

# 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
	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

**SIGN-UP SUNDAY FOR SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES**

All parishioners interested in belonging to a Small Christian Community are invited to sign up the weekend of November 3 and 4. Names of facilitators, days, and times of SCC gatherings will be posted in the bulletin and the Gathering Space. Sign-ups will continue until Monday, November 26 when the communities are set to begin to meet. Please call Sister Ann (424-3212 ext. 104) if you wish to join a SCC or if you desire more information.

**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.**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$10,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$ 3,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$ 2,000.00

(If all tickets are sold)

**Ticket Price: \$100.00**

**Drawing: December 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Refreshments will be served.*

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



**Covered Dish Dinner**

All participants in our **Small Christian Communities** are invited to our Annual Covered Dish Dinner on **Thursday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Thomas More Hall. All SCC Facilitators are asked to contact their members and let them know what dish to bring to our gathering. Look forward to seeing all of you there and sharing this time together!!!

Call Sister Ann, 424-3212 ext. 104, for more information.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**October 14, 2012**

**\$9,428.50 - 215 Envelopes**

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



## The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion: A Year of Faith, October 11, 2012 – November 24, 2013

*Fr. Phillip Johnson*

Around the year A.D. 50, St Paul, with his missionary partner Barnabas, returned home to Antioch in Syria, having completed a long missionary tour through what is now southern Turkey. St Luke records that “when they arrived, they gathered the Church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had *opened a door of Faith* to the Gentiles” (Acts 14:28). This phrase, a door of faith (in Latin, *porta fide*) was chosen by Pope Benedict XVI as the title of his Apostolic Letter of October 2011, announcing the Year of Faith. God opened the door of faith to us in our baptism, the Pope reminds us. Let us return again to that door, and pray that God will open it anew.

During these coming months, the Holy Father urges us to rediscover the joy of believing and to deepen our understanding of the central mysteries of the Faith received in Holy Baptism. In the face of the growing secularization of our culture – a secularization that has deeply compromised and “watered down” the faith of many Catholics – the Pope calls us to a re-conversion, to the work of re-evangelization among our fellow Catholics, for the sake of a renewed relationship of love with Jesus Christ. Only by such a personal renewal will we be competent to “re-propose” the faith to those who have rejected it.

### *The Sources*

*Porta Fide* sets a specific agenda, it names the sources for this Church-wide deepening of faith.

- October 11, of this year, marked the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The Pope urges us to study and discuss the teachings of this ecumenical council – to go beyond the popular and shallow characterizations of the Council to its own words. He wants us to understand the context and background and to discern Christ-centered spirit of the Council's work.
- October 11 was also the twentieth anniversary of the promulgation of the new *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. In the Year of Faith, Catholics around the world will be studying and discussing the texts of this remarkable document. Again, we are to go beyond our vague impressions and hurried media reports of what the Church teaches, to attend to the Catechism first-hand and make it our own.
- We are called to deepen our *participation* in the Liturgy of the Church by understanding more deeply the way the Liturgy *communicates Christ* to God's gathered people and *makes us the Church* Eucharist by Eucharist.
- These texts of the Council, of the Catechism, and of the Liturgy are to be “re-read” expressly in the direct light of the Holy Scriptures which are the source and well-spring of the Church's faith and worship.

### *Going Deeper Together*

To celebrate with you this Year of Faith, I will be starting a new series of bulletin articles entitled *The Faith in Slow Motion*. We will be returning to the specific phrases of the Creed which we received in our baptism. We will re-read the Creed leisurely, pondering each phrase according to (a) its Scriptural basis, (b) its elaboration by the Council and the Catechism, and (c) its expression in the Church's liturgy.

But, of course, this is but one way the Year of Faith will be marked and celebrated in our life together. Please don't hold back, please give yourself this opportunity to return to the *porta fide*, praying that God will open the door and show us anew the beauty of the Faith we profess. + + +

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Ministry Schedule for October 27, and 28, 2012**

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisanl R Pisanl	R Crawford, J Kenney E Klelnz, T Petrone	B Scarpa	M Dautle, D Ha K Johnson
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer R Pisanl	J/L Duffy J Galatl, N Pro	M Maggart	A Rzepski, L Smith E Thompson
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kaplschke R Pisanl	D/L Lyon J Mazzagattl, P Rossi	K McFadden	C/J McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	G Nacarelli R Pisanl	M Garber, S Moore D/C Spence	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta J Pol

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR  
NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS:**

*All parishioners are invited to gather in the St. Thomas More Chapel on Monday, November 5 to offer prayers for our country on the eve of Election Day. The service will begin at 7:30 PM. We pray for all those running for National and Local Office and for God's guidance in choosing our elected officials. For more information call Sister Ann at 424-3212.*

*Women's Club News*

**General Meeting:** Wed., Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.—  
Talk on "Messages from Medjugorje"

*Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838*

**YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sr. – High School students Jr. – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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*

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The first Confirmation II class for all eighth grade students will be held this 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.

