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
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
Social Development		
Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Career Ministry	Al Shaffer	609-417-6770
	June Garafano	229-7461
Funsters (over 50 club)	Bob Lento	344-7454
Parish Festival	Committee	424-3212
Women's Club	Eileen Withers	751-6838
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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 7:00 p.m.
In the St. Thomas More Hall

THE PARISH REJOICES... with the families of ***Daniel Joseph Musso, Dylan Michael Musso, Gloria Evelyn Hutchinson, Adeline Elora Mackay Keating, Dominic August Christmann, Jake Henry Palermo, Elyssa Renee Houlihan,*** and ***Tessa Lynn Sharpe*** all of whom were received into the Church through the waters of Bap-

Calling married couples of all ages.

Invest a day and a half learning how to make the person who is most precious to you feel more "in love".

When? Sat., Feb. 9 thru Feb. 10, 2013
Where? St. Chares Borromeo Parish, Sicklerville, NJ
Please come, experience, and celebrate the freedom to love and strengthen the joy of being married in 2013.
For more information or to register on line go to www.dioceseofcamden.org and select marriage enrichment or go directly to www.livinginlove.org.

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, ***next weekend after all Masses***, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased".

Thank you for your donations during the past year.

Frank Nicoletti, President

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.**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

January 6, 2013
$11,758.50 - 240 Envelopes

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

Gifts Laid at the Manger: A Heartfelt 'Thank You'

It is hazardous to try. I'll leave people out for sure. But it would be wrong not to say a public "thank-you" to so many who have given of their time, talent and money to help our parish celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord through Christmastide.

The Beauty of Holiness (Psalm 29:2) . . .

Beauty is not incidental to the worship of God, not a superfluous add-on. The truth of Christmas convinces our hearts partly because it is beautiful. The beauty of music and song, the beauty of art and adornment, the beauty of language and story and drama, all have a part in the worship of God.

Thanks to Roger Pisani, who planned, prepared, and directed our music; and to the cantors and members of the Choir and the accompanists; and to June Garafano and the youth choir. You helped us "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" (*Psalm 95:1*) through the season.

Thanks to all those who beautifully adorned our church inside and out: Joyce and Dick DeMichele, Ray and Gloria Desrochers, Ann and Bill Vigrass, William and Yvonne Turner, Pat and Jerry Lachnicht, Gary Gadren, Mike and Pat Maggart.

Thanks to the children who told the beautiful story so simply with their Christmas Vigil play: *Three Kings* – Dominic Angelucci, Andrew Erlam and Angelina Witting; *Shepherds* – Sean Murphy, Joseph Rosselli and Ian Gross; *Angels* – Meredith Bailey, Anna Cammisa, Monique Godofsky, Kelsie Johnson and Natalie Ronan; *Joseph and Mary* – Nathan Acito and Olivia Reganata.

Thanks to our extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, our servers at the Altar, our sacristans, ushers, and lectors, whose work is crucial to the right order of our liturgies.

The Beauty of Serving . . .

Thanks for all who delivered Christmas cards and flowers to the homebound . . . and to members of our parish council who delivered the book, *Why Children Matter*, to parish families with young children . . . and to our Small Christian Communities who reached out to Cherry Hill neighbors with gifts of time and donations in Advent . . . to Bob Lento, Marianne Gorin and their Small Christian Community who hosted our New Year's Eve supper . . . to our youth group (led by Stan and Annette Thompson and many adult supporters) who threw a big Christmas party for children in Camden parishes . . . and to the St. Vincent de Paul Society who provided Christmas gifts for the Cathedral Kitchen . . . and to the Knights of Columbus for our "keep Christ in Christmas" sign.

The Beauty of a Generous Spirit . . .

