

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



**Saint Thomas More Parish
2012 Fundraiser**



Everyone is invited to participate.
Seize the Opportunity!
 You Could Be the Lucky Winner while helping our Parish meet our necessary and essential financial obligations.

- 1st Prize \$10,000.00
 - 2nd Prize \$ 3,000.00
 - 3rd Prize \$ 2,000.00
- (If all tickets are sold)

MANY CONSOLATION PRIZES

Including a Week's Stay (Dives-sur-Mer) in Normandy Beach, France—photos & info at www.ournormandyhouse.com (Must be present to win this prize only.)

Ticket Price: \$100.00
Drawing: December 7th - 7 pm
Refreshments will be served.

Raffle Committee: AJ & Carol Ariani, Tom & Arleen Pajic, Henry & Kathy Glover, Mike & Helen Hawksley, Jerry & Jeannine McMenamin, Myra Nicoletti, Tina Petrone, Dick & Claire Spence, Joe & Chris Torello



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.



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

All are welcome to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen...
Date: Wednesday, November 28
Time: after 9:00 Mass **Where:** St. Thomas More Hall

See you then, *thank you!*

PARISH COLLECTION

November 4, 2012 November 11, 2012
 \$10,733.50-238 Envelopes \$8,845.50-220 Envelopes
May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.

The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion (no. 2)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

*The second in a series of reflections about thinking, praying, and professing the Faith of the Church
in celebration of the Year of Faith, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI*

I believe in one God, . . . maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. The first words of the Creed reflect the first words of the Bible: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” This is the very first truth, the foundational truth, that whatever exists does so by the act of God.

Because we live in a culture still more or less rooted in a biblical faith, we might think that every religion agrees on this first truth – that this first part of the Creed is about what Christianity has in common with all other religions. But this is a false assumption. Certainly the two other biblical religions, Judaism and Islam, share this faith. But almost all other religions, ancient and modern, assume that a god, or the gods, are a part of the “all things visible and invisible” – that the creation somehow emanates from a god, or that God and the universe are simply forever co-existent. In a sense, the Bible alone has a true *creation* story.

The Catholic faith, drawing on the concepts of Greek philosophy, uses two terms to sharpen the definition of the word “created”. (1) “*Ex nihilo*” (“out of nothing”). This means that God is not simply the divine artist, making the universe of some pre-existent stuff. *Out of nothing* did God create all things. Before there was anything, there was God alone. (2) Just so, God's *being* and the *being* of the created “all things” are infinitely different. *God is pure Being*, the very definition of being. While the being of the created “all things” is derived. They (we!) exist by God's free gift of our being.

All things visible and invisible: Angels and aardvarks, stars and mosquitos, forces and powers, physical and spiritual and psychic; laws of nature and patterns of beauty; all hidden structures of all the hierarchies of being, and you, and me.

“In the beginning,” at the genesis, at the source: The creating act founded “all things”. But we are not to think of God's creating work simply as an event that took place a long, long, long, time ago. “Genesis” has a structural as well as a temporal meaning. The word “create” includes God's *in-this-present-moment* holding of all things in existence. If God stops creating, all things cease to exist.

This does not mean that the universe has no autonomy whatsoever. God's creating act sets the universe free, sustained by the laws of its existence. Nevertheless, *at the foundations* of the existence of all things, is God's creating act. There is then an order in all things that may rightly be studied scientifically. Big bang theories and theories of evolution are not *in and of themselves* atheistic. Because, by definition, no scientific theory can answer the question, “Why is there something rather than nothing?”.

I believe in one God . . . maker of heaven and earth. All the above is but a clearing of the mind, so that we can come to the real point. We do not simply profess *that* God is creator; we profess faith *in* this Creator. We profess a declaration of trust, in order to enter into a right relation with our Creator. This was, in fact, for Jesus, the very first meaning of “faith” – personal trust in the *Fatherly* care of the Creator. Personal trust and endless *gratitude*. It is the first and foundational truth: the existence of “all things” including my own personal existence, has the character of a *personal gift*. It is a wonderful mystery to ponder as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for November 24, and 25, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	C Malatino R/C Plsani	E Kleinz, D Kreal J Mohan, P Rossi	D Miller	A/K/M Quay
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke R Plsani	Sr. Bozena, N Pro, S Moore A Del Campo-O'Brien	M Maggart	J Pol, A Rzepski L Smith
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Plsani A Rivero	G Gadren, D/L Lyon J Mazzagatti	F Eggles	J/P/S Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	Adult Choir, M Kramer, R Plsani	J/L Duffy, B Haughwout M Santiago	D Haughwout	R Nicklous A/J Zleba

Women's Club News

GENERAL MEETING: Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. Join us!
Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The second class for Confirmation II candidates will be held this Sunday, November 18, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend the 10 a.m. Mass prior to class.

A **THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE** will be held during Religious Education Classes at 4:15 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20. All students are asked to bring one or more non-perishable food items which will be received by members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to the needy or our area. **Parents are most welcome to attend.**

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



From the Youth Group!

- [Skating Party on Sunday, December 2, 12-4 p.m.](#) International Sports, Skating & Sports Centre, 600 Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill. Admission is bringing a canned good for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry (Skate rental \$4 or bring your own)
- [The Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups will host a Christmas Party](#) for the children of Immaculate Conception in Camden on Sun., Dec. 9. More details to come.
Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator-424-1120



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.

