

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 Staff 424-3212
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 344-7454

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
Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
Lorraine Kennedy 489-0031

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

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!

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



Thank you to those who have already pledged. We are getting closer to reaching our goal of \$110,000.00. This week we reached 84% of our goal. Pledge cards are available in the gathering space — please mail in or drop off at the parish office.

COURTYARD ROSARY

To honor Our Lady

Thursday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.

ALL are invited! Please join us.

Light refreshments will be served following the recitation of the rosary.

Sponsored by St. Thomas More Women's Club



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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 - 7 PM

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

May 12, 2013

\$10,314.50 - 245 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 14)

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 Dying Christian

Confusion About "Last Rites" . . .

The phone call is an urgent one. It sometimes comes in the middle of the night. The caller is often a hospice worker or social worker in a nursing home, sometimes a family member whose loved one is dying. The request is for "last rites" or for anointing. The priest asks about the condition of the dying person, especially whether he or she is conscious. Given the urgency of the call, and because he has learned that there is a lot of confusion about "last rites", he is not surprised to hear that the patient lost consciousness some time ago, or even has already passed away. The priest hurries to the bedside. He kneels at the bedside and makes the sign of the cross upon the head of the dying or dead Christian. He reads from the Scriptures; he says prayers for the commendation of the dying, or the prayers for the dead. Those present join in the Our Father. He lingers a while in conversation with family members. This is right and good.

What he cannot do in such cases is administer last rites. "Last rites" describes the administration of the sacrament of Holy Communion, often preceded by the sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the sick. By the nature of a sacrament, it cannot be received passively. The one who receives must be aware and in some way responsive, able to request the sacrament and participate in its celebration.

Viaticum: Bread for the Journey . . .

In fact, the term "last rites" is no longer used by the Church in her teaching documents. You won't find it in the index of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It has been replaced by the Latin word, *Viaticum*. This is not the name of a separate sacrament, it is rather the receiving of Holy Communion as *Viaticum*, as the bread from heaven that sustains one in the hour of death and in "passing over" with Christ. As the Christian once made a "first communion", now he or she makes a final communal. As it often happens that a dying person lingers for many days as death draws near, the Church encourages the receiving of *Viaticum* more than once, even daily, during the time of vigil.

"A distinctive feature of viaticum . . . is the renewal of the baptismal profession of faith by the dying person. . . . Through the baptismal profession at the end of earthly life, the one who is dying uses the language of his or her initial commitment, which has been renewed every Easter (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, no. 181). There was once a first profession; now there is a final one. In *Viaticum*, as the dying Christian receives the sacrament, the words are spoken: "May the Lord Jesus Christ protect you and lead you to eternal life." It is only natural that this final communion be preceded by a final confession, by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This may take place sometime before receiving *Viaticum*. Often the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick follows Penance, for the Church anoints in Christ's name, not only for the healing of temporal illness, but as a prayer for that final healing of body and soul in the resurrection of the dead.

When to Call for the Priest . . .

When the life-threatening illness is diagnosed, when one enters hospice care, when a particularly dangerous surgery is required: in such moments we are free to request the final sacraments. Better early than late. In this way, the dying Christian makes of his or her death a witness of faith to loved ones and an act of worship to God, Creator and Redeemer, claiming the grace promised to us in the hour of death.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Ministry Schedule for May 25, and 26, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisani R Pisani	Sr. Anna, J/S Mohan I Rellosa	T Andraka	A/K/M Quay B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	J Garafano R Pisani	Sr. Bozena, A Pajic A Del Campo-O'Brien B Scarpa	P Lachnicht	J Pol A Rzepski B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Adult Choir D Kreal, R Pisani	J Mazzagatti, M Santiago D/ML Thomas	F Eggles	J/P/S Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Malatino R Pisani	J/L Duffy D/C Spence	V Marchesani	R Nicklous A/J Zieba

BLESSED EDMUND PRESCHOOL

1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill - 856-424-3063
OPEN HOUSE - MAY 19, 11 AM—2 PM

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Parish Religious Education Program registration forms for the 2013-2014 school year have been mailed to the homes of all current students. Please complete and return with appropriate fee as soon as possible, but no later than **June 30**. Additional forms for first grade students and for students who will be new to the program are available in the gathering space.

