

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

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
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
June Garafano	229-7461
Lin Lyon	795-4396
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

HOUSE OF CHARITY

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Filling the Darkness with **LIGHT**

We ask that you prayerfully consider how the House of Charity provides solace, support and grace to thousands of your brothers and sisters in Christ each year and give generously in support of the 2013 appeal. Thank You!



Thank you to all who gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Easter celebrations so joyous and memorable.

Thank you for providing flowers, cleaning, decorating, preparing the altar, making the music so special at all the Masses, ushering during Mass and serving at the altar; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, and Altar Servers.

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.

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.

The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

The Resurrection: Not a Problem, Not a Riddle, But a Mystery

What's the difference between a problem and a mystery? A famous Catholic philosopher once explained it this way. A problem is to be solved; a riddle is to be worked out. A *mystery* – not as in a “whodunit” plot, but in a spiritual sense, is never solved. A mystery is entered into, explored, lived. We can indeed understand something of a mystery; we can understand it more and more as we live in the mystery. But we never fully *comprehend* it. The mystery keeps showing us ever-new depths and dimensions. We never “get to the bottom of it.” As we “know” the mystery, we know that there is more to know.

After being tortured and executed on the cross, then buried in a tomb, Jesus of Nazareth was seen to be alive by many who had known and loved him in his earthly life and ministry. They conversed with him, shared meals with him, were taught by him, then commissioned by him. These encounters took place over a period of forty days. At what turned out to be the final encounter, his closest followers saw him “ascend”, exit, disappear into the heavens.

The mystery of Easter is at the foundations of the Christian Faith. There are many aspects or “doors of entry” through which we contemplate the mystery. I can but point to a few here. Through the Easter season (50 days!), I hope we walk through some of them together.

The “Who” of the Resurrection: It would not necessarily be good news if just *somebody* was raised from dead. We would shake with horror, not with wonder, if Hitler were raised from the dead. The good news is that the *Crucified One* is raised from the dead, the one who healed and called us to love and taught us to pray “Our Father”. If Jesus is raised from the dead, then self-giving love has been raised up as the key to all existence.

Not just Resuscitation but Resurrection: The Scriptures give us several resurrection stories. Lazarus was brought back to life, as was the little daughter of the high official (Luke 8:40-42, 49-56). But they were raised to resume their old life; they would once again have to face death. Jesus Christ did not simply resume his life. He was raised above the power of death itself. “Death has no more dominion over him,” as St. Paul says. That is, he was raised up into Life Eternal, as the Crucified victor over death itself. Only so can he grant us such Life.

Reunion: As the risen Christ, Jesus appeared not to all, but to those who had come to know him and love him, to Peter and John and all the apostles, to Mary and “five hundred at one time” (1 Cor. 15:1 ff). Why did he not simply appear to all, everywhere in the world, *compelling belief*? Because knowledge of his Lordship can be real only through Love, not through sheer power. Until he comes again, the Easter mystery must be proclaimed and believed in this humble human way – from faith to faith, from love to love.

The Resurrection of the Body: We profess this aspect of the mystery in the Apostles' Creed. St. Luke tells us that when Jesus suddenly appeared to them the disciples thought they had seen a ghost. But Jesus showed them his hands and feet, his wounded side. And Jesus *ate* with them! (Lk. 21, John 26). The risen Jesus is no ghost, no disembodied spirit, but a fully human life, body, soul, and spirit. For he came to redeem us body, soul, and spirit. And so heaven will be no mere fellowship of spirits, but the “redemption of our bodies” (Rom. 8). Certainly the resurrected body of Jesus was newly empowered by the Spirit, a “spiritual body” St. Paul calls it (1 Cor. 15). But in the resurrection, Jesus has prepared a place for the whole of the human person to enjoy eternal life in God.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Ministry Schedule for April 6 and 7, 2013

Mass Time	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	C Pisani R Pisani	J DeMichele, J Galati D Kreal, T Petrone	T Andraka	D DeMarco, J Pol I Witting
8:30 a.m.	P Kelton R Pisani	M Gorin B/AM Lento, B Scarpa	M Maggart	M/T Dautle B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	S Caccavale R Pisani	D Gould, M Huynh D/L Lyon	J Mohan	M Ronan A/J Zieba
11:30 a.m.	M Kramer R Pisani	M Garber, S Kane D Staton, A Thompson	N Albone	C Cepeda E Thompson

Women's Club News

- **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.**

Happy Easter from the Women's Club.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The seventh and final Confirmation I class will be held next Sunday, April 7, 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.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS REMINDER - There will be a special class/retreat for all First Communicants next Saturday, April 6, from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. Parents are welcome to participate.

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



HAPPY EASTER
from the Youth Group!

