

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 Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Church Environment 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 751-1367
Tom Petrilli 428-2412
Greta Tyrrell 309-1999
Frank Krenslak 609-488-0020
Roger Pisani, Director 988-0271
Dolores Kreal 346-4078
Len Kolojechick 229-7461
June Garafano, Youth Singers

Social Development Bridge Groups

Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
June Garafano 229-7461
Lin Lyon 795-4396
Committee 424-3212
Eileen Withers 751-6838

Administration House of Charity Parish Finance Council Parish Pastoral Council

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



ALL parishioners are invited to attend Confirmation Mass this Wednesday, May 1, at 5 p.m.

Please join in celebrating with our Confirmandi, and their families, as they are confirmed by Bishop Dennis Sullivan.

Come and show your support for our parish youth and for our new bishop.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rehearsal for all Confirmation candidates, being confirmed May 1, will be this Tuesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. in the Church. Attendance by all candidates and sponsors is required. If the sponsor is not available, a parent should attend.

Rehearsal for First Communion will be held this Thursday, May 2, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Attendance by all First Communicants is expected.

The annual May procession and crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother will be next Sunday, May 5, following the 10:00 Mass.

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

Final Parish Religious Education Program classes for the 2012-2013 year will be April 30.

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

Women's Club News

- Board Meeting: Wed., May 8, 7:30 p.m.
- Book Group: Tues., May 14 at Lin Lyon's home (795-4396) reading "The Light Beneath Oceans" by M. L. Stedman
- Women's Club Gala: Wed., May 22 at 6:30 p.m. (SAVE THE DATE)

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

April 21, 2013

\$9,344.50 - 225 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 12)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

*A series of reflections about professing, praying, thinking, and living the Faith of the Church
in celebration of the Year of Faith, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI.*

Easter Hospitality (part 2)

In one of St. Peter's sermons, reported by St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, he recalls his own experience of fellowship with the risen Christ. "We are witnesses of all that he (Jesus) did.... This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, *who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead* (Acts 10:40-42, italics mine). There are no throw-away details in the Easter narratives. Every act and word of the risen Christ communicates some crucial aspect of our life with him. In his apostolic witness, St. Peter certainly thought this detail worth repeating: the chosen witnesses ate and drank with the risen Christ. Let's briefly ponder the meaning of these "Easter meals".

Reunion and Reconciliation . . .

Peter, with almost all the other disciples, had denied or abandoned Jesus in his hour of need. With brutal honesty the gospels record this fear and abandonment. Their shame was a part of their own bitterness over the loss of the one they had called "Lord". Surely, at that mystifying claim of Mary Magdalene that she had seen the risen Lord, fear must have arisen in their hearts: "If it is true, are we not under severe judgment?" Had not Jesus warned that those who deny the Christ, will be denied by the Christ? (Matt. 10:33).

In fact, the risen Christ does chastise Peter and the others for their unbelief (Lk. 24:25; Jn. 21:15ff). However, this discipline takes place in the context of a fellowship meal. A shared meal is not a judgment, not a trial. A shared meal is an experience of welcome. The Jesus they followed had been severely criticized just for this, because he ate and drank with notorious sinners (Matt. 9:11). Now, in the moment of deepest shame, and with the fear of judgment in their hearts, the risen Lord breaks bread with them. He says to them "Come and have breakfast!" (John 21:12). The Easter meals are a sign of the forgiveness he won for them on the Cross, an act of restoration to fellowship with him, a re-establishing their call to follow him.

The Real Presence . . .

In St. Luke's Gospel, the Easter meals are closely associated with the showing of the marks of the Crucifixion. In one appearance to "the eleven and those with them," Jesus suddenly and mysteriously appeared in their midst, speaking a greeting of peace.

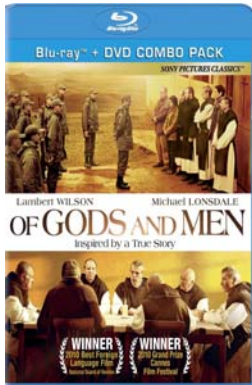
But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled . . .? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat? They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them." (Luke 24:36-43).

It is not unlikely that many Christians may still imagine the resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus as ghost-like, as purely "spiritual". It may be a shock to our preconceptions to hear the risen Christ ask, "Have you anything to eat" or "Come and have breakfast". But such is the humility of God our Savior. In the resurrection, he does not abandon the body but redeems it. He does not discard the Incarnation but is faithful to it. Just so, "*we believe in the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come.*"

Book and Film Study

Monday Mornings --- May 6, 13 and 20 after 9 AM Mass

Monday Evenings --- May 6 and 13 --- 7 PM

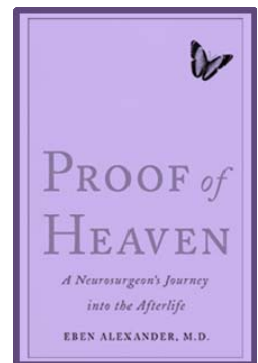


Film “Of Gods and Men” This movie tells the story of eight French Christian monks who live in harmony with their Muslim brothers in Tiberhirine, Algeria from 1993 until 1996. The climate changes when a crew of foreign workers is massacred by an Islamic fundamentalist group. The region is gripped by fear. The army offers the monks protection, but they refuse. The monks struggle with the question of leaving or staying in the area. We witness their decision and the outcome that follows...A powerful true story!

(May 6, Morning -9:30 am & Evening -7 pm)

Book “Proof of Heaven” by Eben Alexander, M.D.

