

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: 9:30 - 10:00 am
 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
 Church Environment

Ch. Art Environment
 Eucharistic Ministers
 Lectors
 Linen Committee
 Sacristans

Ushers
 Music Ministry

Social Development
 Bridge Groups

Career Ministry

Funsters (over 50 club)
 Parish Festival
 Women's Club

Administration
 House of Charity
 Parish Finance Council
 Parish Pastoral Council

Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
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
Len Kolojechick	346-4078
June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461

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

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

Confession on Saturdays
During LENT here at St. Thomas More:
March 9, 16, 23
9:30 - 10:00 AM and 3:15 - 4:00 PM

Regional Penance Service
Monday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.
at Christ Our Light Parish
Kings Hwy. North, Cherry Hill

Extra Pamphlets on
How to Make A Good Confession
are available in the gathering space.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (1-1-13 thru 12-31-13) you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more than 50 years of marriage, please join us in celebrating on Sunday, April 28, 2013, at 3:00 Mass at Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Agnes Church, 701 Little Gloucester Rd., in Blackwood. Questions? Please call 856-583-6132. Registration forms are available in the parish office. Return form no later than 4/5/13.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Thomas More

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE

PROGRESSIVE
DINNER 

St. Thomas More Parish's always popular 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.**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

February 24, 2013

\$9,905.50 - 243 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion (No. 7)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

A continuing 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. Previous articles in the series can be found on our parish website: stthomasmorenj.org.

“Hallowed Be Thy Name”

“Our Father” is not a generic name for God used by all faiths and religions. It is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who reveals to us *his* Father in heaven, and brings us into relationship with him. And so, as the Liturgy teaches us, “At the Saviors command and formed by divine teaching, *we dare to say*, “Our Father . . . That was the gist of my first reflection on the Lord's Prayer (02-17-13).

Hallowed be thy name . . .

The words are not only a declaration. They are a plea, a petition, the first petition of the Lord's Prayer. We ask God that he may keep holy his Name in our hearts, in our actions, in our words. We ask that he may teach us how to hallow his Name in the world. Why? Because if the Name of God is not hallowed, all that is right and good and lovely and innocent withers and dies. But the day that God's Name is finally and perfectly hallowed will be the day of our salvation.

And there is something else, something that has to do with love. When we love and admire someone who is particularly good and honorable, we long for their goodness to be known by others. We long that they may finally get the credit they deserve. We delight when they are recognized and praised. Every thing Jesus did and said was for the sake of honoring his Father. Jesus would teach us to be true children of his Father, who long for our Father to be honored.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. . . .

This is a continuation of the first petition. Once again, Jesus would have us pray this prayer with him. We know that this was his constant prayer. His will was entirely united with the will of his Father. “Father, not my will, but your will be done” (Mat. 26:36-39).

To pray for the coming of God's kingdom is to pray for the end of the old world and the coming of the new world. Only God can so transform history, only the Creator can “*re-create*”. But if we struggle *now* to do his will on earth as it is done in heaven, then we are living the new life ahead of time; we are dying to the old and living for the new. We die to selfishness to live for the good of others; we die to the old world of lust to live for love; we die to the old god of the self to live for our Father in heaven. In this way the whole of our life become a prayer: *Thy kingdom come*. And we are no longer afraid of the dying of the old world.

C. S. Lewis said that in praying this petition, “Thy will be one on earth as it is in heaven,” he learned to pay more attention to those who were beautiful examples of holiness. And he learned to pray, “Let thy will be done in my life as it is done in their life.” This is the way the *Our Father* works in us. Each petition is personally particularized in our hearts. The way of prayer becomes the way of life.

We will think more about this continuity of prayer and life as we continue our reflections on the *Our Father*.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for March 9 and 10, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	B Casey R/C Pisani	J DeMichele, J Kenney T Petrone, I Rellosa	K Erickson	A/I Cammisa L Smith
8:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	M Kramer B Casey R Pisani	Sr. Bozena J/L Duffy B Scarpa	M Maggart	G/M Gray B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal A Rivero R Pisani	E Beckman, G Gadren D Gould, M Huynh	K McFadden	C/J McFadden A Rzepski
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	A Rivero R Pisani	M Gorin, S Moore Sr. Sophie, A Thompson	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta E Thompson

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., March 13, 7:30 p.m.
- **General Meeting:** Game Day on March 27, at Noon
- **Women's Day of Reflection:** *Awakening the Spirit Within.* **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Wed., April 24, 9 am-2 pm

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The sixth Confirmation I class will be held this Sunday, March 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.

A Confirmation session for both eighth grade students AND their parents will be held NEXT Sunday, March 10, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. Sponsors are welcome to attend as well. All families should participate in the 10:00 Mass followed by the session at 11:00.

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7)

Are we like the barren fig tree? What does God find when he searches for the fruits which we have given back? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you?



THE PARISH REJOICES...

