

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



Our goal here at Saint Thomas More is \$110,000.00. We thank those who have already made a sacrificial gift to this year's House of Charity Appeal. Now we invite all parishioners to participate in this important effort. This week-end is Appeal Weekend. Please make your sacrificial gift to help continue the mission of the Church here in the Diocese of Camden.

CHILDREN'S HOME CLOTHING DRIVE

APRIL 20/21

A truck from *The Children's Home* will be in the church parking lot, NEXT WEEKEND, collecting gently used clothing (**children's & adults**), used small appliances and athletic gear. Thank you for your support.



Gary Gadren, Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society



PERSONAL HEARING DEVICES

are available for those who have a difficult time hearing at Mass. They are simple to use. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices at Mass, please see an usher before Mass and they will assist you.

To assure that these hearing devices are available for all in need, it is important that you return them after Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to all Parishioners & Friends

Mon.-Fri., Sept. 9-13: MAINE TRAIN TOUR - 5 night bus trip including 1 night stop in Boston area, visit to Acadia National Park, breakfast & dinner daily, and 3 different train excursions. \$679 per person double occupancy—\$150 deposit per person to hold space. Limited availability. Call Lin, 795-4396, for detailed itinerary.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

April 7, 2013

\$10,539.50 - 230 Envelopes

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

The Dollar Sign and Sign of the Cross

Fr. Phillip Johnson

While living in London in the early Eighties, about the time my faith started moving in the Catholic direction, I paid a visit to Fr. Eric Mascall. He had been a brilliant mathematician at Oxford, famous for having won a chess match against a giant computer during his student days! Later, having entered the priesthood, he had become a well-known theologian. He was now very old, long retired, living in a small apartment in Chelsea. What I most remember about the visit was a single sentence, spoken with great energy - eyes sparkling, teacup trembling. I don't recall what point of Catholic teaching we were discussing just then, but he suddenly interrupted. "Yes! This is what I love about the Catholic Faith, it has a doctrine of *everything!*"

The old priest's declaration came to mind as I sat down to write about our bishop's *House of Charity* appeal, which is being promoted this weekend in all the parishes of our diocese. As each of us considers our response to the appeal, it provides an opportunity to think about the act of giving money from a spiritual perspective. Remembering that Jesus spoke about money as often as he spoke about prayer, we can outline a few aspects of a Christian theology of money.

- A gift of money, offered freely and joyfully for the needs of others or the spread of the gospel, is an act of worship to God. When the apostle Paul appealed to the churches in Greece to send financial help to the famine-struck Christians in Jerusalem, he said that their offerings *overflowed in thanksgiving to God* (2 Cor. 9:11).
- Providing care for the needy through an offering of money is a gift offered to Christ himself. We have this directly from Jesus. "As you do it for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me" (Matt. 25:34-40).
- The offering of money for the ministry of the Church and the care of others is a sharing in the fellowship of Christ and his Church (Acts 2:44-47). The Greek word used in the New Testament is *koinonia*, which can be translated as "sharing," "participation," or "communion."
- The offering of our material wealth is a spiritual investment; it stores up "treasure in heaven," says Jesus (Matt. 6:20). Certainly, this does not mean that we purchase our place in heaven. It does mean, however, that generous giving on earth expresses our hope of heaven and prepares us for the lavish spiritual wealth to be enjoyed in heaven.
- The free gift of money for holy and charitable use is a gift of self to God, a self-offering in thanks for Christ's own self offering. For "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). Money lovingly and generously given turns the dollar sign into a sign of the Cross.
- "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). Of course, because God is a Cheerful giver. And in cheerful giving, we become imitators of Christ, "who though he was rich, became poor, that we may be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

Year after year, the parish of St. Thomas More has proved itself generous in response to the *House of Charity* appeal. I do not doubt that it will be so again this year. May God bless such generosity and fill our hearts with joy in giving.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Ministry Schedule for April 20 and 21, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale B Casey	J/S Mohan T Petrone G Tyrrell	D Miller	M/N Brown I Fulton B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	J Garafano R Pisani	Sr. Bozena, J DeMichele J Galati, B Scarpa	J Vecchiola	M/T Dautle B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir R Pisani	E Beckman, G Gadren K Glover, D Gould	N Albone	A/K/W Quay
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	G Nacarelli R Pisani	M Gorin, B Haughwout B/AM Lento	S Kane	A/I Cammisa R Nicklous



Congratulations to Valerie Sanchirico (center) who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist last Sunday, April 7, at the 10 AM Mass. Valerie is standing next to her sponsor Jennifer Mitchell.

Women's Club News

- Women's Day of Reflection: *Awakening the Spirit Within*: Wed., **April 24**, 9 am-2 pm at the Franciscan Sisters' new retreat house (Kresson Rd.), Cost is \$25, Presenter: Sister Peggy Devlin, Lunch by Outback.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

To Sign-up see the Women's Day sheets with registration form attached in the gathering space. Any questions call Ann Marie Lento at 344-7454.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

CONGRATULATIONS!

Michael Ciccotta James McFadden

Both parishioners have received **FIRST HONORS** at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in the 2012-2013 first semester.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The final Confirmation II class will be held this Sunday, April 14, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 Mass prior to class.

Individual five-minute meetings with either Father Johnson, Deacon John, Sister Ann Byrnes or Pat Maggart will be held next Sunday, April 21, following the 11:30 Mass for all First Communicants and their parents.

