant, careful, and attentive, so that the child's natural spiritual awareness is not blunted. Our Christian Catholic Faith is wise in these matters. Christianity, alone among religions has a particular *theology of the Child*. Jesus welcomed the children; he saw them in the light of their intrinsic relationship to God their Father.

You Are Being Watched

Parents, grandparents, godparents, teachers. Children have a remarkable sensitivity to what it is their parents and care-takers care about. "Christian education" all begins with the Christian integrity of the parents and other beloved adults. Your spiritual habits (or the lack of) speak volumes to the child. And *the children are always watching*, even when, especially when, you are not aware of being watched. And the home is the most important "class room" through the whole of your child's life.

Your Prayers for, Your Vision of Your Child

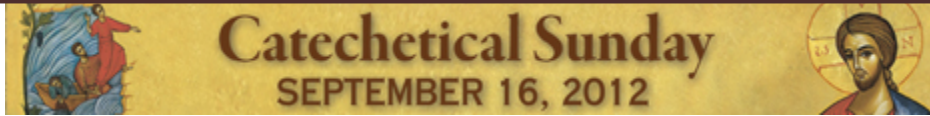
When we pray for the child, we see the child in a new light. We become more and more aware of the spiritual dignity of children, more and more aware of the love that Christ has for them, more and more caring about their destiny as a child of God. When we pray for the child, we set him or her at a holy distance; the conviction grows in us that this child belongs to God before belonging to me—that the child is a *gift*. When we pray often *for* the child, it becomes only natural to pray *with* the child. Please don't rob your child of the sound of your voice in prayer. Pray a simple form of the rosary, pray the Our Father, pray at waking, at meal time, at bed time, before long journeys....

A Baptized Imagination

Read, read, read to your child. Read good books and don't "dumb down" the stories. The experts teach us that children can take in language at a level several years ahead of their capacity to use the language in speech. Read the stories of the Gospel, the Old Testament stories of Creation, the Flood, Israel's Exodus from Egypt. There are good children's Bibles available. Read the stories of the great saints. Stories "baptize" the imagination, they feed the faith of the child, they make children aware of the spiritual narrative of their own life, of their real beginning in God, of their present life in God, of their promised End in God. (And you will actually learn the stories too!)

What To Do With a Baptized Baby?

Bring the baby to Mass. This will make for some hardships in your life. But the sacrifices will bear fruit in your child's life. Remember, *the years between Baptism and First Communion are the most spiritually formative years*. The Liturgy is a powerful classroom - with music and song, the flow of language and story, communal recitation, color and movement. A young child often at Mass soon becomes spiritually "acculturated" in the Christian community, as the child "drinks in" the faith of mother and father.



"Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization"

This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday this weekend and will focus on the theme "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization." Those whom the community has designated to serve as Catechists, Youth Ministry Team Members, RCIA Team Members, and Small Christian Community Facilitators will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Religious Education Program Catechists

Patricia Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader

Grade 1

Maureen Chorney
Dawn Alexander/
Vicki Moyer

Grade 2

Pat Kirincic
Sister Anna

Grade 3

Sister Bozena
Joanne Wachman

Grade 4

Sister Sophie
Shirley Kane

Grade 5

Antoinette Del Campo-O'Brien
June-Ann Garafano

Grade 6

Pat Baeckstrom

Grade 7

Fran Eggles
Scott Campbell

Grade 8

Janice Quay
Beth Markiewicz

Confirmation Catechists

Sister Philomena, Gr. 8
Stanley Thompson, Gr. 7

Rite of Christian Initiation Team Members

Sister Ann Byrnes
Deacon John Harrington
John Mohan
Irene Rellosa

Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechists

Dawn Alexander
Janet Barbera
Denise Barrett
Pamela Huynh
Julianne Johnson
Sandra Kenny
Laura Wieland

Youth Ministry Team Members

Stanley Thompson
Annette Thompson
Pat Maggart
Denise Radziwill
Nancy Tagland
Joanne Wachman

Small Christian Community Facilitators

Sister Ann Byrnes
Pat Beaney
Gail Bizzoso
David Galloway
Kathy Glover
Marianne Gorin
Deacon John Harrington
Shirley Kane

Marian Kapischke
Mena Kramer
Pat Lachnicht
Ann Marie Lento
Robert Lento
Norma Matos
Gaye Pino
Claire Spence
Lois Udicious



NEXT WEEKEND for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Every donated dollar directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours.



The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue have been placed there, this weekend, in loving memory of Fran Boesch, requested by her husband, Jack.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be an important in-service meeting for all catechists on Tuesday evening, Sept. 18, at 7:00 in the Hall. Mr. Frank Bernard from Sadlier Publishers will be explaining the use of our new textbooks and website for the coming year.

ATTENTION First Graders & New Parishioners

If your child is not yet registered, please obtain a registration form from the gathering space or online at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>. **Classes begin September 25.**

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a celebration of the Sunday readings in a setting and in a language more appropriate to their understanding. This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages four through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed.

This special program begins next Sunday, September 23.

