

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: 3:15-4:00 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

Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	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

**Watch the Installation of
Bishop Dennis Sullivan as the eighth bishop
of Camden LIVE - February 12 at 2 PM**

The diocese has arranged for a live broadcast on EWTN Global Catholic Network (check cable listings in your area) and on the internet at www.camdendiocese.org.

**SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH
LENT – FEBRUARY 13-MARCH 22, 2013**

Ash Wednesday – February 13

6:45 and 9:00 AM, Mass with distribution of ashes
4:30 and 7:00 PM, Prayers, Readings, distribution of ashes.

Five Sundays of Lent

Beginning February 17 (4:30 PM Vigil Mass, 16th)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays, 9:30—10:00 AM

Saturdays, 3:15—4:00 PM

See also joint parish Reconciliation Service below.

Novena of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesdays after 9:00 AM Mass

Rosary

Tuesdays following the Novena

Wednesdays and Saturdays following the 9:00 Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 7:00 PM

Small Christian Communities

Meet for 6 weeks, beginning February 11

Parish Evening Prayer and Meditation with Presentations on Key Teachings of the Second Vatican Council

February 25, 26, and 27, 7:00 PM

Fr. Sean Dempsey, Fr. Phillip Johnson, Fr. Frank Berna

Parish Visit, Fr. Michael Romano, Vocations Director

March 2 and 3 at all Masses

Cherry Hill Parishes Joint Service of Reconciliation (several confessors available)

Monday, March 18, 7:30 PM – Christ Our Light Parish

Holy Week Begins Sunday, March 24 (Vigil 23rd)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, Adoration of the Cross

The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, 8:00 PM

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

February 3, 2013

\$10,045.00 - 242 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion (No. 6)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

The sixth in a series of reflections about professing, praying, and living the Faith of the Church, in celebration of the Year of Faith, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI.

“Our Father”

The season of Lent draws near. Once again, we are offered the opportunity to intensify our prayer, to enter more deeply into the mystery of prayer – maybe even to receive the life of prayer as if for the first time, as a little child (*Mark 10:14-16*). “What will I give up for Lent?” the traditional question goes. Remember, the giving up is for the sake of receiving all that God wants to give us. During Lent, these weekly reflections will focus on Christ's gift of prayer to his disciples.

“Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray' (literally, “give us a prayer”). “And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven . . .’” (*Lk 11:1-2; Matt 6:9-13*). This particular address is no longer a shock. Millions assume that “Father” is a universal and generic way of speaking to God, perhaps an obvious synonym for “God”. So the first thing we need to know in receiving this prayer from Jesus is its specific origin in the Christian revelation. That the eternal creator condescends to be addressed by us as “*Abba, Father*” (*Gal. 4:6*) is anything but a universal religious truism. As the Liturgy teaches us, it is only “formed by divine teaching, and at the Savior's command [that] we *dare* to pray” the *Our Father*.

Whose Father?

The primary relationship with which the gospel is concerned is not the one between Jesus and his followers, but rather the relation between Jesus and the One *he alone* addresses as “My Father” (*Matt. 26:39 ff; John 14:1-7*). In drawing the disciples to himself Jesus desires to give them his own relationship to his Father. He desires to share with them his own “spirit of Sonship” (*Gal. 4:6*). Jesus desires to include us in his own love for the Father, and in the Father's love for him. Just so, when Jesus places on our lips his *Abba, Father*, he is giving us infinitely more than a devotional formula to memorize. He is offering us his own intimacy with his Father; he is drawing us into the ceaseless “conversation” between the Father and the Son.

Praying Within the Divine Love . . .

“No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son reveals him” (*Matt. 11:27; see also John 1:18*). Christ never leaves you to pray on your own. When you pray *his* prayer, he is always praying in you and with you, sharing with you his intimacy with his Father. For it is only through the Son that we can know the Father. At the same time, when you pray “Our Father” in unison with Jesus and in his Name, the Father is showing you the Son. He is revealing to you how to pray and to live as a child of the Father.

So it is that to pray in faith, “Our Father”, is to be held by Grace within the never-failing exchange of love between Jesus and his Father.