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

Women's Club News

- **Women's Club Gala:** Wed., May 22, begins at 6:30 p.m. Please call Pat Lachnicht, 424-5636, by May 20 to RSVP whether you will bring an hors d'oeuvre or a dessert.
- **Book Group:** Tues., June 11, 1:30 p.m. at Clare DiGiacomo's house, reading "The Good House" by Ann Leary.

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

ATTENTION: Anyone who would like to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen is welcome...



Date: Wednesday, May 29
Time: after 9:00 Mass
Where: St. Thomas More Hall
See you then, *thank you!*
Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

EXPECTANT FAMILIES



On June 2, at the 11:30 Mass, we shall once again bless and support expectant families. If you are expecting or know someone who is please call the parish office, 424-3212, or Pat Lachnicht, 424-5636, by May 30 to sign up for this special occasion.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Have Teacher

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name, He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us and from us. It is good to know that when we are confused by our *Stewardship* responsibilities, we can call on the Holy Spirit to show us the way.



FILM STUDY, *The Way*

ALL ARE INVITED to attend this film study on Monday, May 20, in the parish hall. It is being offered **both in the morning, after 9:00 Mass, and in the evening at 7 p.m.**

Martin Sheen plays Tom, an irascible American doctor who comes to France to deal with the tragic loss of his son. Through unexpected and oftentimes amusing experiences along "The Way," Tom discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose."



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

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 Colantonio 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 Colantonio r/b Marie Caruso
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

MONDAY - MAY 20

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Cora Colantonio r/b Mark & Liz DeYoung

TUESDAY - MAY 21

6:45 am Mother's Day Intentions
9:00 am Earl Cargen r/b Balco Family

WEDNESDAY - MAY 22

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Andrew Weygand r/b Lori Willcox

THURSDAY - MAY 23

6:45 am Ginger Walsh r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am Bob Boylan r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

FRIDAY - MAY 24

6:45 am Carol Johnston r/b McGeady Family
9:00 am Constancia Baltazar r/b Grace Cobin

SATURDAY - MAY 25

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm End to Abortion r/b a Parishioner

SUNDAY - MAY 26

8:30 am People of the Parish
10:00 am Arthur A. Lawrence r/b Amy Osborn & Gary Sambol
Cora Colantonio r/b the Angelucci Family
11:30 am Louis LaCorte r/b Dick & Claire Spence

GRADUATES RECOGNIZED:

In June we recognize, in the bulletin, all those graduating in our parish community: for those in Catholic school, high school, college or graduate school please call the parish office, 424-3212, so we can include your name in the bulletin.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED...parishioner Bob Boylan.

THE SICK...

Don Kreal	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
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
Pat Brink	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.



'FUNSTER NEWS'



The Funsters trips are open to ALL parishioners and friends.

The New York bus trip was a huge success. We had 22 people who enjoyed a terrific lunch followed by a very funny play on a glorious, sunny day. Please join us for our next adventure. If you would like to have your name added to our list, please call Lin Lyon at 795-4396. We would love to have your input on where you would like to go and keep you up-to-date on all info and future trips.



The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue have been placed there, this 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.

The Gospel for The Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2013 - John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

Commentary:

The Gospel reading emphasizes the work of the "Spirit of truth" in the Christian community. Jesus is about to leave his disciples and is making provision for their future. The "Spirit of truth" will guide them throughout the centuries in their efforts to grow in understanding. A striking feature of this passage is its stress on the common working of Jesus, his Father and the Spirit of truth. They possess in common; they act in common. What can the Holy Trinity teach us about community and relationships?

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?



Many women go blindly through the process of abortion believing that if the government says it's legal, then it must be OK. Countless women who have had abortions are shocked at the realities of the experience, both physically and mentally. Abortion always leaves a wounded conscience.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

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

please support us

Come *Dine for Dollars*

In support of the Knights of Columbus



Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2012

Place: Lamberti's Tutti Toscani, Brace Road,
Cherry Hill, 354-1157

Time: 4 - 10 p.m.

Reservations Requested. Please mention
this fundraiser when booking.

Your Role in Supporting Us: Cut out and give this
to your server, when you pay for your meal. Each
member of your party must have their own flyer.

***Don't forget to bring
this ad with you on
May 28, 2012 because
if you do Tutti Toscani
will donate 20% of your
bill to the Knights of
Columbus.***

This offer cannot be combined with any other offer. Must dine-in for organization to receive 20%.

An entrée must be purchased in order for the organization to receive 20%. An entrée includes only adult and child entrees.

Valid only if bearer dines at Tutti Toscani on Brace Road on the date listed above.