

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
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 Kolojechick	346-4078
	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461

Social Development Bridge Groups

	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	June Garafano	229-7461
Career Ministry	Lin Lyon	795-4396
Funsters (over 50 club)	Committee	424-3212
Parish Festival	Eileen Withers	751-6838
Women's Club		
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

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

Confession next Saturday
here at St. Thomas More:
March 23
9:30 - 10:00 AM and 3:15 - 4:00 PM

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

St. Thomas More Easter Youth Choir
Rehearsal Schedule



Tues., Mar. 19 5:45 - 6:45 PM Chapel
Sun., Mar. 24 11 am - 12 noon Class-
room
Sun., Mar. 31 Arrive by 11:00 Church

We will be singing at the 11:30 Mass on Easter Sunday, wear your Easter Sunday Best!
Students (K-High School) are invited to join the youth choir.

If interested, please just come to rehearsals above or contact the Youth Choir Director, June

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER
AROUND THE CROSS

This is a meditative worship service which will be held on Good Friday Evening at 7:00 in our Chapel. It includes meditation, candle lighting, scripture reading, reflective prayer and contemplative music. ALL parishioners are invited to this prayer experience which is offered on one of the most sacred days of our Faith.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
March 10, 2013
\$8,325.50
217 Envelopes

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



EASTER SCHEDULE – 2013

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

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

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 24

Masses – Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 26 - 3 PM

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to
join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass.

SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 28

“Mass of the Lord’s Supper” – 8 PM

Adoration at the Repository in the Chapel
until 10 PM

Good Friday, March 29

(A day of fast and abstinence)

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – 3 PM

Good Friday Prayer around the Cross
7 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30

Blessing of bread and food baskets – 12 noon

EASTER VIGIL, March 30

8 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

Masses – 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for March 23 and 24, 2013					
Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisani R Pisani	J DeMichele, J Galati T Petrone, G Tyrrell	K Erickson L F Eggles V	I Fulton D Ha
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke R Pisani	N/P Kirincic B Massey B Scarpa	J Vecchiola L P Lachnicht V	C Cepeda K Johnson B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Adult Choir D Kreal, R Pisani	E Beckman, G Gadren K Glover, D Gould	L Dombrowski L J Mohan V	J/P/S Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale R Pisani	B/AM Lento M Santiago, D Staton	K McFadden L S Kane V	C/J McFadden I Witting

Women's Club News

- **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 Stations of the Cross will be held this Tuesday, March 19, at 4:15 p.m. for students in grades one through four and again at 7:00 p.m. for students in grades five through eight of our Religious Education Program. Parents are welcome to attend.

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

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 Caffè 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.

CHILDREN'S HOME CLOTHING DRIVE

Mark your Calendar!
April 20/21

Spring is almost here again and it's time to make room in your closets.

Gary Gadren, Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society



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.**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8)

Learning to detach ourselves from our material possessions and seeing them as "rubbish" is an important step in growing closer to Jesus Christ. Then we are able to give more freely and joyfully.



In celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph (this Tuesday, March 19) we will be serving refreshments after the 9:00 Mass in the gathering space.

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY - MARCH 16

9:00 am Michael Vigrass r/b Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm John Mohan, Sr. r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SUNDAY - MARCH 17

8:30 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
10:00 am Gloria Ann DiMedio r/b Kolecki Family
James Gillece r/b the Family
11:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

MONDAY - MARCH 18

6:45 am Special Intention of Mary Branciforte/
Birthday Blessings r/b Norma Matos
9:00 am Joan Radula r/b Kathy Parker

TUESDAY - MARCH 19

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Gary
9:00 am Karen Browning r/b Mom & Family

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 20

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Maureen Sweeney r/b John & Sheila
Mohan

THURSDAY - MARCH 21

6:45 am Liem Tran r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am Eleanor Scarpa r/b Gary & son, Bob

FRIDAY - MARCH 22

6:45 am Rodolfo Pasion r/b Vince & Angela Corso
9:00 am Albert Bach r/b Ted & Roseanne Bach

SATURDAY - MARCH 23

9:00 am Virginia Green r/b Jean Delrossi
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm William Wislocky r/b Wislocky Family

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24

8:30 am Josephine Torise r/b Beverly & Vincent
DeMasi
10:00 am Lisa Benson r/b the Moyer Family
Jose Danny Padolina II r/b Joselisa Padolina
11:30 am Victoria Lombardi r/b David & Regina
Johnson

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

Don Kreal	Bob & Claire Boylan
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre
Phyllis Schadt	George Sweeten
Mary Flacco	Frank Cappetta
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	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.

Easter Flower donation envelopes are included in your weekly envelope packet (there are extra envelopes in the gathering space). Your Easter Flower offering will be used for altar flowers, lilies for the shut-ins and church decorations. Your envelope can be put in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off at the parish office. Please indicate, on the envelope, if you wish to have your donation made in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will help to enhance our Easter liturgies.



Diocese of Camden - Office of Communications:

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



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.



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

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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 24, 2013 – Luke 22:14-23:56

(The Passion according to Luke)

"After arresting Jesus, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw Peter seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, 'This man too was with him.' But he denied it saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' A short while later someone else saw Peter and said, 'You too are one of them'; but Peter answered, 'My friend, I am not.' About an hour later, still another insisted, 'Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean.' But Peter said, 'My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.' Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the words of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times. Peter went out and began to weep bitterly.'"

Commentary:

On the way to Calvary, Jesus continues to call the people to repent, to change their hearts. Jesus continues to reach out and forgive, even from the cross. He forgives Peter and his killers, and offers salvation to the repentant thief. Jesus dies as he lives, the obedient and faithful servant of God. Because of this, Jesus is raised up in the kingdom.

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?



As far as the right to life is concerned, we must denounce its widespread violation in our society....Abortion and embryonic experimentation constitute a direct denial of that attitude of acceptance of others which is indis-

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sable for establishing lasting relationships of peace.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

iRace4Vocations: On **Sunday, April 21**, join us for our 2nd annual iRace4Vocations to raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the Camden Diocese. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate Mass at **Noon** followed by a 5k run/1.5 mile walk at Washington Lake Park, Sewell. Barbecue after race with children's activities.

Represent your parish on this faith-filled day. To register now or get more info visit www.camdendiocese.org.

Newly registered parishioners

Nina Albone
Patrick & Amanda Keating
Donna Migliaccio & Ella Migliaccio
Michael & Josephine Welsh
Laszlo, Tammy, Laszlo & Landon Zsidai
Joseph, Kristen & Patrick Saporetti
Faustino, Caroline & Michael Febus, Jr.



Diocese of Camden Office of Lifelong Faith Formation presents **Picking Popes - Resignation, Conclave, and the Future** - A special event on **Wed., March 27, 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Cherry Hill** with Christopher Bellitto, PhD (Assoc. Professor of History, Kean University) & media's primary expert on Pope Benedict's resignation. **FREE admission. All are wel-**

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France: Website is www.lourdespilgrimage.com. For details, contact The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at the toll-free # 1-877-276-7279. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 3/25/13.**