

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	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Ch. Art Environment	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Lectors	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Linen Committee	Dom Sacca	
Sacristans	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Ushers	Roger Pisani, Director	609-488-0020
Music Ministry	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
	Len Kolojejchick	346-4078
	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461
Social Development		
Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	June Garafano	229-7461
Career Ministry	Lin Lyon	795-4396
Funsters (over 50 club)	Committee	424-3212
Parish Festival	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Women's Club	Lorraine Kennedy	489-0031
Administration		
House of Charity	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Parish Finance Council	Robert Crawford	424-3212
Parish Pastoral Council	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

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.

FREE Ministry to Traveling Catholics

Going on vacation? Need to find a church?
For nationwide Mass times and locations:

Go to: www.masstimes.org



Altar Servers Recognized: On Sunday, June 9, Sam Wachman, Robert Seminara and Ryan Nicklous received a special blessing from Father Johnson and many words of thanks for their years of service to St. Thomas More Parish.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

June 16, 2013

\$7,721.50 - 187 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 16)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

Catholic Funerals: Part 2 A Eulogy?

A eulogy (sometimes several of them) is a familiar fixture at funerals. In the minds of many, this is exactly what a funeral is for – to recount the life of the deceased person, remembering especially his or her praiseworthy accomplishments, virtues, and good deeds. In fact, the eulogy is an age old genre of public address. It may seem surprising, then, that the Catholic Church (along with some other ecclesial communions) has a somewhat counter-cultural attitude toward eulogies. Of course, the Church does not forbid eulogies as such (how could it?). Love naturally seeks to remember the dead and comfort the grieving with happy memories. However, the Church does insist that *in the funeral Mass itself*, the eulogy has no place. For example, regarding the funeral homily, the General Instruction on the Order of Christian Funerals says bluntly: “there is never to be a eulogy” (par. 27). Let's think why.

Half the Story . . .

Jennifer (I will call her) sat in the second row of pews in the Catholic Church. She had no strong links to the Christian faith. She was the adult daughter of the deceased, a man much loved in the parish. At the end of the funeral Mass, before the rite of commendation, several rather long and emotion-filled eulogies (complete with funny stories) were given by parish members. They spoke of how he had become a Catholic, about his service to the parish, about the way he had overcome many trials but had “totally” turned his life around. From his seat in the sanctuary, one of the attending priests noticed that Jennifer seemed more and more troubled, her face growing dark and tearful as the eulogizing mounted. Following the Mass the priest sought out Jennifer, expressing his condolences. After a few moments of silence, she said quietly: “Well, I never really knew the man all those people were talking about.”

No, the eulogies were not a pack of lies. But they were, well *eulogies*. And by definition a eulogy tells only part of the story. It tends to leave out, for example, the parts about a father who, for whatever reason, had not been able, before he died, to seek out reconciliation with a daughter he had long ago abandoned.

The Honesty Born of Forgiveness,

In the funeral liturgy of the Church, we give thanks for the gift of life. We pray that the deceased may be forgiven his or her sins. We profess God's grace upon us sinners in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the signs of faith in the life of our lost loved one. We remember the baptism that united him or her to Christ. We recall the promises that rest upon that life joined to Christ. We celebrate the Eucharist by which the Church in heaven and the Church on earth are joined in Christian love. We profess our faith and hope that *by the love and grace of God*, we will be reunited with this brother or sister whose body we now entrust entirely to God. We ask God to renew our faith in the moment of loss and separation. Just so – because of the peace that such a faith grants to us sinners – we are able to look our failures (and even the failures of our loved ones) in the face. And the love of Christ gives us every reason to trust that, although *we* may never be able to tie up all the loose ends that death leaves dangling, our God is able.

In the liturgy's clear proclamation and fervent confession of such divine love, we pray that those like Jennifer may be claimed by such faith and hope.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for June 29, and 30, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal B Casey	J Galati, D Kreal I Rellosa, B Scarpa	T Andraka	J/P/S Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kapischke B Casey	J Kenney, B Massey A Pajic, Sr. Rosaria	M Maggart	C Cepeda A Rzepski B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	S Caccavale A Rivero	G Gadren, K Glover M Santiago	K McFadden	C/J McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	M Kramer A Rivero	M Garber, M Gorin S Kane, J Mazzagatti	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta

Women's Club News

- **Book Group:** Summer read is "The Shoemaker's Wife" by Adriana Trigiani. We will resume in September.
- **Bridge Group:** Will resume in September. Anyone interested in playing bridge or being a sub, please contact Barbara at 795-7323.

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

'FUNSTER NEWS'



The Funsters trips are open to ALL parishioners and friends.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 24 at 1 p.m. in the St. Thomas More hall for all those going on the National Park Trip. You are requested to come and meet your traveling companions. If you cannot attend, please call Lin at 795-4396 (so other arrangements can be made to get all your travel documents to you).

At this meeting we will be going over our 2014 air/land trips which are *Trains of the Colorado Rockies* and *Portugal* with a visit to Fatima. Also, we will go over our Christmas Holiday bus trip on Sunday, Nov. 17. Details and reservations will be accepted at this time. Please join us. Refreshments will be served.

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



Thank you to those who have already pledged to our parish goal of \$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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Follow Jesus

*"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."
(Luke 9:23)*

We are not very good at "denying ourselves" in our society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think they can have everything they want. Jesus call Stewards to set our own personal "wants" aside so that we have the resources to follow Him instead.



