

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
	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Ch. Art Environment	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Lectors	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Linen Committee	Dom Sacca	
Sacristans	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 Kolojchick	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

SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28

“Mass of the Lord’s Supper” – **7:30 PM**

Adoration at the Repository in 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**

**GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER
AROUND THE CROSS**

This is a meditative worship service which will be held on *Good Friday Evening at 7:00 p.m. 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.



St. Thomas More Easter Youth Choir

Rehearsal Schedule

Sun., Mar. 24 11 am-12 noon Classroom

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 rehearsal above or contact the Youth Choir Director, June Garafano, at 229-7461 or juneanng@hotmail.com.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

March 17, 2013

\$9,616.50

227 Envelopes

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

“Were You There When . . . ?”

Fr. Phillip Johnson

St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four. In my study Bible, which has pretty large print with many notes and references at the bottom of each page, the story is only twenty-five pages long. Even a slow reader like me can read from beginning to end in under two hours. If you try this out for yourself, you may notice something interesting about the author's narrative strategy. By the end of page ten, Jesus enters what the Church calls Holy Week. So, Mark gives us almost the whole of Jesus's public ministry in ten pages, while the final week takes up fifteen. In fact, you find this “imbalance” in the other three gospels as well. As the Biblical scholars like to say, the Gospels are made up of an extended introduction followed by the narrative of Jesus's passion and resurrection. It's only a slight exaggeration.

In other words, when the gospel story approaches our Lord's passion and resurrection, the narrative slows down, the attention to detail multiplies, the pace is more meditative; the focus is sharper and closer.

This gospel “imbalance” entirely determines the liturgical patterns of the Church. No matter what the Scripture readings are on any given day of the week, no matter what liturgical season it is, every Mass is a celebration of the passion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Every Sunday is Passion Sunday, every Sunday a little Easter.

But it is especially in Holy Week, when we come to the high point of the Church's liturgical life, that the pace and focus of devotion matches most perfectly the gospel narrative. There is a simple (but theologically perfect) African-American spiritual that asks the question: *Were you there when they crucified my Lord . . . Were you there when they laid him in tomb . . . Were you then when he rose to live again?* Our faith answers “yes” especially during Holy Week, as we wait and walk patiently in the way of Jesus, present to him in his time of trial. The liturgies are long; you can see why. Let's try not to complain; it was a long week for Jesus.

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

*The blessing of the palms in the courtyard – the palm procession –
the reading of the passion story by several voices – the first Eucharist of Holy Week.*

The Triduum

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper (7:30 p.m.)

*The washing of feet, the transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament, silent adoration,
the stripping of the altar.*

Good Friday, Adoration of the Cross (3:00 p.m.)

*The reading of the Passion According to St. John in several voices, the solemn intercessions,
the placing of the large wooden cross, the adoration of the Cross, Holy Communion*

The Great Vigil of Easter (8:00 p.m.)

*The New Fire in the front courtyard, the blessing of the Pascal Candle,
the candle light procession into the dark church, the sung Easter Proclamation,
the Readings of God's saving acts in history, the renewal of baptismal vows,
the First Eucharist of Easter.*

Easter Sunday: the Resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Ministry Schedule for March 28, 29, 30, and 31, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	K Glover, B/AM Lento T Petrone, I Rellosa	J Vecchiola	M Ciccotta A/K/W Quay B Scarpa
Good Friday 3:00 p.m.	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	E Beckman N/P Kirincic S Moore	P Lachnicht	J McFadden J/P/S Wachman B Scarpa
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.	Father Johnson	Small Schola	R Crawford, S Mohan S Moore, B Scarpa	P Lachnicht	D DeMarco, B Scarpa I Witting, A/J Zieba
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke R Pisani	J Kenney, P Rossi B Scarpa	D Miller	R Caton, C Cepeda A Rzepski, B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir D Kreal, R Pisani	G Gadren, D Gould N/P Kirincic	L Dombrowski	G/M Gray
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	Youth Choir J Garafano R Pisani, A Rivero	M Gorin, J Mazzagatti D/C Spence	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta

**THANK
YOU**

*Small Christian Communi-
ties*

Close to 200 parishioners participated in our Small Christian Communities this Lenten Season. We are grateful to our facilitators for planning, preparing, and leading their faith groups each week. Each Small Christian Community is a prayerful witness to all of us in St. Thomas

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no Religious Education classes for grades 1-8 on Tuesday, March 26 during spring recess.

