

# 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

<b>Pastoral Leadership</b>			<b>Worship</b>		
Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren	424-3212	Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212	Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
<b>Christian Life/Education</b>			Ch. Art Environment	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Bereavement	Staff	424-3212	Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212	Lectors	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217	Linen Committee	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Knights of Columbus	Dick Spence	428-8325	Sacristans	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160		Dom Sacca	
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart	429-6948		Tom Petrilli	751-1367
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137	Ushers	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130	Music Ministry	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212		Roger Pisani, Director	609-488-0020
	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212		Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Rosary Ministry	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053	Social Development	Len Kolojechick	346-4078
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	344-7454	Bridge Groups	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461
Spiritual Direction	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212		Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073	Career Ministry	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	Denise Radziwill	424-0494	Funsters (over 50 club)	June Garafano	229-7461
St. Vincent de Paul	Frank Nicoletti	424-3212	Parish Festival	Lin Lyon	795-4396
Stewardship	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212	Women's Club	Committee	424-3212
Youth Ministry	Stan Thompson	424-1120	Administration	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
			House of Charity	Lorraine Kennedy	489-0031
			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



Happy  
Mother's Day



### Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? This invitation is open to those who are not baptized as well as those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation. The RCIA process would prepare you for these sacraments.

Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 - ext. 104, or Deacon John, 424-3212 ext. - 103, to receive more information about the RCIA classes.

### ALTAR SERVER GATHERING

On Tuesday, May 21, we will have our annual Altar Server Appreciation Gathering. We will meet in the Church at 4:30 pm to review guidelines for altar servers, and then proceed to the Rectory grounds for a barbecue and games. Parents can pick students up at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Sister Ann at 424-3212 by May 19. Please mark your calendars! Don't miss out on the fun!

**Camp Firefly 2013**—August 24/25—An overnight camp for children ages 7-14 who have experienced a death of a close loved one presented by *The Hospice of Moorestown VNA*. Activities are designed to ease grief while combined with traditional camp experiences. Call the Camp Firefly specialist at 856-552-1300 to register.

*The Hospice of Moorestown* also offers free bereavement support groups for both children and adults. Pre-registration is required. Please call 856-552-1300 ext. 2507

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

May 5, 2013

\$9,117.00 - 253 Envelopes

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

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 13)

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.

## The Ascension

He presented himself alive to the apostles by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. . . . When they had gathered together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "it is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. (Acts 1:3, 6-9)

On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and dead. (Apostles' Creed)

During the forty days, according to the gospels, the risen Jesus appeared to his apostles and other disciples. He established their faith and restored them to his fellowship. He taught them to understand the Holy Scriptures. He gave them their mission and established Peter as shepherd of his flock. He then was visibly "lifted up", "taken from their sight". This deliberate act of Jesus, like all his actions, reveals who he is, what his will for us is, and what it means that he is our Savior and Lord.

*Lifted up.* Commentators never tire of pointing out that this description expresses a pre-Copernican view of the universe – that we moderns can't think of heaven as "up" in the same way as the apostles did. They are right, of course, but the observation is as superfluous as it is obvious. After all, we still we speak of the sun rising and setting. More importantly, just as in A.D. 33, directional terms naturally speak to us symbolically. A man's influence may still rise or fall; an artist may be at the height of her powers. You or I may fall from grace, and get up again. And so on. So it is that Jesus is raised up "above" the realm of our historical existence, so as to be the Lord of history.

*He ascended into heaven.* No, not the clouds, not literally "beyond the blue," even if the clouds and blue sky are creatures that will never stop speaking to us of that hoped-for realm. "Heaven" is that place, that spiritual domain where God enters into loving communion with us. Even now, by Grace, through the sacraments, heaven may open to us. But this opening is but a foreshadowing of the fullness of heaven. Heaven is wherever Jesus makes himself known to us. And this is what will make heaven heavenly, that we will see and know Jesus "face to face" (1 John 3:1-3).

*And is seated at the right hand of the Father almighty.* Once again, the symbol (whether in biblical Hebrew and Greek, or modern day English) is clear to us. To be the "right hand" of another is to be the instrument of the other's action, the wielder of the other's authority. Throughout the Gospels, we hear Jesus say that his only desire is to do the will of the Father, that his words and his work are the words and work of the Father. While the Father has placed all things into the hands of the Son (John 4:23-29; 10:27-30). How does the Eternal Father rule over his creation? – Through the Son at **his "right hand"**.