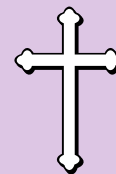
with the family of *Emily Ann Ross* who was received into the Church through the waters of Baptism.



The Stations of the Cross are being held on Friday evenings during Lent at **7:00 p.m.** in the Chapel.

"ACTS OF SACRIFICE" for Lent

In the Gathering Space is a Large Cross draped with a purple shroud. We invite all parishioners to write an "Act of Sacrifice" they are performing for Lent on one of the small white crosses in the gathering space.



Then place the cross in the box provided as a sign of your commitment. These crosses will be placed on the shroud during Lent, and will be burned in the Lighting of the Easter fire at the Easter Vigil. May our personal sacrifices be a concrete sign of our love for Christ, and may they enhance our spiritual preparation during this Holy Season.

COURAGE - The Catholic Support Group for Men and Women with Same-sex Attraction. For more information call Camden Diocese at 365-1570 or go to www.couragerc.org. CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY - MARCH 2

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Thomas Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SUNDAY - MARCH 3

8:30 am Joseph & Alice Pottackal r/b Family
10:00 am Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family
Frank Upchurch r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - MARCH 4

6:45 am Thomas R. Petronella r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Sara Centonze r/b Joe & Jane Kenney

TUESDAY - MARCH 5

6:45 am Thomas R. Petronella r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Mary Nirschel r/b Donna Pisera

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 6

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Gerardina Del Vecchio r/b The Bruno Family

THURSDAY - MARCH 7

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Madge DeMasi & Buster Wilson r/b De Masi Family

FRIDAY - MARCH 8

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Gary
9:00 am Maureen Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SATURDAY - MARCH 9

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Maria Riccarrdi r/b Angelo & Carol Ariani

SUNDAY - MARCH 10

8:30 am Elizabeth Edapatt r/b Pottackal Family
10:00 am Caroline Forberger r/b Norma & Family
Michael Branca r/b Mr & Mrs Richard Allchin & Family
11:30 am Francesco & Lucrezia r/b Wife & Mom

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED...Elizabeth Edapatt.
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
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	Francesca Capra
Danny Perla	Chuck Kapischke
Anna Bedrick	Deacon Jim Smith
	John B. Kennedy



Joanne James
Alfred DiFrank
Denise Daniels
Chris Kolodzey
Marie DiFrank
Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Betty Brennan
Sharon Bushelli
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Teddy Shaffer
Bill Botensten
Ed Rivero
Paul Charette
Pat Brink

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.

**SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH
2013 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Novena of the Miraculous Medal
Tuesdays after 9:00 AM Mass

Rosary

Tuesdays following the Novena
Wednesdays & Saturdays following the 9 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Parish Visit, Fr. Michael Romano, Vocations Dir.
March 16 and 17 at all Masses

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM
Good Friday, Adoration of the Cross - 3:00 PM
The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday - 8:00 PM

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

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2013 – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

(The parable of the Prodigal Son)

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." (The father ordered a feast to celebrate the young son's return. The older son, on hearing about the feast grew angry and jealous. He had been faithful and had no party. His younger brother had strayed from home and now was being rewarded with a feast). The father said to the older son, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Commentary:

Jesus says to the prodigal in all of us: "You do have a father like this. He is waiting for you to find yourself, your true self made in his image and likeness, and come on home. Never mind where you've been or what you did. The most important thing is who you are: a child of God. There's not a thing you can do to lose that identity. The party waits for you."

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?

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: We will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** at all Masses. It supports 6 Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world with food, support to displaced refugees and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life.



REMINDER:

Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend, March 9/10. Turn clocks FORWARD, one hour, late Saturday evening.

HIGH SCHOOL MALES—Come Join Us!

Prayer, Faith, Food, Recreation

Suscipe Saturdays invites young men in high school to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Christ in order to better discern God's call for their lives.

Date: March 9, 2013

Time: 10 am to 1 pm

Place: St. Peter's Parish, Senior Center, Merchantville
For more info contact Fr. Romano at 856-583-2858 or at michael.romano@camdendiocese.org.



A major Vatican document reminds us that the right to life is primary: "The teachings of Pope John XXIII, the Second Vatican Council, and Pope Paul VI have given abundant indication of the concept of human rights as articulated by the Magisterium. Pope John Paul II has drawn up a list of them in the Encyclical *Centesimus Annus*... The first right presented in this list is the right to life, from conception to its natural end, which is the condition for the exercise of all other rights and, in particular, implies the illicitness of every form of procured abortion and euthanasia."

— Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, Pontifical Council for Justice & Peace, Vatican City, 2004

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Do you want to know more about Evangelization? A diocesan event in context of the Year of Faith, "The New Evangelization," will be held **Tues., March 12** at Holy Family Parish, Sewell. *Guest speaker:* Dr. Ralph Martin, appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as a Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. Contact Andres Arango at andres.arango@camdendiocese.org or call 583-6170 to register. Cost is \$15 per person or \$10 for groups of 3 or more (light breakfast & lunch included).