There will be no Liturgy of the Word for children on Easter Sunday.

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

Women's Club News

- **General Meeting:** "Casual Wednesday" on March 27 at Noon - Bring a bag lunch, dessert & beverages provided, Games to follow.
- **Women's Day of Reflection:** *Awakening the Spirit Within:* Wed., April 24, 9 am-2 pm - **To Sign-up see Women's Day sheets with registration form attached in the gathering space.**

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council members express their gratitude to our families, friends and fellow parishioners for attending our winter fundraiser at Outback Steak House. It was sold out and a huge success. The Outback staff was very hospitable. Also thanks goes to Fr. Phillip Johnson and the office staff for their outstanding support.

*Dr. Richard Spence, Grand Knight
David Galloway, Coordinator*

OUR COMMUNITY BOOK OF PRAYERS

Your special intentions can be written into the Book of Prayer Requests on the lectern in the back of the Chapel. We will burn the pages of intentions before the Easter Vigil Mass symbolizing our total surrender to the greatness of God.

Stewardship Reflection

Title: Stewardship Not Denial

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."
(Luke 22:34b)

This Holy Week let us reflect upon how often we deny that we know Jesus by the ways that we decide to use the **Stewardship** of our time, our talent and our treasure.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



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

MONDAY - MARCH 25

6:45 am Special Intentions of John & Pam Sigman
r/b Nick & Pat
9:00 am Donald Iezzi r/b Chuck & Marian
Kapischke

TUESDAY - MARCH 26

6:45 am Al Keubler r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am Palma Nazzareno r/b daughter, Cecilia
Marino

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 27

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Rosalie Iezzi r/b Chuck & Marian
Kapischke

HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 28

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY of the Passion of the Lord - MARCH 29

3:00 pm Passion

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30

8:00 pm Dick Byrnes r/b Mr & Mrs Christopher
Matarese

EASTER SUNDAY of the Resurrection of the Lord
- MARCH 31

8:30 am Henry & Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Family
10:00 am Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family
Josephine Marchesani r/b Vince & Emilia
Marchesani
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION: Your generous donations taken during the 7:30 p.m. Mass will be given to the needy and the poor.

**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.

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.

HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION will be taken on Good Friday at the 3:00 service.

Holy Week schedules and Easter Flower donation envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. Your offering will be used for altar flowers, lilies for the shut-ins and church decorations.



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 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 31, 2013 – John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

Commentary:

Mary Magdalene ran from the empty tomb to tell Peter and John the troubling news. In turn, Peter and John ran to see for themselves. That first Easter morning, everyone was in a great hurry to share the burden, to seek understanding, to see for themselves. Fast forward to today - if any of us is in a hurry, it may be only to get a decent parking place at church, or to get a seat at the local breakfast buffet. It's good to be reminded that the first Easter was a rush to comprehend an impossible event. We might spare a few moments in contemplation of what made a grieving woman hitch up her skirts and dash through the dark, or grown men race like boys to embrace the mystery.

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?



Euthanasia and assisted suicide can appear a reasonable and even compassionate solution to the suffering of individuals and families struggling with illness or the dying process. Yet these are not real solutions - they do not solve human problems, but only take the lives of those most in need of unconditional love.

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

St. Thomas More
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE

**PROGRESSIVE
DINNER**



Sun - day,
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 Bar-

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 information visit www.camdendiocese.org.

**CHILDREN'S HOME
CLOTHING DRIVE**

Mark your Calendar!
April 20/21

It's spring cleaning time, this is a great opportunity to clean your closets.

Gary Gadren, Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society



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. Pg. 6 - 632