

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
	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Ch. Art Environment	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Lectors	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Linen Committee	Dom Sacca	
Sacristans	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412

Ushers	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Music Ministry	Roger Pisani, Director	609-488-0020
	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	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
House of Charity	Robert Crawford	424-3212
Parish Finance Council	Marie Enny	751-8893
Parish Pastoral Council		

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

NEW Altar Servers NEEDED



The ministry of Altar Server is a privileged and important one of our parish community. Each year we invite students in grades 4 thru 8 to consider this ministry. Sister Ann and Deacon John will meet with those interested beginning Tuesday, October 2 at 4 p.m. (Grade 4 students) and 6:30 p.m. (Grades 5-8 students).

Please call Sister Ann at 424-3212 (ext. 104) if you need further information.

SCC Facilitator's Meeting

All Small Christian Community Facilitators are asked to attend our first semester training session on Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Bob Lento will assist facilitators in sharpening their communication skills needed for small group ministry. Bob has been an educational consultant for 20 years and has offered workshops in more than 20 dioceses.

Contact Sister Ann at 424-3212.

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. 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.

Thursday, October 4, 2012

Meeting for Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ushers and Cantors. Servers meet at 6:45 PM Others Meet at 7:30 PM in the Church.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

September 16, 2012

\$10,007.50

229 Envelopes

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

A Married Priest? – Part VII

Fr. Phillip Johnson

Copies of the previous articles in this series are available in the narthex of the church near the front entrance, or online at the parish website: stthomasmorenj.org.

In the previous two articles in this series, I have explained my first “conversion” from a sectarian protestantism to a catholic-minded, sacramental Lutheranism. Here I begin the account of the way these catholic convictions and longings brought me to a crisis of conscience and led me into the Roman Catholic Church.

Right Authority in the Church

Almost all Protestants who tell the story of their journey to Catholicism will speak about the question of authority. What is called the Protestant Reformation was born in a crisis of authority. It was, at first the brilliant charismatic reformers – Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox, and others – their relation to the catholic tradition still more or less intact – that fell into bishop-like roles. But from the first generation, these leaders found it impossible to speak with one voice. Soon from the late 17th Century onward, authority in Church matters was legally ceded to secular rulers. And with the rise of nation states, the “State Church” soon became fixed throughout Europe and Great Britain (desperately so, given the horrors of confessional wars). The compromise inflicted many wounds on the Catholic Church as well as upon the various protestantisms. From the 19th Century onward, with the growth of freedom of religion, denominationalism became the status quo, in America especially as the protestant logic of division (the reform of the reform of the reform!) radically fragmented protestantism. This would inevitably lead to that sort of religious individualism by which each person is his own pope; or better, each one is a religious consumer, accountable only to his or her own felt needs.

I understood from the first that, as an “evangelical catholic”, (the term often used to describe Catholic-leaning Lutherans); I was a member of a “party” among Lutheran churches and within my particular Lutheran denomination. Generally speaking, in America, Norwegian Lutherans were usually pietists, Germans stressed theological loyalty to Luther, churches with Swedish origins were more catholic liturgically. But at the time, we Catholics thought we had history on our side. After decades of Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue, it did not seem utopian to speak of the possibility of reunion with Rome. Certainly, the dialogues had revealed the big “empty spot” in Lutheran experience and teaching concerning authority. Lutherans were all bound, so we said, first by Holy Scripture, and then by 16th documents gathered in the book of confessions. But where was one to find an authoritative reading of these authoritative texts?

Living and Teaching Toward Reunion

Amid these contradictions of division, I comforted myself that at least I was free, so I thought, to work and pray and teach a fully catholic faith. And I saw my task as a Lutheran pastor and teacher as two-fold. First, I would work to establish in the parishes I served a truly catholic church life loyal to the Lutheran confessions and the wide catholic tradition – a church life rooted in the Holy Eucharist, the offering of private confession (according to Luther's own rite!), the observance of the saints calendar in the Lutheran Book of Worship (a book praised by many leading Roman Catholic liturgical scholars). Secondly, I would work tirelessly with others for reunion – studying, writing, lecturing at the annual Luther-Aquinas conference. I helped to found a society of Lutheran pastors and bishops in North America (the Society of the Holy Trinity) in which regional chapters would gather for retreats, all members subscribing to a rule of prayer, mutual discipline, and catholic pastoral practice. The rule pledged our members to work for the unity of the Church, professing our belief that it was the destiny of the Lutheran confessing movement to be reunited with the Roman Catholic Church. These were hopeful days. We were, so we believed, living reunion ahead of time.

How was it that things suddenly (so it seemed) fell apart? How was it that “living reunion ahead of time” was revealed to be an avoidance of the obvious, a betrayal of unity rather than a moving toward it.

To be continued next week.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for September 29, and 30, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	C Malatino B Casey	J DeMichele, B Massey I Rellosa, G Tyrrell	V Marchesani	M Dautle, M Lender R Seminara
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapschke E Zerone	J/L Duffy N/P Kirincic	M Maggart	M/N Brown H Rosenblatt
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	M Kramer E Zerone	G Gadren, K Glover J Kenney, T Petrone	B Scarpa	J/P/S Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	G Nacarelli A Rivero	B/AM Lento D/C Spence	K McFadden	C/J McFadden

Women's Club News

25th Anniversary Tea: NEXT 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

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society for *The Children's Home, Mt. Holly* on **October 13/14** — MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Gary Gadren, Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Servants of All

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

(Mark 9:35)

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches us through His words and through His life that we are called to serve one another. We can serve through our sacrifices of time, talent and treasure. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "*sacer*" = *sacred* and "*facere*" = *to make*. In other words, we make our lives holy by giving up some of our time, talent and treasure in the service of God and His Church.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish Religious Education Program classes for grades one through eight will *begin on Tuesday, September 25*.