Thanks to all those cheerful givers – those who covered every inch of the "Mitten Tree" with gifts for needy children and adults . . . and to all whose donations provided the poinsettias and greens in the church and chapel, and to the great many who gave so generously toward the support of our parish through our annual Christmas collection. All such gifts make us one with the Magi who laid their treasures before the manger in adoration of the Christ Child.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Phillip Johnson

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Ministry Schedule for January 19, and 20, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Malatino R Pisani, B Casey	J DeMichele, B Massey T Petrone, G Tyrrell	K Erickson	M/S Dautle I Fulton, B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisani R Pisani	N/P Kirincic D/L Lyon	M Maggart	K Johnson B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir A Rivero R Pisani	G Gadren, K Glover J Kenney, I Rellosa	L Dombrowski	J/P/S Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	Children's Choir R Kapischke R Pisani	B/AM Lento M Santiago, D Staton	K McFadden	C Cepeda C/J McFadden

"Exploring the Spirituality of the Gospels"

Those parishioners who registered for this Bible Study will meet with Sister Ann in the Parish Hall after the 9 AM Mass this Monday, January 14.

Women's Club News

General Meeting: GAME DAY & Soup, Wed., Jan. 23 at 12 Noon - don't forget your soup mug!

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Martin Luther King Service Event: NEXT SUNDAY, January 20 (1:30-4:30) - Visiting the Senior Living Community of The Fountains in Atco, NJ

We will meet in the St. Thomas More Hall. We leave at 1:30 and carpool to The Fountains. While there the Youth Groups (Holy Eucharist will be joining us) **will do crafts and games with the residents. Flyer/Permission forms can be found in the gathering space.**

- **February - Souper Bowl of Caring Project**
  - Ronald McDonald House Breakfast
- **March - Skating Party**

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator-424-1120

Registration for Blessed Edmund Early Childhood Education Center for Fall 2013 is open for 3 & 4 year old programs: Mon.-Fri., Jan. 14-18, 9 AM-3 PM at our facility (1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill). For more information please call Sr. M. Elizabeth Potuczko, Director, at 424-3063.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated for the first time by 22 of our parish children on Saturday, January 26, at 10 a.m. All parents and other family members in attendance will also have the opportunity to have their own confessions heard.

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

Saint Thomas More Parish
A DINNER NIGHT Fundraiser
Tavola Dei Amici
1630 N. Kings Highway
(Ellisburg Shopping Center, Cherry Hill)

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2013
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Cost: $25.00 per person
Menu: Salad, Brushetta, Penne in a Vodka Sauce, Chicken Saltimbocca (sautéed in mushrooms and wine sauce, sundried tomatoes, topped with prosciutto, mozzarella cheese and spinach), Eggplant Parmigiana, Broccoli Saltati Aglio e Olio (sautéed in garlic and olive oil)
Beverage and Homemade Dessert

COME OUT AND ENJOY FINE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP WITH FRIENDS AND PARISIONERS.

Seating is Limited

Registrations can be placed at the sign-up table in the gathering space after Mass or contact: Joe Centonze, 986-7990, or Marianne Gorin, 346-1811.

The Catholic Church of St. Mary
presents in concert
The Sicilian Tenors on Sun., Feb. 10 at 2 PM. Cost is $25. For tickets call 424-1454 or 424-4423.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - JANUARY 12

9:00 am **Living & Deceased Members of the Parish**
4:30 pm **Emily Ryszkiewicz** r/b her daughter, Gerri

SUNDAY - JANUARY 13

8:30 am **Vincent & Millie Giordano** r/b Angelo & Carol Ariani
10:00 am **Marge & James Conn** r/b Grace & Joseph Sklencar
Sara Centonze r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso
11:30 am **Guy Lacasse** r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse

MONDAY - JANUARY 14

6:45 am **Special Intention of Sue Hagan/Birthday Blessings** r/b Sheila Moore
9:00 am **Joan Radula** r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

TUESDAY - JANUARY 15

6:45 am **Doris Pepper** r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am **Joan Radula** r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 16

6:45 am **Doris Pepper** r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am **Special Intentions of Fred & Tina Petrone**

THURSDAY - JANUARY 17

6:45 am **Marie A. Smith** r/b Susan & Danielle Woolson
9:00 am **Jim Bones** r/b Teri & Family
Richard Byrnes r/b Grace DeMarco
Joan Radula r/b The DeMasi Family

FRIDAY - JANUARY 18

6:45 am **Michael Johnson** r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am **Ann Conway** r/b Mary Ann Yurkonis

SATURDAY - JANUARY 19

9:00 am **Deceased Members of Reichmann-Comer Families** r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm **Diane Pilone** r/b Ron & Angela Panna

SUNDAY - JANUARY 20

8:30 am **Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish** r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00 am **Jessica Rekas** r/b The Morris Family
11:30 am **Betty Kelly** r/b Mary Maggi

"Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to moral law."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... **Netta Torlucci,** ***aunt of Bob Lento and*** **Brian Deutsch,** ***son of Kathleen Bailey.***

THE SICK...