If it is the Crucified One who rules at the "right hand" of God, then the divine *almightiness* is not what we are prone to think it is. It is not the sheer bending of human will and events to God's will. Rather, it is the influencing of all things in such a way that human freedom is not simply overpowered but perfected and won over to the divine will. This influence is what the Scriptures and the Church mean by "Grace".

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Ministry Schedule for May 18, and 19, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	B Casey, M Kramer R Pisani	J DeMichele, J Kenney T Petrone, I Rellosa	J Mohan	A/I Cammisa L Smith, B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisani R Pisani	Sr. Bozena, J/L Duffy B Scarpa	M Maggart	G/M Gray B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir R Pisani, A Rivero	E Beckman, G Gadren D Gould, M Huynh	K McFadden	C/J McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale R Pisani	Sr. Sophie, B Haughwout M Gorin, A Thompson	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta E Thompson

House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal  
Filling the Darkness with **LIGHT**



Thank you to those who have already pledged. We are getting close, we are now at 82%, to reaching 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.

### *Women's Club News*

- Book Group: Tues., May 14 at Lin Lyon's home (795-4396)
- Women's Club Gala: Wed., May 22, begins at 6:30 p.m. Please call Pat Lachnicht to RSVP, 424-5636, by May 20 and indicate whether you will bring an hors d'oeuvre or a dessert.

*Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323 &  
Lorraine Kennedy, 489-0031, Co-Presidents*

### St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society

*Last Thursday we celebrated the feast of the Ascension, we were reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.*

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. We will be collecting your donation of food or funds to purchase food, next weekend after all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

*Frank Nicoletti, President*

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the month of May the offertory gifts are being brought forward by our First Communicants.

Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 10:00 Mass will conclude for the summer with this Sunday's session. Classes will resume in September. Thank you to our catechists who faithfully proclaimed the gospel to our young children every Sunday: Julianne Johnson; Coordinator, Dawn Alexander, Janet Barbera, Denise Barrett, Pamela Huynh, and Laura Wieland.

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

**THANK  
YOU**

**SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE**

*WOW, this time you really did it!*

**You filled the truck with your generous donations. Sincere thanks from The Children's Home in Mt. Holly.**

sponsored by the St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society—*Gary Gadren, Coordinator*

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*True Stewardship*

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 22:13)*

**These words from the last chapter of the Bible are a final reminder for us to put God first in our lives, in all that we do. Putting God first doesn't mean giving until it hurts. It means giving until we are filled with joy and contentment. This is true *Stewardship*.**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 12, 2013**



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**SATURDAY - MAY 11**

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Karen Cutler r/b Janet

**SUNDAY - MAY 12**

8:30 am Elizabeth Wilson & Madge DeMasi r/b  
the DeMasi Family  
10:00 am Marie D'Ippolito & Mildred Radziwill  
r/b Radziwill Family  
Frances Pisera r/b Gould Family  
11:30 am Francesco & Lucrezia r/b Rossanna

**MONDAY - MAY 13**

6:45 am Mother's Day Intentions  
9:00 am Alice Zlotek r/b Rossi Family

**TUESDAY - MAY 14**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Margaret Mac Elrath r/b Albert Mac Elrath

**WEDNESDAY - MAY 15**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Remedios Ferrariz r/b Grace Cobin

**THURSDAY - MAY 16**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Cora Colontonio r/b Wachman Family

**FRIDAY - MAY 17**

6:45 am Mother's Day Intentions  
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

**SATURDAY - MAY 18**

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Gail Stone r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak

**SUNDAY - MAY 19**

8:30 am Cora Colontonio r/b Dr. & Mrs. Hurman  
& Sandra Hurwitz  
10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More  
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Anna Wislocky r/b Wislocky Family  
Cora Colontonio r/b Marie Caruso  
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**Diocese of Camden - Office of Communications**