Within the “frame” of the *Our Father* is revealed everything you ever need to pray for yourself or for another. The whole prayer life of the Church on earth and in heaven is included within this prayer of the Son, *Who lives and reigns with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.*

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for February 16, and 17, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	Sr. Anna, J DeMichele J Galati, I Rellosa	T Andraka	J/P/S Wachman
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Pisani	Sr. Rosaria, B Massey P Rossi, A Pajic	P Lachnicht	D DeMarco M Lender, A Rzepski
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Pisani	G Gadren, A Thompson D/ML Thomas	K McFadden	C/J McFadden E Thompson
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Pisani	M Garber, M Gorin S Kane, J Mazzagatti	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta R Nicklous

Women's Club News

- **Pancake Supper:** Tues., February 12, 5-7 p.m.
This is a fun family event, please join us!
- **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

There will be an Enrollment Mass this 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.

There will be no Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) classes on Tuesday, February 12. All students from both afternoon and evening classes are expected to attend the Children's Ash Wednesday Service on February 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the Church. Ashes will be distributed. Parents are urged to attend with their children.

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THANK YOU! The Youth Group's 11th Souper Bowl of Caring project raised \$1,733. The collection will go to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul who will distribute it to five local organizations to help with their food related needs.

- Cathedral Kitchen in Camden
- Cherry Hill Food Pantry
- St. Francis Inn (soup kitchen)
- SJ Food Bank
- Joseph's House (Camden)

We really appreciate your generosity!
SATURDAY MORNING, February 16

Ronald McDonald House
of Southern New Jersey



SJ Ronald McDonald House Breakfast - 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. See flyers in the Gathering Space for more information. **Don't just give up something for Lent; DO something good for Lent!**

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator-424-1120

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.



COME JOIN THE FUN!

Sponsored by the
St. Thomas More Women's Club



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



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

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 11

6:45 am Ines Ibay & Apolonia Dizon r/b Ibay Family
9:00 am Francesco & Lucrezia r/b Wife and Mom

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 12

6:45 am Minnie DiGangi r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am Walter Johnston r/b Paul Charette

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 13

6:45 am Anna Bruno r/b The Bruno Family
9:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Wislocky Family
4:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 14

6:45 am Minnie DiGangi r/b John Sacca
9:00 am Joan Radula r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
Albert Louis Lore r/b Norma & Benita Lore

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 15

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Special Intention/Birthday Blessings of Lori Ibay r/b Mom & Dad

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 16

9:00 am Special Intention/Birthday Blessings of Joseph Ibay r/b Mom & Dad
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Joan Radula r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 17

8:30 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
David M. Thomas r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
11:30 am Joan Radula r/b Terri Conway

**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
Jan Colbert	Joseph Conole
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	Francesca Capra
Danny Perla	Chuck Kapischke
Anna Bedrick	Deacon Jim Smith
	John B. Kennedy



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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Rice Bowl Collection: To ensure that Catholic Relief Services is able to continue providing life-saving work to millions of people around the world please give generously to this special collection. Thank you.

**Vatican II Anniversary Series
At Saint Thomas More Parish**

Monday, February 25 — 7 p.m.

"The Church in the Modern World"

Presenter: Father Sean Dempsey, SJ

Tuesday, February 26 — 7 p.m.

**Vatican II -- Communing with God
Through His Word**

Presenter: Father Phillip M. Johnson, STL

Wednesday, February 27 — 7 p.m.

Vatican II — Conversion Yesterday and Today

Presenter: Father Frank Berna

Call the Parish Office, 424-3212, for more information.



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 First Sunday of Lent, February 17, 2013 – Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." (Two more times, Jesus was tempted. Each time, He rejected the temptation.) When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Commentary:

Jesus struggled with the difficult possibilities open to him in carrying out his mission. This struggle lasted right up to the agony in the garden where He is tempted to reject the suffering He is about to undergo. As a human being, Jesus was always free to choose his path. But Jesus was also conscious of his loyalty and relationship with God. Nothing will deter Jesus from establishing the Kingdom 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?

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society



In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that "whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me."

Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. We will be collecting food or funds to purchase food after all Masses next weekend. Thank you.

Frank Nicoletti, President



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are meeting this Thursday, February 14, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Sheila Mohan, Chair

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.



We pray that our once great nation may return to respect for life, which is the law of God and a truth on which this nation was founded; the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness - for the born and pre-born.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

ALL are welcome to help make Sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen...

Date: Wednesday, February 20

Time: after 9:00 Mass

Where: St. Thomas More Hall

See you then, *thank you!*

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924



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