

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		Worship	
Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren 424-3212 Pat Lachnicht 424-3212	Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Christian Life/Education		Church Environment	Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Bereavement	Sheila Mohan 795-6137	Ch. Art Environment	Antonina Nicdao 751-6320
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212	Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass 428-7217	Lectors	Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Knights of Columbus	Dick Spence 428-8325	Linen Committee	Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa 795-1160	Sacristans	Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart 429-6948		Dom Sacca
Pastoral Counselor	Claire Spence 428-8325	Ushers	Tom Petrilli 751-1367
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan 795-6137	Music Ministry	Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath 779-7130		Frank Krenslak 309-1999
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington 424-3212 Sister Ann Byrnes 424-3212	Social Development	Roger Pisani, Director 609-488-0020
Rosary Ministry	Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053	Bridge Groups	Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento 424-4759		Len Kolojejchick 346-4078
Spiritual Direction	Deacon John Harrington 424-3212	Career Ministry	June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati 428-7073 Denise Radziwill 424-0494	Funsters (over 50 club)	Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
St. Vincent de Paul	Frank Nicoletti 424-3212	Parish Festival	Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
Stewardship	Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212	Women's Club	Al Shaffer 609-417-6770
Youth Ministry	Stan Thompson 424-1120	Administration	June Garafano 229-7461
		House of Charity	Bob Lento 344-7454
		Parish Finance Council	Committee 424-3212
		Parish Pastoral Council	Eileen Withers 751-6838
			Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212
			Robert Crawford 424-3212
			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-UPS CONTINUE FOR SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

All parishioners interested in belonging to a Small Christian Community are invited to sign up in the Gathering Space. Names of facilitators, days, and times of SCC gatherings are posted in the Gathering Space. Sign-ups will continue until Monday, February 11 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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



February 12
5 - 7 p.m.

\$4.00 for Adults

\$2.50 Ages 6-12

\$1.00 Ages 5 & under



Open to ALL parishioners.

Price includes: Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, beverages, dessert & music.

Tickets on sale this weekend & next weekend.



COME JOIN THE FUN!

Sponsored by the
St. Thomas More Women's Club



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards not Pompous

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous.”
(1 Corinthians 13:4a)

Are you jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you seek to acquire possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these human weaknesses. Yet as *Stewards* we are called to love God above all other things — striving always to be less jealous, less pompous and more giving.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

January 27, 2013

\$8,822.50 - 223 Envelopes

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

Celebration of the Year of Faith

Vatican II Anniversary Series - Saint Thomas More Parish

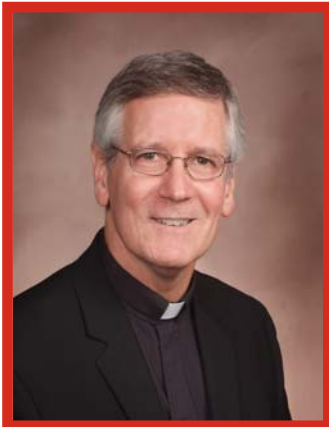
(Presentations within Evening Prayer)



Monday, February 25 --- 7:00 PM **“The Church in the Modern World”**

This presentation will focus on the Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes*, which explores the dignity of the human person, and man’s activity in the world. This document also focuses on the relationship of the Church to the pressing social issues of our time, including poverty, social justice, economics, culture, and ecumenism. This talk will ask two questions: What is the teaching of this important document? How has the Church in the United States sought to implement this teaching over the last fifty years?

Presenter: Father Sean Dempsey, SJ
Doctoral Studies: University of Pennsylvania



Tuesday, February 26 --- 7:00 PM

Vatican II – Communing with God Through His Word

Dei Verbum (“On the Word”) — much of which deals with the place of the Holy Scriptures in the life and faith of the Church — was the first major document begun by the Council and the last to be approved. Exactly what authority does the Bible have in the Catholic Church? What is the essential “key” that unlocks the meaning of Scripture? Do Catholics differ with Protestants on the authority of Scripture? These are among the questions to be considered.

Presenter: Father Phillip M. Johnson, STL
Priest-in-charge at St. Thomas More Parish, former lecturer in Biblical Interpretation at the Pontifical John Paul Institute, Washington, D.C.



Wednesday, February 27 --- 7:00 PM

Vatican II – Conversion Yesterday and Today

The documents of the Vatican Council call for the ongoing conversion of the Church. This presentation will highlight key developments at the Council that have a strong foundation in the conversion experience of John XXIII. We will also discuss some challenges for the Church today in the ongoing work of implementing the Council’s teaching.

Presenter: Father Frank Berna
Director Master of Arts in Theology/Ministry La Salle University

Call Saint Thomas More Parish (856-424-3212) for more Information

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for February 9, and 10, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	J Galati, T Petrone, I Rellosa, G Tyrrell	J Mohan	M/N Brown I Fulton, B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke R Pisani	Sr. Bozena, J DeMichele S Moore, B Scarpa	J Vecchiola	A/T Rumell B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal R Pisani	E Beckman, G Gadren K Glover, D Gould	N Albone	A/K/W Quay
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer R Pisani	B Haughwout, S Kane B/AM Lento	B McCabe	E Barbera, J Cole R Nicklous

Women's Club News

- **Pancake Supper:** Tues., February 12, 5-7 p.m.
Save the date for this fun family event.
- **Board Meeting:** Wed., February 13, 7:30 p.m.
- **Ronald McDonald House:** Sat., February 16, 8:30 a.m. serving breakfast

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fifth Confirmation I class will be held this Sunday, February 3, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 Mass prior to class.