“Proof of Heaven” a *New York Times* Best Seller, is more than just an awe-inspiring account of a profound encounter with spiritual reality. Dr. Alexander’s neuroscience career taught him that near-death experiences are brain-based illusions, and yet his personal experience left him dumbstruck. His honest struggle to make sense of his unforgettable journey is a gripping story, unique in the literature of spiritual experiences. This is a book you will long remember! (May 13, Morning-9:30 am & Evening-7 pm)



Film “The Way” THE WAY is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an irascible American doctor who comes to France to deal with the tragic loss of his son. Rather than return home, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage "The Way of St. James" to honor his son's desire to finish the journey. Through unexpected and oftentimes amusing experiences along "The Way," Tom discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose." (May 20, Morning - 9:30 am)

Call Sister Ann at 424-3212 by May 1 to register for the Morning or Evening Offering.

The fee for the book is \$10.



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SATURDAY - APRIL 27

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Tenth Anniversary of Death of Marion
White r/b Wislocky Family

SUNDAY - APRIL 28

8:30 am Sharon Bushelli r/b Kathy & Bob Storm &
Family
10:00 am David J. McDonnell, Jr. r/b Sheila & John
Mohan
11:30 am Richard Byrnes r/b The Fitzpatrick Family

MONDAY - APRIL 29

6:45 am Louis & Gloria Levari r/b Franciscan
Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am George Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan

TUESDAY - APRIL 30

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

WEDNESDAY - MAY 1

6:45 am Special Intention of Joe Sklencar
9:00 am Dorothy Kapac r/b Jean Reinert

THURSDAY - MAY 2

6:45 am Special Intentions of Pam & John
Sigman r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic
9:00 am Ann Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan

FRIDAY - MAY 3

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Gary
9:00 am Theresa Kapischke r/b Chuck & Marian
Kapischke

SATURDAY - MAY 4

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Arnold Clark r/b Tobin Family

SUNDAY - MAY 5

8:30 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Ann Morgan r/b Jim & Pat Beaney
Mary Jean Sankowski r/b Marie Dalonzo
Michael Branca r/b His Family
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal

Filling the Darkness with LIGHT

Thank you to those who have already pledged. We are still striving to reach our parish goal of \$110,000.00. Pledge cards are available in the gathering space — please mail in or drop off at the parish office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED...parishioner Cora Colontonio.
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
Ed Rivero
Pat Beaney
YunYun Shen
Virginia Foley
Fran Swider
Rose Hession
Danny Perla
Anna Bedrick
Pat Brink

Bob & Claire Boylan
Naomi Willingmyre
George Sweeten
John B. Kennedy
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
William McColgan



Joanne James
Alfred DiFrank
Chris Kolodzey
Marie DiFrank
Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Betty Brennan
Barbara Salpas
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Teddy Shaffer
Bill Botensten
Chase Lupica
Paul Charette
Frank Cappetta
Harry Gindele
Helen Kane

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.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS/REMEMBRANCES

During the month of May the parish will remember all the mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased, of our parishioners. Ten Masses will be celebrated in the chapel in their honor. If you would like your mother or grandmother remembered in this special manner please return a Mother's Day envelope that was sent along with your weekly collection envelopes. Extra envelopes are available in the gathering space or parish office. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar during May. *Mother's Day cards are also available in the gathering space which can be sent to your mother telling her that she will be remembered at the Masses at St. Thomas More.*



The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue were placed there, *last weekend*, in loving memory of Fran Boesch, requested by her husband, Jack.

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2013 - John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him...The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives peace do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Commentary:

Jesus tells his disciples that his peace is different. How different? Jesus' peace is everlasting. Compared with global diplomatic relations, which tend to fall apart in a generation or less, Jesus' everlasting peace is good news. Christ's peace is not contingent on anything that the world attempts to offer us in the guise of peace. The peace that Jesus gives comes clean, free, and permanent, with no strings attached. It is a peace that doesn't crumble on contact when the troubles of this world crowd in. St. Paul called Jesus' peace "a peace which passes understanding." (Philippians 4:7)

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?

Could God be calling you to the Priesthood?

Rev. Michael Romano, Director of Vocations (michael.romano@camdendiocese.org) is hosting a "Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group."

Are you currently a senior in high school, college student or in the professional world (up to 39 yrs. old) and feel the possible call to the priesthood? This group can help you discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood.

Next meeting: Next Sun., May 5, 2 pm, at Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices, 32 Carroll Ave., Williamstown.

Camden Catholic OPEN HOUSE, Attention 7th graders: Mon., May 6 at 7 p.m. Tour school and get to know students and faculty. Admission dates & procedures for next year will be shared. RSVP 856-663-2247 ext. 49.



"We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life -the unborn- without diminishing the value of all human life...there is no cause more important." Promote the culture of life; our future depends on it.

Ronald Reagan

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

'FUNSTER NEWS'



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

Ministry Schedule for May 4 and 5, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal B Casey	R Crawford, T Petrone B Scarpa, G Tyrrell	D Mayfield	A/K/W Quay B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisani R Pisani	Sr. Bozena, J/L Duffy A Del Campo-O'Brien	D Miller	A/J Zieba B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale A Rivero, R Pisani	G Gadren, J Galati D/L Lyon	V Marchesani	M/N Brown M Ronan
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kapischke R Pisani	B Massey, B Haughwout Sr. Sophie, D Staton	D Haughwout	G/M Gray I Witting