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

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

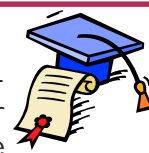
Don Kreal	Bob & Claire Boylan	
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre	
Phyllis Schadt	George Sweeten	
Mary Flacco	John B. Kennedy	
Ron Massey	Michael Kapischke	
Olga Mignone	Betty O'Donnell	
Frank Colbert	Marie Mazzagatti	
Mary Cowan	Stanley Kochanek	
Shirley Birch	Pauline Rosberg	
Jean Colbert	Joseph Console	
Dorothy Brink	Geralyn Coticone	
Pat Barton	Jerry McMenamin	
Leila Lore	Pasquale DiFronzo	
Ed Rivero	Dorothy Wolenter	
Pat Beaney	Mary Branciforte	Joanne James
YunYun Shen	Virginia Gormley	Alfred DiFrank
Virginia Foley	Angelo DiGiacomo	Chris Kolodzey
Fran Swider	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Marie DiFrank
Rose Hession	Francesca Capra	Ethan Killeen
Danny Perla	Chuck Kapischke	Carlos Santiago
Anna Bedrick	Deacon Jim Smith	Betty Brennan
Pat Brink	William McColgan	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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**GRADUATES RECOGNIZED:**



In June we recognize, in the bulletin, all those graduating in our parish community. If you are graduating from college or graduate school please call the parish office, 424-3212, so we can include your name in the bulletin.

**LITTLE SERVANT SISTERS  
GARDEN FESTIVAL**

1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill

**Saturday, September 7, 2013**

“White Elephant” Donations of gently used Clothing & clean Household Goods requested & accepted now through August 31, 2013. Volunteers welcome. Information about food, etc. will be forthcoming.

Mrs. Grabowski, 235-1521  
Little Servant Sisters, 424-1962

### 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 Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2013 - John 14:15-16**

"...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always."

**Commentary:**

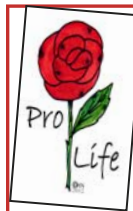
We celebrate the remarkable feast of Pentecost as the birthday of the Church. The same Spirit that separated the earth from the sky, the sea from the dry land; the same breath that was breathed into Adam now comes to rest on a group of frightened people, and a new being is created. The origins of the Church lay with common people moved by the Spirit of God to follow after Jesus of Nazareth, before they had any idea what was going to be asked of them.

**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?

***Newly registered parishioners***

Thomas & Estelle Sharpe  
 Edward, Julia & Lucas Black  
 Colleen Marchese Rich Logan  
 Joseph Kuchler Linda Valadez  
 James, Jacqueline, James & Julian Palermo  
 John Knightly Valerie Sanchirico  
 Barbara Sandonato  
 Nicholas, Noelia & Nicholas Riggio



Let us celebrate motherhood and marvel at how perfectly a mother's body provides a nurturing environment for her tiny baby to grow and develop. May all mothers choose to give their children the gift they deserve—a birthday.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Please remember your ***Soap for Hope*** donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) and place in the basket in the gathering space. Thank you.

Initiated by St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society  
 Paul Rossi, Coordinator



**'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.

**GOOD COUNSEL WALK-A-THON**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

**Registration: 8:30-10 am - Walk: 9 am-12 Noon**  
**Location:** Camden County; Cooper River Park, Pennsauken, contact Mary Troost, 616-1427 or marytroostemail@gmail.com

**Ways to participate:**

1. **Prayer.** We are in the middle of our 54 day rosary novenas for a successful walk and good weather.
2. **Sponsor ad** to appear in mid-May in the Camden & Trenton diocesan newspapers.
3. **Walk & get lots of sponsors**—it will only take 100 walkers each raising \$1000 to raise \$100,000!
4. **Sponsor a Walker!**

**Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus**

The Mother Mary Joseph Center of Hospitality is a Franciscan House of Prayer and offers accommodations for: Retreats (individual or group), Spirituality & Development Days, Desert Day Experiences, Hermitage Experiences and more. **Contact information: (856) 428-8834 or mmjhospitality@yahoo.com**

The Year of Faith conferences on 2nd Thurs. of each month, 7-8:30 pm given by Fr. Joseph Capella.

Novena to the Holy Face of Jesus—Each Tuesday evening beginning at 8 pm

Day of Prayer and Adoration for Vocations—1st Thurs. of each month, 9:30 am–5 pm