Pat Maggart, PCL, 424-3212 - ext. 106

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Anna Risorto r/b Vince & Emilia Marchesani

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Jim & Pat Beaney
10:00 am Michael DeLuca r/b Dad, Kathryn & Michelle Sam Calabrese r/b Kathryn Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
11:30 am Joyce Horan r/b Family

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 17

6:45 am Bienvenido Cobin r/b Cobin Family
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 18

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am George Pisera r/b Gould Family

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 19

6:45 am Angela, Guido & Emma Camillotti r/b the Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Special Intention of Msgr. Morgan r/b SCC Wednesday Group

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 20

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Katie Hill
9:00 am Deceased Members of the Ibay and Dizon Families r/b Ibay Family

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 21

6:45 am Nicholas DeJuliis r/b daughter, Florianna Gilden
9:00 am Mary Palzer r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Jose S. Padolina r/b Joselisa Padolina

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Sheila Moore
10:00 am Anna Bizzoso r/b Tom & Marianne Wilkins Grace Marie Regina r/b Sean, Devon, Scarlet & Isabella Perry JoAnn Gadren r/b Marinelli Family
11:30 am Matthew Maggi r/b Thomas DeLuca & Kathryn DeHoratiis

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE SICK...**



Don Kreal	Bob & Claire Boylan	
Maria Storms	Andrea Buonincontro	
Owen Smith	Naomi Willingmyre	
Mary Flacco	George Sweeten	
Ron Massey	Frank Cappetta	Danny Perla
Olga Mignone	Michael Kapischke	Joanne James
Frank Colbert	Betty O'Donnell	Alfred DiFrank
Mary Cowan	Marie Mazzagatti	Gloria Daniels
Shirley Birch	Stanley Kochanek	Denise Daniels
Jean Colbert	Pauline Rosberg	Chris Kolodzey
Dorothy Brink	Joseph Console	Marie DiFrank
Pat Barton	Geralyn Coticone	Ethan Killeen
Leila Lore	Jerry McMenamin	Carlos Santiago
Chase Lupica	Chuck Kapischke	Betty Brennan
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo	Sharon Bushelli
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter	Michael Suralik
Virginia Foley	Al Mac Elrath	Bill O'Donnell
Fran Swider	Teddy Shaffer	MaryBranciforte
Rose Hession	Virginia Gormley	Bill Botensten
Earl Cargen	Angelo DiGiacomo	Ed Rivero
Viola Angelozzi	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Sara Centonze

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Staff Sergeant Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, Sr. Airman John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students Jr. – 6th through 8th grades

Upcoming Events:

Service hours opportunity, while having fun!

- **Parish Festival; HELP NEEDED** during the event, this Sunday afternoon

- The Youth Group will also be assisting with the beautification of the Blessed Mother meditation area. Date to be announced

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

Theology on Tap returns!: Tues., Sept. 18, Theology on Tap is a speaker and discussion series for younger adults (18 -19), 20s and 30s, married & single. Presenter Fr. Richard Malloy S.J. will be speaking on "A Faith that Frees: Catholic Matters for the 21st Century." Doors open at 7, program begins at 7:30. FREE admission. For more info: call 856-583-6122 or gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org. This event is planned and approved by the Diocese of Camden. **Pg. 5 - 632**

**The 2013 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN
for your Mass intentions.**

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 23, 2012 - Mark 9:30-37

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Commentary:

Jesus teaches the power of "powerlessness." The Apostles still don't "get it." They struggle with each other for position and power. Jesus answers with a symbolic action that is stronger than words. He embraces a child, a symbol of powerlessness. He directs the Apostles not to build up a power structure but to embrace powerlessness. In the same way, the power of the Christian community will be in powerlessness.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Reflection resonates with me?

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Youth and Family Services and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.

BÁO CÁO LẠM DỤNG TÌNH DỤC

Địa Phận Camden có đặt để biệt lập một điện thoại miễn phí để cho những ai bị các linh mục, các thầy, sơ, nhân viên hay tình nguyện trong giáo xứ lạm dụng tình dục trẻ em. Sẽ có nhân viên có bằng cấp làm việc xã hội và đáng tin cậy để nhận phôn và lắng nghe. Luật tiểu bang buộc phải báo cáo những trường hợp dưới vị thành niên bị lạm dụng tình dục tới cơ quan chức trách.

Nếu muốn biết thêm chi tiết về hướng dẫn hay giúp đỡ xin gọi số điện thoại: 1(800) 964-6588

CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities.

CAP 2 is No More Bullies, No More Victims and is a workshop on bullying awareness and bullying prevention.

To attend a class, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856) 583-6165 or email ddigqons@camdendiocese.org to register.

House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal

Many businesses will begin their Employee Giving Campaigns this month. Whether through United Way or another corporate giving campaign, employees welcome the opportunity to participate when they can direct their donations toward charities that reflect their beliefs and social concerns. If you do participate, the *House of Charity* is a qualified non-member Donor Option Agency. Please use a specific code that can be found on the Poster located in the gathering space.

Ministry Schedule for September 22, and 23, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisanl R Pisanl	E Kleinz, D Kreal J Mohan, P Rossi	B Scarpa	A/K/M Quay
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	J Garafano R Kapischke R Pisanl	A Del Campo-O'Brlen Sr. Dianna, S Moore, N Pro	J Vecchiola	L Smith A Rzepski R Seminara
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Pisanl A Rivero	E Beckman, G Gadren P Hengy, J Mazzagatti	F Eggles	J/P/S Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer R Pisanl	J/L Duffy, B Haughwout M Santiago	D Haughwout	R Nicklous J Pol, J Zleba