

# 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



### New Ministry Assignment for Deacon John Harrington

Deacon John, having faithfully served the Parish of St. Thomas More for eight years, has been reassigned to the Parish of St. Gabriel the Archangel, in Carneys Point. For some time, Deacon John has felt that it was time to seek a ministry closer to his home in Salem County, so that he can better attend to the needs of his family. We will certainly miss him and his ministry of visiting the sick, preparing and assisting in leading the Liturgy, preaching the Word, baptizing, and sharing in the life of our small Christian communities. However, we are happy with him and with his wife, Nancy, that he may continue his diaconal service closer to home. *Next Sunday, July 7, following the 11:30 Mass, there will be a reception in the St. Thomas More Room*, where we can give thanks for his ministry among us and say a prayerful farewell.

### 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.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

June 23, 2013

\$8,052.50 - 215 Envelopes

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

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 17)

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.*

## Grief and Joy Dwell Together (Christian Funerals, Part 3)

A Christian funeral is a time for grieving. Christians are not ashamed to weep over the work of death. And it is a time for repenting; Christians are honest about being sinners. But it is especially a *time of rejoicing*, even in the face of death. This “mood” at a Christian funeral takes us to the center of our Faith.

In a poem written for his aging father, Dylan Thomas wrote: “Do not go gentle into that good night . . . Rage, rage against the dying of the light.” This is certainly not an entirely Christian cry, but there is something very Christian in it. The Christian Faith does indeed teach us to *protest* death, to pray and fight against death, to save and nurture life wherever we can. Because we are not created for death but for life. Life is God's will for us, not death.

The story of the “Fall” of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 expresses this truth in a deceptively simple narrative. Death comes into the garden of life as a spiritual disaster, death exiles Adam and Eve from the Garden which is their true home. The Book of Wisdom interprets the story. “God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being.” Rather, it was the wicked who with hands and words invited death and . . . made a covenant with it” (vv. 13-14, 16). St. Paul says it another way: death is life's “final enemy” (1 Cor. 15:26).

This is why all attempts to insist that, after all, death is our “natural end” come off as contrived comfort. In fact, even though we know that death is ever near, even in the case of terminal illness, the death of one we love comes as a shock. The body suddenly “empty” of life lies there as a gross contradiction. For death is the ever present sign in the world that some terrible darkness has invaded the world, some spiritual disaster has undermined the structures of life.

“Sin” is the name of this spiritual disaster, this deep “gone-wrongness”. For sin separates us from the Creator, and separation from God is the very definition of death. God did not make death, but God allows death to do its work, as a sign, reminding us always of this disaster – teaching us that the “gone-wrongness” in the world, in our lives, and in our hearts is not a problem to be fixed but an evil to be repented of.

Is death then a Divine punishment for sin? Yes, but not in the sense that many think. The habitual liar is certainly punished, but not by some external penalty imposed. Rather, the judgment against the liar unfolds in the inevitable *consequences inherent in the lie itself* – the *death* of trust, the *death* of honest relationships, the *death* of love, and the eventual death of the moral conscience of the liar who has lost his “taste” for the truth. Just so, the lie breaks faith with God. Even the repentant liar cannot (in this life) necessarily escape this “punishment”. Forgiveness does not necessarily assure the absence of consequences. God allows the consequence (death); for to undo the consequence would be to undo the moral order which is his creation. It is *always* the case: “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).

The Creator allows the sign; he does not simply “banish” sin's final consequence. What he *does* do is revealed to us in the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. God comes to us as one of us, to stand with us under this judgment. The Innocent One, God Incarnate, chooses to bear the weight of the disastrous “gone-wrongness” of the world. The Cross of Jesus is certainly a sign of death's power to do its worst. But Christ has made of his cross a counter sign. The sign of separation has been transformed into the sign of communion. Jesus has banished death's power over us, not from above, but from within. *And by his resurrection he has transformed the grave into the pathway to eternal life.* He has taught us how, when the time comes, to fight no more, but to “turn the other cheek” to our enemy death (Matt. 5:39)

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Ministry Schedule for July 6, and 7, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisani R Pisani	B Massey, S Mohan T Petrone, B Scarpa	J Mohan	A/K/W Quay B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kapischke R Pisani	A Del Campo-O'Brien B/AM Lento, B Scarpa	J Vecchiola	A/J Zieba B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal R Pisani	G Gadren, J Galati D/ML Thomas	V Marchesani	M/N Brown M Ronan
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	P Kelton R Pisani	B Haughwout, S Moore Sr. Sophie, D Staton	D Haughwout	G/M Gray I Witting

#### ATTENTION Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Altar Servers

The Ministry Schedule can be found on the St. Thomas More Web site: <http://stthomasmorenj.org/> - click on Liturgy Ministry Schedule.