There is a special Enrollment Mass next Sunday, October 28, at 10:00 for all children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in January, 2013.

**THINK FIRST & STAY SAFE**, a safe environment program for the religious education programs in the Camden Diocese, will be presented to all students in grades one through four on Tuesday, October 23, and grades five through eight on Tuesday, October 30, during regular class hours. Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader, will present the lessons for grades one through four, while Stan Thompson, Youth Group Coordinator, will present to grades five through eight. Catechists will attend with their class and will be available for any follow-up questions. Parents are invited should they wish to attend.

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

**ALL SOULS** envelopes (extras in gathering space) with the names of your deceased relatives and friends may be placed in the collection basket. Here at St. Thomas More we remember our deceased loved ones in prayer during the Masses in November; the envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

**Alive for Life and Ministry** – Retreat Experience for All Parish Leaders and Ministers. Presenter: Sr. Dolores Clerico, SSJ. Mark your calendar! Sat., Nov. 17, 9 AM-12 Noon in the St. Thomas More Chapel. Call parish office, 424-3212, by Nov. 15, to register.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**



**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

**MONDAY - OCTOBER 22**

6:45 am Charles Fitzpatrick r/b His wife  
9:00 am Joe Turiano r/b Family

**TUESDAY - OCTOBER 23**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Fr. Tom Kelly r/b Chuck & Marian  
Kapischke

**WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 24**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Special Intention of Msgr. Morgan r/b  
SCC Wed. Group

**THURSDAY - OCTOBER 25**

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

**FRIDAY - OCTOBER 26**

6:45 am Holy Souls in Purgatory r/b Maria  
9:00 am George Erickson r/b Family

**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 27**

9:00 am Joan Radula r/b Angelo & Carol Ariani  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Nancy Stufflet and Tom Strehle r/b  
Balco Family

**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 28**

8:30 am Robert Middleton r/b Charles & Barbara  
Cerquitella  
10:00 am Eva & James Sirna r/b Florianna  
JoAnn Gadren r/b Gloria & Ray Desrochers  
Mary Quinlan r/b Demcsak Family  
Nicholas Pino r/b Angelucci Family  
11:30 am Matthew Maggi r/b Joan Rapetti

**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	Geralyn Coticone
Leila Lore	Jerry McMenamin
Chase Lupica	Chuck Kapischke
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter
Virginia Foley	Al Mac Elrath
Fran Swider	Teddy Shaffer
Rose Hession	Virginia Gormley
Viola Angelozzi	Angelo DiGiacomo
Sara Centonze	Wayne Mauri, Sr.



Danny Perla  
Joanne James  
Alfred DiFrank  
Gloria Daniels  
Denise Daniels  
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.

**'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 **Tomasello 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 Tomasello 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 St., Voorhees, NJ 08043.

Bob Lento, 344-7454

Year of Faith prayer cards are available near the Church exits.

### 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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 28, 2012 – Mark 10:46-52**

...On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartimaeus, a blind man, began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

**Commentary:**

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. When Jesus hears Bartimaeus crying out, he issues a call of his own. Jesus asks the man, "What do you want me to do for you?" His reply, "Master, I want to see," could become the daily prayer of every person of faith. When Jesus gives him his sight, and his freedom - "Go your way" - Bartimaeus chooses to go the way of Jesus. If we really see, where else would we want to go?

**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?

### 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*



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*



A probing question for those on the sidelines of the pro-life struggle: Can the Christian, who declares that the human person is called to the very heights of heaven, stand idly by when those same human beings are thrown in the garbage by abortion, or disposed of by euthanasia? *Father Frank Pavone*

*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

### **MARKET DAY FROZEN FOOD SALE IS BACK.**

**THIS TIME WE WILL BE SELLING PIES FOR THANKSGIVING.** Those who supported the Market Day Sale in July know just how tasty the products are.

- **Oct. 20 & 21** — Order forms available after all the Masses *and* in the Gathering Space from 21st to 28th.
- **Oct. 27 & 28** — Orders and money collected after all the Masses or Mail your order & money (check made payable to Market Day) to: Marianne Wilkins, 1936 Cardinal Lake Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
- **Oct. 29** — LAST DAY for orders
- **Nov. 7** — Pick up your order in the St. Thomas More Hall between 3 & 4 p.m. *Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924*

**FALL CLOTHING DRIVE :** The Children's Home in Mt. Holly **THANKS YOU** for your generosity. **WOW,** You almost filled the truck to full capacity - only had about a foot left to close the truck door.

sponsored by St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society—*Gary Gadren, Coordinator*



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.

Jewish Catholic Muslim Dialogue will sponsor a program (Tuesday, October 23 - 7 PM, at the Katz Community Center) entitled, "The Meaning of Matthew: Where Hatred Leads." For more info or to register call 856-751-9500 ext. 1117. Pg. 6 - 632