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

**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. Vin-



ST. THOMAS MORE PRAYER CHAIN:

Do you have a special intention for which you are praying? Have others share your need by calling the Prayer Line. All requests are kept confidential. Contact the parish office, 424-3212.



Saint Thomas More Parish Welcomes All

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc; you are **Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected** at Saint Thomas More Parish.

WELCOME!

New Parishioner Registration

(Please drop this form in the collection basket. A parish staff member will contact you for further information.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



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

MONDAY - APRIL 1

6:45 am Doris Pepper r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Anna Kapischke r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - APRIL 2

6:45 am Doris Pepper r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am William Hordubay r/b Mr & Mrs Peter Gould

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 3

6:45 am Doris Pepper r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Francesco & Lucrezia r/b Rossanna

THURSDAY - APRIL 4

6:45 am Margaret & Joseph Ezerski r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Daniel Maher Family r/b Jim & Ann Tobin
Vicki Van Kesteren r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

FRIDAY - APRIL 5

6:45 am Victoria Lancia r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Frank Upchurch r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SATURDAY - APRIL 6

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Rob & Bob Moore r/b Sheila Moore

SUNDAY - APRIL 7

8:30 am Russell Peruso r/b Mopsy Silvestro
10:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Gary
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

ATTENTION Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Altar Servers

The Ministry Schedule can be found on the St. Thomas More Web site: <http://stthomasmorenj.org/> - click on Liturgy Ministry Schedule.

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

Don Kreal
Maria Storms
Phyllis Schadt
Mary Flacco
Ron Massey
Olga Mignone
Frank Colbert
Mary Cowan
Shirley Birch
Jean Colbert
Dorothy Brink
Pat Barton
Leila Lore
Chase Lupica
Pat Beaney
YunYun Shen
Virginia Foley
Fran Swider
Rose Hession
Danny Perla
Anna Bedrick
Bob & Claire Boylan
Naomi Willingmyre
George Sweeten
Frank Cappetta
Michael Kapischke
Betty O'Donnell
Marie Mazzagatti
Stanley Kochanek
Pauline Rosberg
Joseph Console
Geraldyn Coticone
Jerry McMenamin
Pasquale DiFronzo
Dorothy Wolenter
Mary Branciforte
Virginia Gormley
Angelo DiGiacomo
Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Francesca Capra
Chuck Kapischke
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.

THE PARISH REJOICES...

with the family of *Giana Marie Jedlicka* who was received into the Church through the waters of Baptism.



We must help those who are suffering, but we may not use a good end to justify an evil means. Moreover, treatments that do not require destroying any human life are at least as promising — they are already healing some conditions, and are far closer to healing other conditions than any approach using embryonic stem cells. The choice is not between science and ethics, but between science that is ethically responsible and science that is not.

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

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 Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, 2013 – John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you"... Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Commentary:

Our fifty day celebration of Easter is not about remembering all the people long ago who saw Jesus. It is about us having encountered the Risen Lord. If we can't honestly say, "We have seen the Lord," then it really doesn't matter who else may have seen him. We find ourselves in Thomas' shoes, listening to other people talk about an experience that sounds otherworldly and maybe, frankly, unbelievable. If you personally have witnessed light in darkness, new life from death, hope arising from despair, talk about that. Give testimony to your experiences. And if you haven't yet had those experiences, then pray, seek, insist, and be outrageous in your quest for a divine encounter - just like Thomas.

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?

Stewardship Reflection

Title: Stewards Doing Good

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

(Acts 10:38b)

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, we must realize that in rising from the dead, Jesus declares to us that He is truly God and His way is the real way. His commands are real. We cannot ignore them any longer. We must throw off our chains of greed, materialism and selfishness and rise to a new level of Stewardship, giving and doing good, just as Jesus called us to do.

Do you need  for School?

Apply for a Francis, Elizabeth and Edward Roger Welsh Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be attending or planning to enroll in a Catholic school in fall of 2013, must attend Catholic schools located in Camden County and must demonstrate academic achievement, financial need & moral character. **DEADLINE IS MAY 31, 2013.**

Apply on-line at website: www.csascholars.org.

CAP (Child Assault Prevention) is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Diocesan policy is that adults will attend CAP once every 5 years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse & neglect & how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong & free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers & employees.

CAP 2 is No More Bullies, No More Victims and is a workshop on bullying awareness & bullying prevention. Cyberbullying is also addressed.

Both sessions are 90 minutes.

Adults must attend CAP 1 before CAP 2.

CAP Phase 1

Mon. Apr. 8, 7 p.m., Our Lady Star of the Sea School, Atlantic City, Cafeteria

Tues., Apr. 23, 7 p.m., Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit, Mullica Hill

CAP Phase 2 — Bullying Prevention

To attend one of the classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 583-6165 or email ddiggons@camdendiocese.org to register. **Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.**

The CAP schedule, location phone numbers & directions may be found on the diocesan website at www.camdendiocese.org.