

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

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

Christian Life/Education

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| 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 |

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| Rite of Ch. Init. Adults | Deacon John Harrington | 424-3212 |
| | Sister Ann Byrnes | 424-3212 |

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| 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 |

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| St. Vincent de Paul | Frank Nicoletti | 424-3212 |
| Stewardship | Sheila Tartamosa | 424-3212 |
| Youth Ministry | Stan Thompson | 424-1120 |

Worship

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 | | |

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| 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



We are all delighted and thankful to have in place the new Saint Thomas More Parish Statue of Our Lady of Grace. The statue will be blessed next Sun., November 4, 2012 after the 11:30 AM Mass.

The statue was sculpted by Christian Lange in Camaiore, Italy. The statue of Our Lady of Grace is made of Carrara white marble and is approximately 7 foot tall.

Our refurbished bells and carillon system will also be blessed at this time. All are welcome to join us for this special blessing.

SIGN-UP SUNDAY FOR SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

All parishioners interested in belonging to a Small Christian Community are invited to sign up next weekend, 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.

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.



Are you a trumpet player? Want to make this Christmas truly life-giving for your parish and yourself? Trumpet players are needed for the various Christmas Vigil and Day liturgies. Minimal rehearsal time - all Christmas Masses are available. Contact Roger Pisani at 424-3212 ext. 108 or email ilftrek@aol.com.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

October 21, 2012

\$9,147.50 - 213 Envelopes

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

Mystery and Manners

Fr. Phillip Johnson

I've stolen my title from a collection of Flannery O'Connor's non-fiction writings. O'Connor was a southerner, so she was mighty interested in manners. And she was a devout Catholic Christian, so she had a deep sensitivity to the mystery of life under the judgment and mercy of God. In and among all the still-unpacked moving boxes in the rectory, I cannot find the book to confirm it, but I am sure the late Miss O'Connor would have agreed that the phrase *mystery and manners* is an apt title to introduce some thoughts about reverence at Mass – particularly about how our actions and behaviors at Mass (manners) reflect our awe and wonder of the divine mystery in which we are enfolded when we gather before the Altar of Christ.

Manners are about how we act in the presence of others. They show our awareness, or lack of awareness, of the presence of others. Manners (good or bad) are deep-seated in us; it's hard to fake good manners. The person who has deep respect for others, who takes the *presence* of the other seriously, does not need to contrive good manners; he just naturally acts in a way that acknowledges and protects the dignity of the other. If I am well-mannered when a V.I.P. is in the room but ill-mannered to the men who collect my garbage, my sense of self must be pretty unstable.

In the Mass, the first Other with whom we are concerned is Jesus Christ himself. The crucified and risen Christ has chosen to be truly present to us, intimately present, bodily present in the form of bread and wine consecrated by his Word. And then, of course, there are the many others who have been drawn by faith to be present. In the light of this great Mystery, a living faith will naturally instill in the faithful a deep-seated “holy courtesy” toward Christ and those he has called together.

This round about reflection leads me to a few straightforward words about liturgical manners in our Sunday Masses.

Arriving on time reflects our respect for the sacred mysteries we celebrate. To be present and seated in the Church before the Liturgy begins is, in a sense our first act of adoration, and of respect for others. Of course, unexpected developments now and then make this impossible. But let's be honest. Too many are arriving late. In this connection, there is one point of Church teaching that, I'm afraid, we priests have failed to communicate to the faithful. In respect for the unity of Word and the Sacrament, anyone who enters the Church too late to hear the reading of Gospel is to refrain from receiving Holy Communion at that Mass.

Present and seated and praying in the church. Important moments require inward preparation. The actor about to go on stage, the executive before a crucial meeting, even the athlete before the game instinctively observe a few moments of silence for “gathering” themselves (the rule on my high school football team was *two hours of silence* before starting warm-ups!). Many in our parish come early to pray quietly before Mass in the Church. It is a simple point of respect to refrain from distracting them. Loud laughter, chatting with friends, sharing jokes are all natural and happy human exchanges, but not in the Church as we gather for Mass.

Remaining until the Mass concludes with the final blessing and exit of the liturgical ministers is good liturgical manners (emergencies and urgent obligations aside). There is an apparent misunderstanding here that needs to be addressed. *The rite of Holy Communion does not end when the Eucharistic body is reposed in the tabernacle.* If you leave the church at that point, you are leaving *during Holy Communion*. The Communion rite itself ends, as all rites end, with the prayer spoken by the celebrant.

Certainly we want to avoid the sort of “minimalism” that regards receiving Christ as an obligation to be dispensed with as efficiently as possible. Holy manners require a little holy leisure for the sake of our holy courtesy to our Lord Jesus Christ. + + +

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for November 3, and 4, 2012

| Mass Time | Presider | Music | Extraordinary Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
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| 4:30 p.m. | Father Johnson | C Pisani R Pisani | R Crawford, J Kenney T Petrone, G Tyrrell | T Andraka | D Ha A/W Quay |
| 8:30 a.m. | Father Johnson | P Kelton R Pisani | J/L Duffy, B Scarpa A DelCampo-O'Brien | P Lachnicht | J Cole A/J Zleba |
| 10:00 a.m. | Father Joyce | D Kreal R Pisani | J Galati, M Garber D/ML Thomas | B Scarpa | M/N Brown M Ronan |
| 11:30 a.m. | Father Joyce | R Pisani A Rivero | B Haughwout N Pro, D/C Spence | D Haughwout | G/M Gray I Witting |

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.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 this Sunday, October 28, at 10:00 for all children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in January, 2013.

The second class for Confirmation I candidates will be held next Sunday, November 4, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend the 10 a.m. Mass prior to class.

