

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

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



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 7 p.m.

House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal

Filling the Darkness with LIGHT

Thank you to those who have already pledged. This week we reached 88% of our parish goal (\$110,000.00).

If you haven't yet pledged and would like to please pick up a Pledge card which is available in the gathering space — please mail in or drop off at the parish office.



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.

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, by May 27 so we can include your name in next week's bulletin.*



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

May 19, 2013

\$8,013.50 - 208 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 15)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

Catholic Funerals

Part 1: What the Church Teaches About Cremation

Last week's article was about caring for the spiritual welfare of the dying Christian, especially about what many continue to call "last rites". This week we reflect on how our care for the body of our departed loved one ought to reflect our Christian faith.

Hope in Christ teaches us to speak openly about death, to resist a culture of the denial of death. As death may come unexpectedly, it is important that we all think about funerals *beforehand*, and that we talk about them with our families. Even when death comes after a long illness, it is a shock. Things happen fast. All sorts of decisions have to be made quickly. These days, one of those decisions involves whether the body is to be buried in tact ("corporeal burial") or cremated. This decision then necessarily leads to others. Catholic Christians naturally desire to have this conversation informed by the faith they profess and centuries-long experience of the Church. In this small space, the best way to summarize the Church's attitude toward cremation is by a question/answer format.

Does the Church allow cremation? "While the Church continues to hold a preference for corporeal burial, cremation has become part of Catholic practice in the United States and around the world" (U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website).

Isn't this a change in Church teaching? Yes, for centuries the Catholic Church (with almost all other Christian communions) forbade cremation, because it was associated with pagan religious practice and beliefs about the body – for example that the body was but a kind of "shell" or even a "prison" for the soul. Only very recently (1983), the Code of Canon Law was changed to read: "The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed; it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching" (c. 1176). Commentators point out that the change was influenced by "sensitivity to economic, geographic, ecological, or family factors" that may make cremation the only reasonable choice (Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship).

Why, then, does the Church still "earnestly recommend" corporeal burial over cremation? "The Church's reverence and care for the body grows out of a reverence and concern for the person whom the Church now commends to the care of God. This is the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the bread of life. This is the body whose hands clothed the poor and embraced the sorrowing. The human body is so inextricably associated with the human person that it is hard to think of a human person apart from his or her body" (CCB website). This explanation would take us deep into the Scriptural teaching about the creation and redemption of the body, about our *bodily* participation in Redemption (Romans 8:23; Apostles Creed). The point is that human dignity demands that the body is not a "thing" to be disposed of. It is, rather, to be honored and "laid to rest".

If cremation is chosen, what guidance does the church give us concerning the funeral or about how the remains are to be treated? (1) Without exception, no body is to be cremated without being accompanied by the prayers of the Church. (2) Unless circumstances make it impossible, the body is to be present at the funeral Mass; the cremation takes place after the funeral Mass at the time of the committal. (3) If this is simply impossible, the cremated remains are to be present at the funeral. (4) Cremated remains are never to be spread on the ground, thrown to the wind, stored away in a closet, or rest for years on the mantle. They are to be placed in a suitable urn and buried in marked grave or placed in a mausoleum space. + + + Pg. 3 - 632

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ministry Schedule for June 1, and 2, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	J DeMichele, B Massey S Mohan, P Rossi	J Mohan	L Smith I Witting
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	P Kelton R Pisani	J/L Duffy J Kenney B Scarpa	P Lachnicht	C Cepeda A Rzepski B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir, R Pisani S Caccavale	G Gadren, M Huynh N/P Kirincic	L Dombrowski	G/M Gray
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Pisani B Casey	M Gorin, S Kane J Mazzagatti, S Moore	N Albone	A/T Rumell

THE PARISH REJOICES...

with the families of *Erica Bailey DeMichele, Elena Brooke Cugini,* and *Nicholas Nazareno Riggio* all of whom were received into the Church through the waters of Baptism.



Women's Club News

- **Book Group:** Tues., June 11, 1:30 p.m.
- **Board Meeting:** Wed., June 12, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Holy Spirit calling *Stewards*

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." (John 16:13a)

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know the truth. So why not pray to the Holy Spirit about your *Stewardship*? Are you sharing your time and talent with God and others? Do you give a fair amount of your treasure to do the work of the Lord? Can you hear the Holy Spirit's answer to those questions in your heart now? What more is He calling you to do?

ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN:

The Knights of Columbus are hosting an Open House on Monday, June 3, here at St. Thomas More in the parish hall at 7 p.m. Beverages and desserts will be served. Please come out and learn more about this charitable and fraternal organization. For more information about the Knights, check out the website at <http://www.koc6173.org/>.





**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

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
Bill Ellinger r/b his wife, Lynn
11:30 am Louis LaCorte r/b Dick & Claire Spence

MONDAY - MAY 27, Memorial Day

9:00 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

TUESDAY - MAY 28

6:45 am Mother's Day Intentions
9:00 am Our American Warriors r/b Teri Bones

WEDNESDAY - MAY 29

6:45 am Ginger Walsh r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
9:00 am Bill Koelsch r/b Family

THURSDAY - MAY 30

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Cora Colantonio r/b Dick & Claire Spence

FRIDAY - MAY 31

6:45 am Mother's Day Intentions
9:00 am Robert Emmett r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SATURDAY - JUNE 1

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Sister Peter Marie Buttacavoli, FMSC
r/b Fred & Tina Petrone


SUNDAY - JUNE 2

8:30 am Almeda Culhane r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
10:00 am Joseph Scharff r/b Inverso Family
Eleanor Scarpa r/b husband, Gary
Bob Boylan r/b Fran & Tom LaCasse
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

PLEASE NOTE: On the Memorial Day holiday (Monday, May 27) we will be celebrating the 9:00 Mass.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

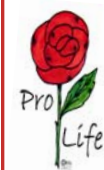
THE SICK...

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	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. 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.



We need to go back to basic values. What we should be doing is working to achieve a world in which the power to bear children is viewed as a gift to be protected rather than a burden from which to be relieved.

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

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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 2, 2013 - Luke 9:11b-17

(Jesus asks the apostles to give the people on the hillside something to eat. There are more than 5,000 people present to listen to Jesus. The apostles complain that they only have five loaves and two fish. Jesus tells the apostles to have the people sit down. Then...) Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

Commentary:

Maybe the most perfect meal of all is the one in which no one goes home hungry. That's a meal yet to be celebrated on this planet, since a large portion of the human race goes to bed without having eaten at all. It is no exaggeration to say that it is the responsibility of those who enjoy the privilege of the Eucharist to make our best and most earnest contribution to the problem of world hunger. Every dollar we spend to eliminate hunger honors the example of Jesus, who fed the multitude in front of him simply because they were hungry. His words on that occasion - "Give them some food yourselves" - ring down through the centuries with an urgency and authority that we cannot ignore. Jesus also said, "What you do for the least of my sisters and brothers, you do for me." Dare we deny bread to the One who set the table that supplies us with everlasting life? And if we wonder how much we are obliged to give, the answer is plainly given. All must eat until they are satisfied, and then our offering can be deemed enough.

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?

BLESSED EDMUND PRESCHOOL **Under direction of Little Servant Sisters**

1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill

3 & 4 yr old Programs Full & Half Day
Certified Educators Before & After Care

For more info or registration call 424-3063.

WORKSHOP: ADDICTION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Wednesday, June 12

9 AM (registration) - 2:30 PM

In this Workshop you will learn:

Different addictive substances, Difference between substance use, substance abuse & addiction, Role of genetics and the brain in addictions, How personal experiences with addiction impact our perception & choices, How to talk to someone about their substance abuse problem, What is Motivational Interviewing & how to use it, What the Catholic Church teaches about addiction

Church of the Holy Family (226 Hurffville Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080) **Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)**

Register by Monday, June 10

For more information contact us: 856-583-6135 or at kathia.arango@camdendiocese.org.

Saint Thomas More Parish MOVIE NIGHT



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, June 22 - 7 p.m.



For GREATER GLORY

THE TRUE STORY OF CRISTIADA

Sign up sheet can be found in the gathering space.
Contact Marianne Gorin with any questions at 346-1811 or email Joe Centonze at joe-cent4@gmail.com.

FATHER'S DAY CARDS/REMEMBRANCES

Ten Masses will be celebrated, in June, in the St. Thomas More chapel in honor of our fathers and grandfathers (living & deceased). Please return a Father's Day envelope that was sent along with your weekly collection envelopes if you'd like him remembered. Extra envelopes and Father's Day cards are available in the gathering space. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar in June.