**Texts of Hope and Expectation
with Fr. Johnson**

(simple, basic, discussions of the Advent Scripture Readings)

“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (Second Vatican Council, quoting St. Jerome). Of course, no Catholic who regularly attends Mass is entirely ignorant of the Holy Scriptures. However many wish for a deeper understanding of the Faith through the Scriptures. You have questions. You would like to know “where to start” in learning more. You also have insights to share. And you know more than you think you know.

This Advent Season, please join Fr. Johnson in listening more closely to the Word of God as it comes to us through the Scriptures.

When? Saturdays, immediately following the 4:30 Mass, December 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Where? St. Thomas More Hall

What Scripture texts will we discuss? The passages read at the Sunday Masses through the Advent Season.

Who? High School age and older.

If you cannot attend all four sessions, join us for those you can. Each session we will start afresh. It's an opportunity to offer your heart and mind to God this coming Advent season.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 17

9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm George Erickson r/b Ken & Kim

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 18

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00 am Margaret Andry r/b Orichowskyj Family
Joan Radula r/b Chick & Ellie Perrotto
Earl Cargen r/b McCormick Family
11:30 am Hank Seppanen r/b Don & Dolores Kreal

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 19

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am George Erickson r/b Family

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 20

6:45 am Anne C. McGeady r/b the McGeady Family
9:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Paul Charette

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 21

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am Ann Krenslak r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak
7:30 pm Mass of Thanksgiving

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 22, Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am John Ryan r/b Joseph Ryan & Family
Vincent Paladino & John F. Browne r/b
Windy Browne

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 23

6:45 am Special Intention of Sharon Bushelli r/b
Rich & Carol May
9:00 am Stanley Sobieski r/b Rossi Family

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 24

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Raymond White r/b Ken & Kim

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 25

8:30 am John Walsh r/b Walsh Family
10:00 am Joan Radula r/b Dick & Claire Spence
Jean Pino r/b Angelucci Family
11:30 am Jim Southwick r/b Ted & Kay Uhlman

Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us in giving thanks to God for all
His goodness to us throughout the year.

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 21


9 a.m., Thursday, November 22

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... Richard Byrnes and Marc
Bourgeois.**

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	Teddy Shaffer	
Fran Swider	Virginia Gormley	
Rose Hession	Angelo DiGiacomo	
Sara Centonze	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	
	Danny Perla	
	Joanne James	
	Alfred DiFrank	
	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	
	Paul Charette	

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'



All those going to **To-masello Winery** on Dec. 9 please call **Bob Lento, 344-7454, by Nov. 21 with your entree choice: Broiled Salmon** all-grain w/mustard sauce

Christmas Gift Giving Opportunity

The Saint Thomas More Parish Women's Club has requested that in lieu of the past efforts of our *Christmas Families Project* we send gift cards for Target, ShopRite, Wal-Mart, Payless, Pathmark (or check if preferred) directly to Sr. Claire Sullivan, Annunciation BVM Convent, 603 W. Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031. Sister Claire will distribute them to those she has determined to be in very difficult circumstances. It would be preferable if the cards were sent before Thanksgiving. A special thank you to everyone who generously contributed through the years and for your continuing concern to help those in need.

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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 25, 2012 – John 18:33-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Commentary:

Today's Gospel is all about the world not recognizing Jesus. Neither the Roman world nor the Jewish religious community recognized who Jesus really was. They call Jesus "king" but they do not realize the truth of what they say. In John's Gospel Jesus is in control of the situation. He is already the victor. He walks the way of the cross like a king to his throne and he rules from the cross. Jesus' power is the truth he has and the truth he is. His kingdom is not of this world, but his kingdom is very much coming into this world of ours. That kingdom calls into question the way things are done by the rulers of this world.

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?

Upcoming Funster Trips - 2013

Trips are open to all Parishioners & Friends, Both trips have limited availability.

Please call Lin Lyon at 795-4396 for detailed itineraries.

June 6-11: Oregon Trails featuring the Portland Rose Festival - Includes rdtrip air from Phila., hotel transfers, Columbia Gorge Cruise, visits to Mt. St. Helen, Pittock Mansion, local winery & Tillamook Cheese Factory. Also experience the Portland Rose Festival, the 2nd largest all-floral parade in North America. Meals included are 5 breakfasts & 3 dinners. \$1905 pp dbl occupancy (**Book by Nov. 30**)

July 5-12: Northern National Parks featuring Yellowstone & Grand Tetons Nat'l Parks
Includes rdtrip air & transfers to Phila., hotel transfers, 2 nights Salt Lake City, 4 nights Jackson Hole, Wyoming & 1 night Park City, Utah (home of the 2002 winter Olympics).
Meals included are 7 breakfasts & 4 dinners. \$1999 pp dbl occupancy w/early booking discount (prices are based on 10 or more passengers and booked by December 15)

Knights of Columbus DINNER – Nov. 27, 2012 – EACH PERSON MUST BRING THE COUPON BELOW:

Knights of Columbus

GIVE 20%...means have dinner with us on Tuesday 11/27 from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm and we'll donate 20% of your food bill (excluding alcoholic beverages) to Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your support.

Coupons may not be distributed on Iron Hill premises.
On-site solicitation will result in termination of your event.
Redeem only at Iron Hill Brewery in Maple Shade, NJ
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