Don Kreal
Maria Storms
Owen Smith
Mary Flacco
Ron Massey
Olga Mignone
Frank Colbert
Mary Cowan
Shirley Birch
Jean Colbert
Dorothy Brink
Pat Barton
Leila Lore
Chase Lupica
Pat Beaney
YunYun Shen
Virginia Foley
Fran Swider
Rose Hession
Danny Perla
Cindy Zielinski
Bob & Claire Boylan
Marc Bourgeois
Naomi Willingmyre
George Sweeten
FrankCappetta
Michael Kapischke
Betty O'Donnell
Marie Mazzagatti
Stanley Kochanek
Pauline Rosberg
Joseph Console
Geralyn Coticone
Jerry McMenamin
Chuck Kapischke
Pasquale DiFronzo
Dorothy Wolenter
Teddy Shaffer
Virginia Gormley
Angelo DiGiacomo
Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Phyllis Schadt
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, 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, and SPC Giselle M. Torres.

MARKET DAY FROZEN FOOD SALE IS BACK!!!

UNTIL JANUARY 12/13

Order forms are available in the gathering space on either table.

- **Jan. 12 & 13** — Orders and money due (make check payable to **Market Day**). Someone will be available after all the Masses or you can mail the orders to:
  Marianne Wilkins
  1936 Cardinal Lake Drive
  Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
- **Jan. 24** — 3:30-4:30, Pick up orders in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924

Christmas Flower Offering

Donor	***In Memory Of***
M/M Michael Kochanek	M/M Stanley P Kochanek
	M/M James Mcilmail
M/M Don Kreal	Victor & Domenica Dezii
	Michael & Anna Kreal

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 20, 2013 – John 2:1-11

When the wine ran short at the wedding, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ….Jesus' mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water. Draw some out and take it to the headwaiter." ...The headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Commentary:

This sign Jesus performed at the wedding feast at Cana inaugurates Jesus' public ministry—an entire life spent meeting the needs of people. This is his true glory and his whole ministry: not only turning water into wine but giving himself for others. His total attentiveness and response to others is the model for our own self-giving and is the promise of our own glory.

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?

MASS of Remembrance & Healing
For those who have lost a child

Wednesday evening, **January 16 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish/St. Luke Church** (55 Warwick Rd., Stratford, NJ) - Those attending are asked to bring a photo or remembrance of their child.

To have your child's name listed in the Mass booklet, please call the parish office, 627-2222 (after office hours please leave your name & phone number and someone will return your call), or call Mary Ann Chezik at 609-707-1725.

Anyone who would like to pray for parents suffering from the loss of a child, especially the families who were affected by the tragedy in CT is welcome to join us at this Mass.

'FUNSTER NEWS'

For the FUN of it

Upcoming Funster Trips - 2013

Funster Trips are open to all Parishioners & Friends

Sunday, April 28: **BUS TRIP TO NYC** to see "**Nice Work if you Can Get it**" with Matthew Broderick. Trip includes bus from St. Thomas More, lunch in NY at Le Rivage, orchestra seats for 3 p.m. performance. $189 per person, deposit of $95 to hold space (only few seats remaining).

Tuesday, May 21: **BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER** to see "**Noah**" at the Sight n Sound Theater. Trip includes bus transportation, lunch, and tickets to 4:15 p.m. performance. $99 per person.

Detailed itinerary available by request - call Lin

Volunteer Opportunities for Saint Thomas More Parishioners

Where: Cherry Hill Food Bank
Chapel Avenue next to St. Michael's Lutheran Church

When: Tuesday, February 26 and/or March 5 from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM
Thursday, February 28 and/or March 7 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Join fellow parishioners in packing grocery bags, sorting cans or handing out food.

If interested in helping with this worthwhile ministry during any of the dates and times listed or if you have interest in helping on future dates, please call Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431, Sign-up on the sheet in the Gathering Space after Mass or email the parish at sthomasmore@comcast.net.