

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
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Dom Sacca
Tom Petrilli 751-1367
Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
Frank Krenslak 309-1999
Roger Pisani, Director 609-488-0020
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
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June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461

Social Development

Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
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Al Shaffer 609-417-6770
June Garafano 229-7461
Bob Lento 344-7454
Committee 424-3212
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 & LITURGY MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 7:00 p.m.

In the St. Thomas More Hall



MISSION MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

Next weekend, January 26/27, a second collection will be taken to help support worldwide missions in over 1,000 dioceses; help to provide financial resources to assist priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists.

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 (please bring a dessert)**

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

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.



Please be reminded in this winter season that germs are often spread by shaking hands. If you have a cold please be considerate of those around you. At the Sign of Peace, you may simply say to those around you 'Peace be with you' without shaking their hand.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

January 13, 2013

\$9,269.50 - 231 Envelopes

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

Thoughts About Grieving Faithfully

Fr. Phillip Johnson

“We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like those who have no hope” (1 Thess. 3:13). “Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep” (Rom. 12:15).

St. Paul does not say that Christians are not to grieve at the death of their loved ones, but that their grief is not a hopeless sorrow, a *pure negative*. Christian grief is true sadness, sometimes bitter sadness, as at the death of a child. But because of Christ, it is a sadness in *hope*. Far from denying the reality of death and the great sense of loss that attends it, we are to “weep with those who weep”.

Death, the Enemy . . .

It is right that death disturbs us, for death is our enemy (1 Cor. 15:26). We are created to live. We are filled with the longing to live. Death is the true alien presence in the garden of life (Gen. 3). In the Book of Wisdom, Holy Scripture says bluntly: “God did not make death”. Rather, death entered the garden through envy. That is, death is the inevitable result of the Satan-like desire of the creature to be his own God. But God, in mercy, has taken control of death, to employ death for the work of the divine mercy. Yes, God has given death a kind of reign over us, but only to bring us back to him.

How do we know this? Through the paschal mystery, through the dying and rising of Jesus. If there could be real life without the death of this present half-life, would the Son of God have gone to such extremes as to die with us and for us? He himself prayed, “if it be possible,” that he might not drink the bitter cup (Matt. 26:41-42). Christ, in dying, has passed judgment on death, “taken death captive” for his own purpose. He has, in fact, made a kind of grudging friend out of the “last enemy” (1 Cor. 15:26). He has taught us to “turn the other cheek” (Matt. 5:39), even, when it comes to it, to love our enemy death (Matt. 5:44). For he has made our dead-end our passover, our new beginning.

“The Body is for the Lord; the Lord is for the Body” (1 Cor. 6:13)

Christian grief takes its time. It does not rush to dispose of the signs of death, it does not hurry to forget. Faithful grief takes time to pray, plan, and say a holy farewell. In the Church, from the beginning, the reverent burying of the dead is understood to be a “corporal act of mercy.” *Faithful grief reverences the body*. Christians make a point of being present to the body, for it was the body that made the loved one present to us in this life. I understand the intention of the remark so often heard: “That’s not really Mary in the coffin, Mary is with God.” But I am always a little unsettled by it. *I believe in the resurrection of the body*, says the Apostles’ Creed.

Honest Grief . . .

I was once at a funeral in which several long eulogies were spoken in high praise of the deceased. Not a word was said of his troubles and failures, which were many. Afterwards the deceased man’s daughter, who had suffered much in her relation with him, was found weeping in a corner. “I did not know the man they were talking about,” she said quietly. Christian grief does not have to pretend. It is not our place to assume our deceased brothers and sisters into heaven. God alone is in charge of that. We do not have to pretend, because we trust the Grace of God, who forgives sins. And if, at the funeral, we grieve also for what might have been or for the brokenness suffered even in the midst of life, we need not be ashamed. God alone can tie up the loose ends left by death.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for January 26, and 27, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	J DeMichele, J Galati I Rellosa, B Scarpa	T Andraka	E Barbera, J Pol B Scarpa, I Witting
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	G Nacarelli A Rivero	M Gorin, B/AM Lento S Moore	P Lachnicht	M/T Dautle D DeMarco
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer R Pisani	G Gadren, K Glover D Gould, M Huynh	L Dombrowski	M Ronan A/J Zieba
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal R Pisani	B Haughwout, P Rossi M Santiago, A Thompson	N Albone	M/N Brown C Cepeda

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Martin Luther King Service Event: THIS 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 2 & 3 - Souper Bowl of Caring Project
February 16 - Ronald McDonald House Breakfast
- March - Skating Party

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator-424-1120

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 directly to www.livinginlove.org.

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 and **Thursday**, February 28 and/or March 7 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Call Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431.

Women's Club News

General Meeting: GAME DAY, Wed., Jan. 23 at 12 Noon - An afternoon of fun and food (soup, bread and desserts).

Don't forget your soup mug!



Call Pat, 424-5636, or Helen, 424-3334, to attend.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fourth Confirmation II class will be held next Sunday, January 27, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 Mass prior to class.

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

Thanks A Lot...

For the Socks and Mittens:

Thank you for the donations from your Religious Ed Classes and parishioners. You will be remembered in prayers at Mass in the Cathedral.