During the months of April and May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

On Saturday, April 6, our First Communicants gathered here at our church for a special retreat in preparation for their First Communion on May 4. They prayed and listened to a Bible story, sang songs, made "stone soup" and barley loaves, and each child assembled a remembrance banner for First Communion Day. Thank you to all who made the morning a big success: Chris Betson-Smith, Carol Erlam, Kathleen Fulton, Amy Gross, Kim Hart, Pat Kirincic, Sandy Kenny, Brianna Morris and Pat Maggart.

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

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Next Sunday we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

Your gift of food or funds to purchase food to the Society, next weekend after all Masses, will show that you are indeed a disciple of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those who are in need.

Frank Nicoletti, President



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SATURDAY - APRIL 13

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Fifty-fourth Wedding Anniversary of
Chuck & Marian Kapischke

SUNDAY - APRIL 14

8:30 am Vincent Caruso r/b Wife, Lorraine, & Family
10:00 am Ursula Kowalski r/b Terri & Paul Kelly
Deacon Henry Seppanen r/b Loving wife
& Family
Special Intention of Barbara Salpas r/b
Phyllis Alexander
11:30 am Richard Byrnes, Sr. r/b Christine Forberger

MONDAY - APRIL 15

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Joseph Kapischke, Jr. r/b Chuck &
Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - APRIL 16

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Gary
9:00 am Keith Schmedemann r/b Bob & Ann
Marie Lento

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 17

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

THURSDAY - APRIL 18

6:45 am Fr. Donald Trinkle r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am Special Intention of Leona Novak r/b her
sister, Cindy

FRIDAY - APRIL 19

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Raymond White r/b Wislocky Family

SATURDAY - APRIL 20

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

SUNDAY - APRIL 21

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00 am Joseph Sorentino r/b M/M Robert Luther
F. Charles McCullen r/b Phyllis Kolecki
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... parishioner Sharon Bushelli.**

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	
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	Joanne James
Fran Swider	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Alfred DiFrank
Rose Hession	Francesca Capra	Denise Daniels
Danny Perla	Chuck Kapischke	Chris Kolodzey
Anna Bedrick	Deacon Jim Smith	Marie DiFrank
Harry Gindele	John B. Kennedy	Ethan Killeen
		Carlos Santiago
		Betty Brennan
		Sharon Bushelli
		Michael Suralik
		Bill O'Donnell
		Teddy Shaffer
		Bill Botensten
		Ed Rivero
		Paul Charette
		Pat Brink
		Barbara Salpas

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 MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, April 20 - 7 p.m.

GIFTED HANDS

The Ben Carson Story



His faith would be his gift - the thing that would drive him to follow his dream of becoming one of the world's leading neurosurgeons.

**HE OVERCAME ADVERSITY AND
CHANGED THE WORLD OF MEDICINE.**

ALL ARE WELCOME, BRING A FRIEND.

**Sign up sheet can be found in the gathering space.
Contact Marianne Gorin with any questions at 346-1811 or email Joe Centonze at joecent4@gmail.com.**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Wednesday, APRIL 17, 7:00 p.m.**

Special thanks to Mary Lou Thomas, Eileen Withers, Lin Lyon and Barbara Cerquitella all of whom helped plan the Progressive Dinner. You made it a wonderful evening! Thanks to those who participated. Pg. 5 - 632

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 Easter, April 21, 2013 – John 10: 27-30

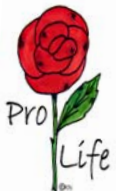
Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Commentary:

Consider the folks who have led you to become who you are today: family members and first teachers, mentors and heroes, friends, and maybe a few enemies along the way. You may have followed the inspiration of an idea or a dream, or received your greatest encouragement from people you only met in books or learned about from history. In ways we may scarcely be aware of, we have also been led by the small, still voice of our Creator, calling us to a greater and fuller life. If we have been raised in the Christian tradition, we also have been listening to the good news of Jesus Christ down through the years. Though we may stray after our demons from time to time, we can always find our way back to the center if we listen for the voice of Jesus. He calls us to our most authentic selves and tells us who we really are. Even when we are out finding ourselves, we are already found in his hands.

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?



For those who say the pro-life movement is old news or one issue think about this: 4000 times a day a new baby dies from surgical abortion, another mother is wounded. It is always a fresh argument, a new problem, 4000 new tragedies every day.

- Stephenson County Right to Life
Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Diocese of Camden — Knights of Columbus

65 Councils of the Knights are pleased to announce the 2013 **'Pride In Our Priests' Dinner** in keeping with our theme "In Solidarity With Our Bishops and Priests" "*INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE.*"

Banquet Date: Thursday, May 2

Place: Merighi's Savoy Inn, 4940 E. Landis Ave., Buena Vista Twp., East Vineland, NJ

Time: 6:30 PM Cash bar - 7 PM Dinner

Cost: \$40 per person and spouses are welcome

Respond by APRIL 20; make check payable to Rev. Francis P. Araneo Chapter, Knights of Columbus **and mail to** Carmine Amico, FDD, 1607 Wisteria Ave., Vineland, NJ 08361-6548

BENEDICT'S PLACE

SENIOR HOUSING - Benedict's Place Inc. is now accepting applications. Applications will be available for **weekday** pick-up at the Diocesan Housing Services Corp., 1845 Haddon Ave., Camden or call 342-4150 to request application by mail.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE LOTTERY.

Lottery will be held at 10 a.m. on May 7. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. on April 26 will be processed on a first come/first serve basis after those received in the lottery are processed. Apartments are subsidized through the Section 202 Program of the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). To be eligible:

1. Head of household must be 62 yrs. of age or older.
2. Household maximum annual income: \$27,150 Individual or \$31,000 Two-Persons

iRace4Vocations: NEXT 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.