There will be an Enrollment Mass next Sunday, February 10, at 10 a.m. for the children who will be receiving First Eucharist this year and their families. Following this Mass, an informational meeting for both parent and child will take place in the Saint Thomas More Parish Hall from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At least one parent and their child are expected to attend.

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THIS WEEKEND help us Tackle Hunger in our Community!

We ask your support to transform Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving. All proceeds will go to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul who will use it to help those in need.

Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey



February 16 (Saturday morning) We are serving breakfast at the **SJ Ronald McDonald House**: The YG along with some Women's Club & St. Vincent de Paul members will make & serve breakfast for families of children receiving medical care. We will gather in the St. Thomas More Hall @ 8:15 am; return by noon. **Don't just give up something for Lent; DO something good for Lent!**

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator-424-1120

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to **ALL** Parishioners & Friends

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.

Mail deposit of \$49.50 to Lin Lyon, 107 Spring Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 by Feb. 8.

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.

Call Lin Lyon at 856-836-5615 for detailed itinerary.

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 - FEBRUARY 2

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Joan Radula r/b Round Table Ladies

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 3

8:30 am Brian Deutsch r/b Jamie & Kyle Graziano
10:00 am Bill Koelsch r/b Family
Richard Byrnes, Sr. r/b The Angelucci Family
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 4

6:45 am Rodolfo Pasion r/b Sheila Moore
9:00 am Matthew Gallagher r/b The Tobin Family

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 5

6:45 am Rodolfo Pasion r/b Grace Cobin
9:00 am Joan Radula r/b Paul Charette

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 6

6:45 am Special Intention of Sister Rosaria r/b
The Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Richard Kolecki r/b Phyllis & Family

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 7

6:45 am Mary Jean Sankowski r/b M/M Carmen Muni
9:00 am Sara Centonze r/b Jim & Pat Beaney
Warren Mazzochette r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso
James Gillece r/b the Family

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 8

6:45 am Alikutly John Manjakunnel r/b Marylee Garber
9:00 am Sara Centonze r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 9

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Joan Radula r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 10

8:30 am Lisa Benson r/b Stan & Gerri Kurlej
10:00 am Mary Jean Sankowski r/b Tom & Marie Dobroskey
Michael Branca r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE SICK...**

Don Kreal	Bob & Claire Boylan
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre
Phyllis Schadt	George Sweeten
Mary Flacco	FrankCappetta
Ron Massey	Michael Kapischke
Olga Mignone	Betty O'Donnell
	Joanne James
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
Pat Beaney	Mary Branciforte
YunYun Shen	Virginia Gormley
Virginia Foley	Angelo DiGiacomo
Fran Swider	Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Rose Hession	Paul Charette
Danny Perla	Chuck Kapischke
Anna Bedrick	Deacon Jim Smith
	Francesca Capra



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, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Sgt. Michael Willingmyre.

***Community Lecture Series:
The Limits of Forgiveness***

The Sunflower, book on the Holocaust, by Simon Wiesenthal will be the basis for the concepts of forgiveness discussed in this lecture.

Speaker: Morton Winston, PhD, Professor of Philosophy and Chairman, Dept. of Philosophy, Religion and Classical Studies, TCNJ

Chair: Andrew Payne, Assoc. Philosopher, St. Joseph Univ., GPPC Board of Directors

Panelists:
Frank Hoffman, Professor, West Chester Univ.
Father Phillip Johnson, St. Thomas More Parish
Richard Libowitz, Professor, St. Joseph Univ.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - 7-8:30 pm
CHERRY HILL HIGH SCHOOL EAST
Attendance is free of charge
To learn more, go to theGPPC.org.**

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 10, 2013 – Luke 5:1-11


(Jesus was preaching to a large crowd. He saw a boat nearby and got into the boat to preach. The boat happened to belong to Simon.) "After Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.' Simon said in reply, 'Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.' When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.' Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus."

Commentary:

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus calling the first disciples. Jesus calls unlikely, even unworthy people to follow him, but in response to his assurance of forgiveness, we see a generous response to the call. Even Peter, first among the apostles, is first astonished at the power of Jesus and then overcome by a sense of his own sinfulness. But Jesus overlooks Peter's protests that he is unworthy and calls him beyond that to reach out to others.

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?



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 or **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 **please call Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431, sign-up on the sheet in the Gathering Space after Mass or email the parish at stthomasmore@comcast.net.**

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

SAVE THE DATE!


St. Thomas More Parish's **Progressive Dinner** will take place on Sunday, **April 7, 2013** at Caffe Aldo Lamberti, Cherry Hill, 5:30-9:30 P.M. \$49 per person. For reservations & menu selections please call Mary Lou Thomas, 856-429-1379 or Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323.



Each child is sent into this world by God with a unique message to deliver, a new song to sing, a personal act of love to bestow. Abortion destroys God's plan for that child to affect the world.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

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



YEAR OF FAITH 2012

Please Join Us in Celebrating the Year of Faith:

Renewing our Relationship with Jesus and His Church — Thurs., Feb. 14, 7:00—8:30 p.m. with The Franciscan Sisters, 1218 Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill. Free-will offering by participants. To register, call Sr. Angela Pia, 428-8834.

Presenter: Rev. Joseph Capella