Diocese of Camden—Catholic Charities
Pregnancy & Adoption Services

Pregnant? We Can Help! Call Toll Free 1-800-CARE (2273)-002.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SATURDAY - JUNE 22

9:00 am Bart Regazzi r/b Michael Curtis
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Brian Deutsch r/b Patti & John Travers

SUNDAY - JUNE 23

8:30 am 30th Wedding Anniversary of Joe &
Selin Pottackal r/b M/M Pottackal
10:00 am Pete Siciliano & Theresa Siciliano r/b
Bob & Jude Brennan
11:30 am Bob Boylan r/b Dick & Claire Spence

MONDAY - JUNE 24

6:45 am Roy S. McGready r/b McGeady Family
9:00 am Bart Regazzi r/b Michael Curtis

TUESDAY - JUNE 25

6:45 am Roseann Donahue r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Violet Kovera r/b Chuck & Marian
Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 26

6:45 am Father's Day Intentions
9:00 am Ginger Walsh r/b John & Sheila Mohan

THURSDAY - JUNE 27

6:45 am Roseann Donahue r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Special Intention of T. J. Sharpe r/b
Family

FRIDAY - JUNE 28

6:45 am Father's Day Intentions
9:00 am Dolores Pearse r/b Chuck & Marian
Kapischke

SATURDAY - JUNE 29

9:00 am Father's Day Intentions
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm End to Abortion r/b A Parishioner

SUNDAY - JUNE 30

8:30 am Anna M. Heggan r/b Jeanne & Ed Patzer
10:00 am Special Intention of Betty Brennan &
deceased Joe Brennan r/b Children
Bob Boylan r/b Angelucci Family
11:30 am Patricia A. Everlof r/b the Hu family

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED...** parishioner Loretta Cirillo,
Fred Erhardt and Pam Sigman.


THE SICK...

Don Kreal	Claire Boylan
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre
Phyllis Schadt	George Sweeten
Ron Massey	John B. Kennedy
Olga Mignone	Michael Kapischke
Frank Colbert	Betty O'Donnell
Mary Cowan	Marie Mazzagatti
Shirley Birch	Stanley Kochanek
Jean Colbert	Pauline Rosberg
Dorothy Brink	Joseph Console
Pat Barton	Gerilyn Coticone
Leila Lore	Jerry McMenamin
Ed Rivero	Pasquale DiFronzo
Pat Beaney	Dorothy Wolenter
YunYun Shen	Mary Branciforte
Virginia Foley	Virginia Gormley
Fran Swider	Angelo DiGiacomo
Rose Hession	Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Danny Perla	Francesca Capra
Anna Bedrick	Chuck Kapischke
Pat Brink	Deacon Jim Smith
Ginny Fritz	Gary Scarpa
Mary DeVito	

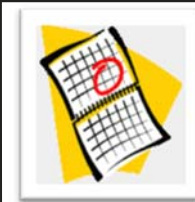


Alfred DiFrank
Chris Kolodzey
Marie DiFrank
Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Betty Brennan
Barbara Salpas
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Teddy Shaffer
Bill Botensten
Chase Lupica
Paul Charette
Frank Cappetta
Harry Gindele
Helen Kane
Eleanor Regan

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.

SAVE THE DATE
Mark Your Calendar
Sunday, October 20, 2013



Saint Thomas More Parish
New and Exciting Fundraiser
and Social Gathering!
Watch this space over the
Summer for more information.

Our Lady of Peace Parish/St. Mary's, Williamstown
ANNUAL CARNIVAL
Mon., June 24 - Sat., June 29, 6 to 10 pm
Fun for all ages: Games, Rides, Amusements, Refreshments. On Tues. & Wed., 6 pm to closing Family Night will be held; unlimited rides for \$20 pp.

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.

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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 30, 2013 - Luke 9:51-62

(Jesus enters a village where he is not accepted. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to punish the unwelcome people. Jesus rebukes them. They continue on their journey where Jesus encounters various people who wish to follow Jesus but are unwilling to do so NOW.) "And to another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he replied, 'Lord, let me go first and bury my father.' But Jesus answered him, 'Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'"

Commentary:

Some passages in Scripture are called "hard sayings" because they seem harsh to the ear. The third person who comes to Jesus wants to bury his father before he follows Jesus. We imagine rigor mortis setting in on the deathbed, but that's not what this fellow means. He is actually saying that he's willing to follow Jesus after the death of his father. In all of the instances mentioned in this gospel, Jesus replies in basically the same way: Come now, and come without terms, or don't come at all. We have to put ourselves at the service of the kingdom of God in the present hour, because it's the only hour that belongs to us.

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?

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.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. It gives you the chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend & 6 sessions that follow it. The next program is Aug. 9-11 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more info, or to register for the upcoming weekend visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230.

All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



Men & Women Volunteers NEEDED
Join fellow parishioners in packing grocery bags, sorting cans or handing out food at the Food Bank.

Where: Cherry Hill Food Pantry
(Chapel Ave. next to St. Michael's Lutheran Church)

When: Tuesdays, July 2 or July 9 - 5-8:00 PM

AND Thursday, July 11 - 10 AM-1 PM

Please call Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431.

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

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

2013 Cathedral Golf Tournament — Sept. 10 at Pennsauken Country Club. Fun afternoon of golf; fees include green fees, cart, lunch, cocktails & dinner. All for \$125 per person. This Golf outing helps us to do special things with our Holy Name School in Camden and the Special Needs Group. Call the rectory, 964-1580, for more info.