

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

THE PARISH REJOICES with the families of . . .



Claire Eve Licausi, Jackson John Costa, Matthew Daniel Marsden, Dylan Zachary Stewart, Sean Michael Ryan, and Julia The-yee Scott all of whom were received into the Church through the waters of Baptism.

**Saint Thomas More Parish
2012 Fundraiser**



Everyone is invited to participate.

Seize the Opportunity!

Stop by the ticket sale table after Mass!

You Could Be the Lucky Winner while helping our Parish meet our necessary and essential financial obligations.

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| 1 st Prize | \$10,000.00 |
| 2 nd Prize | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 3 rd Prize | \$ 2,000.00 |

(If all tickets are sold)

Ticket Price: \$100.00

Drawing: December 7th

Refreshments will be served.

AJ Ariani 983-5761, Tom Pajic 795-7520 Chairpersons

'FUNSTER NEWS'



The Barnes Trip on November 9 is a go!

We will be leaving at 1 PM and we return by 6:30 PM (PLEASE NOTE: New time; lunch first). For more specific details please attend the **Funster Meeting on Thursday, November 1 at 1 PM** in the St. Thomas More Hall.

This meeting is also for those going to the **To-masello Winery Christmas Gala** on Sunday, December 9 and for all who wish to give input for Spring 2013 trips. Your \$95.00 check for the To-masello Trip which includes dinner, entertainment and wine will be **due no later than the meeting on November 1**. Send check (made payable to St. Thomas More Funsters) to Bob Lento, 7 Merryton

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

October 7, 2012

\$9,565.50 - 235 Envelopes

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

A Married Priest? – Part IX

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.

My explanations of how I, a married man, was approved by the pope for ordination to the priesthood grew naturally into an account of how and why I came to seek full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. It is time to bring the story to a close. I'm grateful to those of you who had the patience to follow the story.

I have had to reach back into my childhood, to speak of long spiritual struggles, to give account of my growing conviction about the sacramental nature of the gospel, to name certain "Catholic moments" providentially granted. I have had to recall my struggles as a Lutheran pastor against the many forces that have progressively "emptied out" contemporary Protestantism of its "Catholic" content – driving many of us toward Catholicism. My conversion was painfully slow, and it continues still. I will close this series with a few final reflections on the story.

Not My Courage but Hers

I have written mostly in the singular voice. But, of course, there is another who shared the journey. Janet's account would be the same but different. Her faith is simpler and stronger than mine. She would, of course, speak about my influence upon her. However, in the end it was hers upon me that was determinative. It takes courage to turn one's life upside down, to leave your home and your livelihood, and set out for the "far country" with no real practical assurances. It is hard to cause pain to friends and family members. And in the end, when it became a matter of conscience that we be Catholics, I froze and delayed; I talked and talked but could not act. It was Janet who quietly and definitively said: "We have no choice; it is time."

Freedom from Choice

Sometimes I am asked the question this way: "Why did you decide to be a Catholic?" But truly, *we did not decide. It was simply decided.* The only question was, would we obey? This is the mystery of promise, of the vow, of the force of truth, of love: you are set free from free choice. This is why St. Paul could call himself a "slave of Christ" and then go on to write so passionately about *freedom in Christ*.

The Gift of the Popes

I have explained in part viii of this series how I first came to read the writings of Pope John Paul II. Through him I began to study the words and actions of several of the popes that preceded him in the 20th Century. I came to marvel at the intellectual brilliance and spiritual depth of these writings – especially their constant attention to Scripture. I remember once saying to a group of Lutheran pastors: "If the pope of Rome interprets Holy Scripture with such depth and understanding, it going to get harder and harder for us "Bible-based" Protestants to stay out of the Catholic Church. Inside and outside the Church, there is a lot of silly, shallow talk about the popes. "This pope is liberal while that one is conservative, etc. The fact is these categories, so fixed in our public discourse, are entirely inadequate to understand the Catholic Faith and those who protect it. If I ever write "Reading My Way to Rome" – the authors at the top of the list will be the remarkable recent popes, including the intellectual giant, Benedict XVI.

What Have I Learned?

On my way to Catholicism, I have lived and worshiped in two protestant communions. I was educated among Presbyterians, Lutherans, Anglican, and Roman Catholics. None of my life-long Christian friends are Catholic. What have I learned? I have come to "know in my bones" the sadness and deprivations of Christian division. I have learned that when the Church is divided, there is a fracturing of Christian Truth, a dispersion of spiritual gifts. I have learned that in the loss of the "separated brethren" the Catholic Church herself suffers. But I have also learned that the Catholic Church is not one "denomination" among others. She is "Mother Church" and the separated church cannot be fully "Church" in separation from her. It can be argued that the upheavals of the 16th Century had to happen; it is true that the need for Church reform was urgent. Many felt they had to abandon the Catholic ship and set out in their various Protestant life boats. But it is past time for the life boats to return to the Ship (the image is not my own). Whatever was good in the original Protestant movements has now been internalized by the Catholic Church. This is what I hope my conversion says: division is a contradiction of Christian love. And it's time for Protestants to come home.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for October 20, and 21, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal B Casey	J Galatl, B Massey I Rellosa, G Tyrrell	Sr. Barbara	J/P/S Wachman
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Pisanl E Zerone	E Beckman, Sr. Bozena J DeMichele, S Moore	J Vecchlola	A/T Rumell I Wittling
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Children's Choir J Garafano R Pisanl	G Gadren K Glover B/AM Lento	J Mohan	A/K/W Quay
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R/C Pisanl	M Gorlin, B Haughwout M Santiago, D Staton	V Marchesani	E Barbera, J Cole R Nicklous

NEXT WEEKEND
'APPLE PIES & MORE'
October 20/21
after all Masses



Donate a HOMEMADE baked good

Need more information?
Call Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924.