Children in grades one through four should report at 4:15 p.m.; while children in grades five through eight should report at 7 p.m. Students in all grades will gather in the Chapel prior to beginning their classes.

Students should enter (and exit) the classrooms through the metal gates into the courtyard.

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 this Sunday, September 23.*

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THANK YOU to all the youth of the Parish who helped out with the Parish Festival!

Upcoming Event(s):

- 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

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



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

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 24

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Kathleen & Frank
Cappetta

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 25

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Beth Anne & Eugene
Fiezy
9:00 am Special Intention of Leona Novak r/b
Cindy

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 26

6:45 am Intentions of Keating Family
9:00 am Hernandez Alabanzas r/b Corazon

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 27

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

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 28

6:45 am Deceased Former 6:45 a.m. Mass attendees
9:00 am Ramon & Ruben Padre, MD r/b David &
Pat Garde Hill

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Deceased Members of St. Vincent de
Paul Society r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 am Robert Middleton r/b Mike & Pat Maggart
10:00 am Maurice & Margaret Smith r/b Chris & Pat
Baeckstrom
John P. Brennan r/b the Herron Family
JoAnn Gadren r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele
11:30 am Special Intentions of St. Thomas More
Women's Club Members

**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	
Olga Mignone	Michael Kapischke	
Frank Colbert	Betty O'Donnell	
Mary Cowan	Marie Mazzagatti	
Shirley Birch	Stanley Kochanek	
Jean Colbert	Pauline Rosberg	
Dorothy Brink	Joseph Console	
Pat Barton	Gerilyn Coticone	
Leila Lore	Jerry McMenamin	
Chase Lupica	Chuck Kapischke	
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo	
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter	Danny Perla
Virginia Foley	Al Mac Elrath	Joanne James
Fran Swider	Teddy Shaffer	Alfred DiFrank
Rose Hession	Virginia Gormley	Gloria Daniels
Earl Cargen	Angelo DiGiacomo	Denise Daniels
Viola Angelozzi	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Chris Kolodzey
		Marie DiFrank
		Ethan Killeen
		Carlos Santiago
		Betty Brennan
		Sharon Bushelli
		Michael Suralik
		Bill O'Donnell
		MaryBranciforte
		Bill Botensten
		Ed Rivero
		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.

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.

Office of Family Life-Diocese of Camden

Courage: The Catholic support group for men and women with same-sex attraction.

CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED. For more info:

www.couragerc.org or (856) 365-1570. Pg. 5 - 632

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 30, 2012 – Mark 9:38-48

Jesus said, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire."

Commentary:

Perhaps we have known someone whose illness made it necessary to have a diseased part of his or her body removed in order to preserve life. Self-preservation is a strong instinct. Sometimes extraordinary efforts are made to preserve physical life. How strong is our drive to sustain our spiritual life? Can we describe our efforts as extraordinary? For most of us, it would only take a small bit of introspection to identify something in our life that needs to go—something we need to cut away.

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?



The new frontiers reached in bioethics do not require us to choose between science and morality: rather, they oblige us to a moral use of science.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Auxiliary of St. Mary's Catholic Homes in Cherry Hill

Our Auxiliary is looking to expand its membership. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, Sept. thru May, for a short meeting and light lunch. Our goal and purpose is to raise funds to be used for the comfort and entertainment of those who reside at St. Mary's Nursing Home and The Manor. It is truly a rewarding experience. Yearly membership dues are \$15. For more information contact Shirley at 856-218-0695. We hope you will consider joining us!

Charismatic Conference in Wildwood

The Twenty-fourth Annual Camden Diocese Charismatic Conference will be held at Wildwoods Convention Ctr. on Oct. 5-7. Speakers will be Fr. John Gordon, Rev. Ariel Hernandez, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lane. Fr. Gordon has been active in the renewal since 1975. Rev. Hernandez, pastor of The Parish of the Holy Cross in Bridgeton area, has a very active healing ministry and great devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Richard Lane, National Football League Hall of Fame Former Cornerback, along with his wife, Donna, are dynamic Catholic Speakers and revivalists. For more info: see www.camdencharismatic.org.

*For those who have registered for
Scripture Study:*

'Parables of the Kingdom' begins on Monday, September 24 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall. If you have any questions please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 ext. 104.

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.

성폭행 신고 접수

사제, 수도자, 종업원, 혹은 자원 봉사자 등에 의한 성폭행 사례 신고자들을 지원하기 위하여 무료 상담 전화가 캄든 교구에 설치되었습니다. 통화는 전문 상담 치료사에 의해서 신중히 처리됩니다. 뉴저지 법률에 의거, 어린이 성폭행 사례들은 뉴저지 청소년 및 가정 지원 담당 부서, 그리고 법집행 관련 부서로 신고될 수 있습니다.

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1-800-964-6588

Denuncie el Abuso Sexual

Un número telefónico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Diócesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manejadas por un trabajador social clínico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la División de Servicios a Jóvenes y Familias y a la policía.

Para más información o para obtener servicios de consejería llame al:
1-800-964-6588.