

# 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  
 Church Environment

Ch. Art Environment  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 Lectors  
 Linen Committee  
 Sacristans

Ushers  
 Music Ministry

Social Development  
 Bridge Groups

Career Ministry

Funsters (over 50 club)  
 Parish Festival  
 Women's Club

Administration

House of Charity  
 Parish Finance Council  
 Parish Pastoral Council

Deacon John Harrington 424-3212  
 Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
 Antonina Nicdao 751-6320  
 Joyce DeMichele 424-4008  
 Dolores Kreal 988-0271  
 Pat Lachnicht 424-5636  
 Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
 Dom Sacca  
 Tom Petrilli 751-1367  
 Greta Tyrrell 428-2412  
 Frank Krenslak 309-1999  
 Roger Pisani, Director 609-488-0020  
 Dolores Kreal 988-0271  
 Len Kolojechick 346-4078  
 June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461

Joyce DeMichele 424-4008  
 Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323  
 Al Shaffer 609-417-6770  
 June Garafano 229-7461  
 Bob Lento 344-7454  
 Committee 424-3212  
 Eileen Withers 751-6838

Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212  
 Robert Crawford 424-3212  
 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

**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.

For more information contact Sister Ann at 424-3212.

**PARISH FESTIVAL GRATITUDE**

How blessed we are at St. Thomas More Parish to have the BEST volunteers in all of Cherry Hill. Our Parish Festival was a wonderful event of community celebrated with and among a wonderful group of parishioners. To all who came to the Festival, we say thank you. The event was perfect for relaxation and for getting to know others in our community.

Deep gratitude is expressed to those who planned, purchased, advertised, set up on Saturday and Sunday, prepared the food, served where needed, provided the music, organized the Olympic races and cleaned up afterwards.

So many hands and hearts made the day memorable. The remarkable part of it was that it all seemed to happen so easily. The committee had a plan, they executed the plan, and they all knew their jobs.

Deepest gratitude and God's blessings to all of you for an afternoon of fun, games, and most importantly, *COMMUNITY*.

Special THANK YOU goes to our Youth who helped set up and clean up.

**BLESSING of PETS**

Next Saturday, October 6, after the 4:30 Mass, please bring pets to the bell tower grass plot by 5:40 PM.



**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

September 23, 2012

\$ ,9,148.50

Envelopes 232

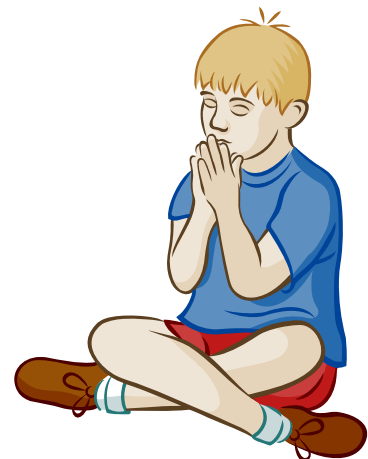
*May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.*

## **FAITH BY HEART**

### **Memorization can nurture spiritual growth**

#### **A WHAT TO KNOW LIST**

- ◆ The Ten Commandments
- ◆ The Beatitudes
- ◆ The Nicene Creed
- ◆ The Seven Sacraments
- ◆ The Parts of the Mass
- ◆ The Fruits of the Spirit
- ◆ The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- ◆ The Key Themes and Personages of the Bible
- ◆ The Doctrine of the Communion of Saints
- ◆ The Precepts of the Church
- ◆ The Mysteries of the Rosary
- ◆ The Our Father and the Hail Mary



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Ministry Schedule for October 6, and 7, 2012</b>					
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Presider</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Father Johnson</b>	<b>D Kreal E Zerone</b>	<b>B Scarpa, J Galati J DeMichele, I Rellosa</b>	<b>T Andraka</b>	<b>J Pol I Wittling</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Father Johnson</b>	<b>R Kaplschke R Plsani</b>	<b>E Beckman, B/AM Lento, S Moore</b>	<b>D. Miller</b>	<b>M Dautle D DeMarco</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Father Joyce</b>	<b>C Plsani R Plsani</b>	<b>G Gadren, K Glover D Gould, J Mohan</b>	<b>L Dombrowski</b>	<b>A/J Zleba</b>
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Father Joyce</b>	<b>C Malatino R Plsani</b>	<b>S Kane, B Haughwout D/C Spence</b>	<b>D Haughwout</b>	<b>M/N Brown</b>

*Women's Club News*

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., October 10, 7:30 p.m.

*Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838*

**Ministry Meeting  
Thursday, October 4th.**

In the church

Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ushers and Cantors are invited.

The purpose of this meeting is for Father Johnson to get to know you better, to **thank you** for your service to our parish and to reflect on the mystery of the Mass.

6:45 PM Altar Servers Gather  
7:30 PM All other ministers gather  
7:45 PM Break into common groups  
8:45 PM Gather for Prayer

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

An enrollment of all seventh grade candidates into the Confirmation preparation program will be held on Sunday, October 7, during the 10:00 Mass.

The first Confirmation I class for all seventh grade students and their parents will be held from 11:00 to 12:30 in the St. Thomas More Hall immediately following the Enrollment Mass.

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

**'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.

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

*Bob Lento, 344-7454*

**ST. THOMAS MORE  
YOUTH CHOIR**



Rehearsal: Sun., October 7  
Sun., October 14 Time: 11  
a.m.

All rehearsals will be held in the Chapel. We are singing at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, October 21. Plan to arrive by 9:30 a.m



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**



**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

**MONDAY - OCTOBER 1**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Adele Zlotek r/b Rossi Family

**TUESDAY - OCTOBER 2**

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

**WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 3**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Lillian Reader r/b Lillian Creedon

**THURSDAY - OCTOBER 4**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Deceased Members of the Ibay and Dizon Families r/b Ibay Family

**FRIDAY - OCTOBER 5**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Lath Tenorio r/b David & Pat Garde Hill

**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 6**

9:00 am Arnold Gilden r/b Florianna Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Carmen Spinelli r/b Buzz & Loretta Cirillo

**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7**

8:30 am Robert Middleton r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club  
10:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b the Wachmans  
Helen Copperthwaite r/b Terri Conway  
Marciano Dizon, Jr. r/b John & Letty Duffy  
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
Our deceased parishioners Earl Cargen and Joan Radula.

**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



**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



**Expectant Families**

As a parish family we support and promote parenthood and the sanctity of life.

**On Sunday, October 14 at the 10:00 AM Mass we will bless expectant families and their unborn children.**

**If you are expecting or know someone who is please call the parish office at 424-3212 or Pat Lachnicht at 424-5636 by October 10th to sign up for this special blessing.**

**RCIA Classes Begin:** This Tuesday, October 2, will be the first RCIA class. Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 - ext. 104 to receive more information about the classes.

### 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 7, 2012 – Mark 10:2-16

"From the beginning of creation, God made male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

#### Commentary:

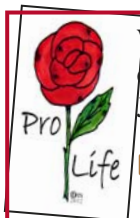
In Mark's Gospel Jesus goes beyond the Law of Moses (where Moses allowed divorce because of "the hardness of your hearts") and back to God's on command. Jesus teaches the clear ideal of Genesis 2 which is quoted in the Gospel. The Hebrews saw a human person as body, soul and spirit—all together. You are your body. So, when a man and woman "become one body," they are like one person. There is no domination of man over woman here. Man and woman complement each other, complete each other.

#### 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?

**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 Gaden, Coordinator*



With hearts so transformed, we can become living witnesses to the meaning of Jesus' mission:

**Faith opens our eyes to human life in all its grandeur and beauty.**

**NEXT WEEKEND on RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY:** Respect Life Collection is the primary source of funding for Right to Life activities and initiatives. Please support this collection.



#### St. Gerard Mass

There will be a Mass to Celebrate New Life in honor of St. Gerard Majella on Tuesday, October 16, at 7 PM at St. Bridget Parish, 125 Church St., Glassboro (856-881-2753). If you know of anyone who is trying to conceive, who is pregnant, or who is trying to adopt, please let them know about the Mass and encourage them to attend. Babies born in the last year will receive a special blessing. Babies and children are most welcome at this Mass!

#### 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.

Rev. Michael Romano, Director of Vocations, is hosting a "Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group" at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Williamstown, NJ.. Young men 18 to 39 years old who feel the possible call to the priesthood are invited. First session is on Sunday, Oct. 14th at 2:00 PM.

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

Is looking to expand its membership. Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, Sept. thru May, for a short meeting and light lunch. 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. Yearly membership dues are \$15. For more information contact Shirley at 856-218-0695.