Susan Macher, Outreach Coordinator

For the Christmas Party:

Thank you all for the toys your Church gave for the children of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. You made a lot of children very happy. God bless you all.

In Jesus, Iris Maldonado and the Rel Ed Staff

Diocese of Camden - Office of Communications

Sexual abuse is a grave wrong that can never be tolerated. For more information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



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

MONDAY - JANUARY 21

6:45 am Irene DeLorenzo r/b Ted & Rosanne Bach
9:00 am Mr. Connie Mac r/b Dr. & Mrs. Patrick
Houston

TUESDAY - JANUARY 22

6:45 am Richard Weekley r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Anthony Gestautas r/b Chuck & Marian
Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 23

6:45 am Rev. William Shelley r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Timothy Hedges r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic

THURSDAY - JANUARY 24

6:45 am Marie A. Smith r/b John Sacca
9:00 am Robert Wallace r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Warren Mazzochette r/b Monday SCC
Group

FRIDAY - JANUARY 25

6:45 am Rev. William Shelley r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Catherine Gestautas r/b Chuck & Marian
Kapischke

SATURDAY - JANUARY 26

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Lillian Reader r/b Lillian Creedon

SUNDAY - JANUARY 27


8:30 am Robert J. Moran r/b Tobin Family
10:00 am Sara Centonze r/b Rita & Joe Lopes
11:30 am Salvatore DiMaggio r/b Dottie & Joe
Cammarasana

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED...Warren Mazzochette, husband
of Claire Mazzochette and Rodolfo Pasion brother
of Letty Duffy.**

THE SICK...

Don Kreal	Bob & Claire Boylan	
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre	
George Sweeten	Phyllis Schadt	
Mary Flacco	FrankCappetta	
Ron Massey	Michael Kapischke	
Olga Mignone	Betty O'Donnell	
Frank Colbert	Marie Mazzagatti	
Mary Cowan	Stanley Kochanek	
Shirley Birch	Pauline Rosberg	
Jean Colbert	Joseph Console	
Dorothy Brink	Geralyn Coticone	
Pat Barton	Jerry McMenamin	
Leila Lore	Pasquale DiFronzo	
Chase Lupica	Dorothy Wolenter	Joanne James
Pat Beaney	Mary Branciforte	Alfred DiFrank
YunYun Shen	Virginia Gormley	Denise Daniels
Virginia Foley	Angelo DiGiacomo	Chris Kolodzey
Fran Swider	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Marie DiFrank
Rose Hession	Paul Charette	Ethan Killeen
Danny Perla	Chuck Kapischke	Carlos Santiago
Anna Bedrick	Pat Brink	Betty Brennan
		Sharon Bushelli
		Michael Suralik
		Bill O'Donnell
		Teddy Shaffer
		Bill Botensten
		Ed Rivero
		Cindy Zielinski

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. Ianuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Sgt. Michael Willingmyre.

SCC Facilitators' Training:

All facilitators of Small Christian Communities are encouraged to make every effort to attend a training session on **Saturday, February 2 from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Parish Hall**. Sister Honora Nolty, from Renew International, will speak about the "New Evangelization" which invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. Sister will focus on how Small Christian Communities are called to participate in the New Evangelization. For more information contact Sister Ann at 424-3212 ext. 104.

MARKET DAY FROZEN FOOD SALE

January 24 — 3:30-4:30, Pick up orders in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924



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.

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 27, 2013 – Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant. Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Commentary:

The Isaian prophecy read by Jesus proclaims a vision of a world God has long desired - a world of freedom and wholeness. The good news ("glad tidings") is that God's desire is being fulfilled now in Jesus. We, too, bring God's vision to fulfillment in our service of the poor, the oppressed, and those in need.

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?



"Indeed the tragedy of abortion haunts women from all walks of life. Abortion advocates are spending millions to package their tired rhetoric and half-truths in cutting-edge advertising campaigns targeted to young women... The early feminists were pro-life. And really, abortion is a huge disservice to women, and it hasn't been presented that way." *Patricia Heaton, Actress*
Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Thomas More Parish's Progressive Dinner will take place on Sunday, April 7, 2013 at Caffe Aldo Lamberti, Cherry Hill. Sign ups will be in February. Watch the bulletin for further information.

Mary Lou Thomas

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.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society



There are a few poinsettias available, please help yourself to a plant (they are in the gathering space to the right of the Church's main doors).

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Upcoming Funster Trips - 2013

Funster Trips are open to all Parishioners & Friends

National Parks trip (Yellowstone & Grand Tetons, 7/5-7/12/13) deadline is January 30

Last chance to book, only 6 spaces left.

2013 Bus Trips

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.

Mon.-Fri., Sept. 9-13: MAINE TRAIN TOUR - 5 night bus trip including 1 night stop in Boston area, visit to Acadia National Park, breakfast & dinner daily, and 3 different train excursions. \$679 per person double occupancy

Detailed itinerary available by request - call Lin Lyon at 795-4396.

Christmas Flower Offering

Donor

M/M Stanley Kochanek

In Memory Of

M/M Stanley P Kochanek

M/M James McIlmail

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.