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

MARKET DAY FROZEN FOOD SALE IS BACK.

THIS TIME WE WILL BE SELLING PIES FOR THANKSGIVING.

- **Oct. 27 & 28** — Orders and money collected
- **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

THANK YOU to all who helped make the "Apple Pie and More" Bake Sale a success by either making a 'goodie' to sell or by joining us for pie making day. Also, thank you to all who bought cakes, pies, etc. Hopefully you were pleased.

The proceeds from the pie sale goes for various items: the Women's Club purchases for the church, charitable gifts, supporting needy students, food for various occasions, and our meetings.

Please try to support our Market Day Frozen Pie Sale this weekend.

The Market Day proceeds are going towards Communion clothes for the children in Camden.

Truly, when you support us, as well as the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Knights of Columbus, you are supporting good charitable organizations.

Sponsored by St. Thomas More Women's Club
Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator

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

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



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

MONDAY - OCTOBER 29

6:45 am Sal Foti r/b Greta Tyrrell
9:00 am Harry Joshua Gray r/b Teri Bones

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 30

6:45 am Dan Burrit r/b Family
9:00 am Salvatore Marchese r/b Jane & Joe Kenney

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 31

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Gould Family
7:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the
(vigil) Smith Family r/b Sheila Moore

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Peggy O'Malley r/b O'Malley Family
Joan Radula r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento
40th Anniversary of Vince & Angela
7:30 pm Franco & Lucrezia r/b Wife & Mom

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 2

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am Robert Giorgio r/b Arthur & Maryann
Bartolozzi

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 3

9:00 am Nelson Morales r/b Gracie Morales
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Mary Theresa McHugh r/b daughter,
Mary Ellen Carrozza

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 4


8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Joan, Bob & Jackie
10:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Chip & Linda Dombrowski
Michael Hueflinger r/b Carol Koelsch
Earl Cargen r/b Dwier Family
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

**ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass on Wed., October 31 at 7:30 p.m. and
Holy Day Masses on Thursday, November 1 at
6:45 and 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... *Sal Foti.*
THE SICK...**


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| 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 | Danny Perla |
| Pat Barton | Geralyn Coticone | Joanne James |
| Leila Lore | Jerry McMenamin | Alfred DiFrank |
| Chase Lupica | Chuck Kapischke | Gloria Daniels |
| Pat Beaney | Pasquale DiFronzo | Denise Daniels |
| YunYun Shen | Dorothy Wolenter | Chris Kolodzey |
| Virginia Foley | Al Mac Elrath | Marie DiFrank |
| Fran Swider | Teddy Shaffer | Ethan Killeen |
| Rose Hession | Virginia Gormley | Carlos Santiago |
| Viola Angelozzi | Angelo DiGiacomo | Betty Brennan |
| Sara Centonze | Wayne Mauri, Sr. | 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.

 **Please Join Us in Celebrating the Year of Faith:** The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus will host a variety of events that will help to deepen and renew faith, hope and love throughout this year.

Renewing our Relationship with Jesus and His Church — Presenter: Rev. Joseph Capella
Thursday, November 8 at 1218 Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free will offering by participants. Call Sr. Angela Pia, 428-8834 or 520-8187, to register or email at mmjhospitality@yahoo.com.

 **PERSONAL HEARING DEVICES**
Are available for those who have a difficult time hearing at Mass. They are simple to use. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices at Mass, please see an usher before Mass and they will assist you. After Mass, please return the hearing device to an usher.

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 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 4, 2012 – Mark 12:28-34

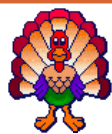
One of the scribes asked Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandment?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Commentary:

What is the purpose of God's law or commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 616 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God.

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?



FROZEN TURKEYS - The St. Thomas

More **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will distribute turkeys to less fortunate families before Thanksgiving. Please drop off at church by Nov. 15 so that the turkeys can be delivered and have adequate time to defrost before Thanksgiving.

Gary Gadren, 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*



Privacy & Safety Around the Rectory: A Note From our Parish Trustees

You may have noticed the new "private driveway" signs posted at the entrance to the rectory driveway. This is one of several privacy and safety measures we have taken now that the Rectory serves as a family home, complete with visiting grandchildren, frequent guests, and one very active dog. In fact, most parishioners avoid using this entrance that runs so close by the rectory, understanding that it was never meant to be a public entrance, and certainly not a shortcut connecting road to the adjacent diocesan properties. However, as it has been left unmarked for years, it is only natural that others have felt free to use it as an alternative route. Please observe the signs and remind others to use the main entrance to our church property. By the way, Fr. Johnson and Janet insist that the driveway remain open to the small band of regular walkers they wave to most mornings and evenings.

Gary Gadren and Pat Lachnicht

Be Patient with Our Ushers - The Ushers have been asked to refrain from seating latecomers during the Reading of the Scriptures. Please be patient with them, this helps us avoid distracting others.

'FUNSTER NEWS'

For the **FUN** of it

The Funster Meeting on Thursday, November 1 at 1 PM in the St. Thomas More Hall is for those going to the **Barnes Trip & Tomasello Winery Christmas Gala** and is also open to those who have any suggestions for trips in the spring. Your \$95.00 check for the Tomasello Trip on Sunday, December 9 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

Most parishioners know that the **Knights of Columbus** are committed to performing charitable works. During our 2011 Columbian Year, the members of **Cherry Hill Council 6173** donated 1,797 hours to various volunteer endeavors. These included service to our parish and community, youth groups, and Camp Sun and Fun for mentally challenged and handicapped individuals. We thank you for your generous support and invite the men of our parish to join us. Look for us at church! *Richard K. Spence, MD –Grand Knight*