### *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*

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*Stewards Serve One Another*

*"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." (Galatians 5:13)*

**We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of Stewardship. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.**

### *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 information, or to register for the upcoming weekend visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

### St. Thomas More Prayer Chain:



Do you have a special intention for which you are praying? Have others share your need by calling the Prayer Line. All requests are kept confidential. Contact the parish office, 424-3212.

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.** *St. Vincent de Paul Society*







**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**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

**MONDAY - JULY 1**

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Family  
9:00 am Loretta Cirillo r/b Norma Matos

**TUESDAY - JULY 2**

6:45 am Meghan E. McGeady r/b McGeady  
Family  
9:00 am David B. Hill, Sr. & Lottie and William  
L. Hill r/b David & Pat Garde-Hill

**WEDNESDAY - JULY 3**

6:45 am Roseann Donahue r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Dorothy Braun r/b Dee Soderstrom

**THURSDAY - JULY 4**

9:00 am Our Founding Fathers r/b Teri Bones

**FRIDAY - JULY 5**

6:45 am Roseann Donahue r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Nelson Matos r/b his sister, Norma

**SATURDAY - JULY 6**

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Michael & Regina Young r/b Mom

**SUNDAY - JULY 7**

8:30 am Mary Flacco r/b Orlando & Sarah Rivera  
10:00 am Joseph LaRosa r/b his wife, Helen &  
Family  
William McColgan r/b Dudley & Mary  
Lou Thomas  
Rose & Patrick McMenamin and Gloria  
DeTato r/b Jerry & Jeannine McMenamin  
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

**PLEASE NOTE:** On Independence Day  
(Thursday, July 4) 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
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	Geralyn 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. 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.

*Please call the parish office, 424-3212, to retain, add or remove a person's name from the lists above. Thank you.*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Mark Your Calendar**

**1st Annual**

**Saint Thomas More Parish**

**Harvest Festival**

**Sunday, October 20, 2013**

**3-8 PM**

**New and Exciting Fundraiser and Social  
Gathering with Dinner, Dancing and Mu-  
sic provided by D. J. John Negro.**

*Watch this space over the  
Summer for more information.*



### 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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 7, 2013 - Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

(Jesus appoints seventy-two disciples to help with the preaching. He sends them out with specific directions to cure the sick. The seventy-two returned rejoicing.) They said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

#### Commentary:

Success is sweet. When we know we've done well, it's a great feeling, and when someone else congratulates or praises us, that's even better. The seventy-two return from their first mission exhilarated by many successes. They expect Jesus to say, "Well done!" Jesus does commend them but warns them not to celebrate the wrong event. Jesus knows well that the hour will come when the powers of darkness gain the victory and even the Lord of life will be taken. **The real victory is not the temporary effect you can see, but the eternal one still hidden from view.**

#### 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?

### **CCHS Class of 1963 - 50 Year Reunion**

The first class to graduate from Camden Catholic's Cherry Hill location is celebrating their 50th reunion on Saturday, October 19, from 6-11 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in Mt. Laurel.

For tickets or to provide your updated contact information, visit [www.cchsclassof1963.com](http://www.cchsclassof1963.com), call Jim Bigley at 816-6907, Janet Sereno Lewis at 840-5959 or email [cchs63reunion@gmail.com](mailto:cchs63reunion@gmail.com).

Charitable Auto Resources for Services (CARS): Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden, is pleased to announce its Used Vehicle Donation Program called CARS. All proceeds benefit clients in 6 counties of South Jersey. Any type of used motor vehicle accepted, running or non-running: cars, trucks, boats, mobile homes, golf carts, etc. Free towing and IRS tax deduction forms provided. Questions or to donate your vehicle, please call 1-877-586-9227, or donate your used vehicle online at [www.catholiccharitiescamden.org](http://www.catholiccharitiescamden.org).

**Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish presents**  
**Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC: "Divine Mercy in the Year of Faith" on Wed., August 7 at 7 p.m.**  
**Held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Glassboro**  
*Tickets now available call Lisa Menaldi, 881-0909.*



We pray for God to bless America and one way He answers our prayers is by sending us new life: babies. Then, as a nation, we reject His gifts through the act of decriminalized abortion. Let us pray for God's forgiveness and the end of abortion.

Pro-Life Corner, Stephenson County, IL Right to Life  
*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

**FREE Ministry to Traveling Catholics**  
**Going on vacation? Need to find a church?**  
**For nationwide Mass times and locations:**  
**Go to: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)**

**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.