Sponsored by the
St. Thomas More Women's Club



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A meeting outlining the preparation program for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be held for parents of all second grade children *this* Sunday, October 14, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall.

The first Confirmation II class for all eighth grade students will be held next Sunday, October 21, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend.

Liturgy of the Word for Children - This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages 3 through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed.

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Keep Informed on Upcoming Events!

Go to the Parish's website <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>
Click on Youth Ministry, then Youth Group Registration to register so we can keep you up-to-date on upcoming Youth Group events. Please fill out the registration form and give it to the Parish Office. Note all Parishioners in grades 6 thru 12 are members of the Youth Group. Registration is to obtain your latest contact information.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal
Many businesses have begun their Employee Giving Campaigns. 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.

**ST. THOMAS MORE
YOUTH CHOIR**



Rehearsal: **THIS Sun., Oct. 14**

Time: **11 a.m.**

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

June Garafano, Youth Choir Leader

Bishop Eustace Prep School—OPEN HOUSE & Scholarship Exam Information next Sunday, October 21, 11 to 2. For more info call 662-2160, ext. 252, or www.eustace.org.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY - OCTOBER 13

9:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Diane BiFrett r/b Robert Sorrentino

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 14

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Mary Jane Wagner
10:00 am Deceased Members of Leber Family r/b Mildred
JoAnn Gadren r/b Galati Family
Eugene Finn r/b daughter, Roseann, & Family
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

MONDAY - OCTOBER 15

6:45 am Stella Mucci r/b daughter, Lorraine & Family
9:00 am Peggy O'Malley r/b the McGeady Family

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 16

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Eucharistic Service

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 17

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Eucharistic Service

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 18

6:45 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
9:00 am Rob Moore r/b Sheila Moore
Andrew Wargo r/b Sheila & John Mohan

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 19

6:45 am Eileen Hunter r/b Norma Matos
9:00 am Joan Radula r/b Dee Soderstrom

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 20

9:00 am Joan Radula r/b Sheila Moore
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Eleanor Scarpa r/b Gary & son, Kenneth

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 21

8:30 am Bridget Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan
10:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Stan & Annette Thompson
Anthony Pezzella, Sr. r/b Kathleen & Karl Fulton & Family
Walter Palmer r/b Carol & Roger Pisani
11:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

**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
Viola Angelozzi	Angelo DiGiacomo	Denise Daniels
Sara Centonze	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Chris Kolodzey
		Marie DiFrank
		Ethan Killeen
		Carlos Santiago
		Betty Brennan
		Sharon Bushelli
		Michael Suralik
		Bill O'Donnell
		Mary Branciforte
		Bill Botensten
		Ed Rivero

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Lt. 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.



**HELP WANTED
FOR APPLE PIE MAKING**

WHEN: THIS Friday, October 19
after the 9:00 Mass

WHERE: in Classrooms 1 & 2

If you peel apples, you qualify to help!

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society:

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me."

Please consider answering the call to help serve the poor by donating food or funds to purchase food during the Society's regular monthly collection next weekend.

Frank Nicoletti, President

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 21, 2012 – Mark 10:35-45

Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Commentary:

If the Son of Man serves humanity to the point of death, those who follow in his way must also "be the slave of all." The greatness of discipleship is measured, not in terms of position in the community or glory in the kingdom, but by the extent to which the disciple resembles Jesus who serves and gives his life.

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?



Euthanasia and assisted suicide can appear a reasonable and even compassionate solution to the suffering of individuals and families struggling with illness or the dying process. Yet these are not real solutions - they do not solve human problems, but only take the lives of those most in need of unconditional love. U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Please remember your **Soap for Hope** donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) and place in the basket in the gathering space. Thank you.

Initiated by St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Paul Rossi, Coordinator



All Souls Remembrance

You are invited to bring in a small framed photo (no larger than 5 x 7) of a departed loved one to be placed in a special place in our gathering area during the month of November.

Put your photo in the box, in the gathering space, by St. Thomas More by October 31.

Pat Lachnicht, Coordinator



SECOND COLLECTION:

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY — Through our financial gifts, offered in *next week's collection*, we become partners with missionaries who proclaim the Gospel and offer help and hope to the poor in mission countries. Please be generous.



Jewish Catholic Muslim Dialogue will sponsor a program (October 23, 7 PM, at the Katz Community Center) entitled, "The Meaning of Matthew: Where Hatred Leads." Program features Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, who was murdered for his sexual orientation. For more information or to register call 856-751-9500 ext. 1117.



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
2012 WALK FOR LIFE and
CRAFT and HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sat., OCTOBER 20 - 10 AM**

Benefitting **OPTIONS for Women**

1500 N Kings Hwy., Cherry Hill, NJ

For more details and to register call (856) 795-0166 or visit www.optionswalknj.org.

Denise Radziwill



14th Annual for **WHITE MASS** Healthcare Workers & St. Luke's Awards—THIS Sunday, Oct. 14, at Our Lady of Lourdes Med. Ctr., 1600 Haddon Ave., Camden at 1 PM. If you'd like to attend call 342-4150.