

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: 7:00 pm
 Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:00 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
 Sister Katherine Pociacha, LSIC, Coordinator of Christian Education
 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			Worship	
Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren	424-3212	Altar Servers	Sister Ann Byrnes
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212	Church Environment	Ann Vigrass
				Antonina Nicdao
Christian Life/Education			Ch. Art Environment	Joyce DeMichele
Bereavement	Staff	424-3212	Eucharistic Ministers	Dolores Kreal
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212	Lectors	Pat Lachnicht
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217	Linen Committee	Ann Vigrass
Knights of Columbus	Dick Spence	428-8325	Sacristans	Dom Sacca
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160		Tom Petrilli
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Parish Office	424-3212		Greta Tyrrell
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137	Ushers	Frank Krenslak
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130	Music Ministry	Roger Pisani, Director
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212		Dolores Kreal
Rosary Ministry	Marian Kapischke	424-2053		Len Kolojchick
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	344-7454		June Garafano, Youth Singers
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073		
	Denise Radziwill	424-0494	Social Development	
St. Vincent de Paul	Frank Nicoletti	424-3212	Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele
Stewardship	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212		Barbara Cerquitella
Youth Ministry	Stan Thompson	424-1120		June Garafano
				Lin Lyon
				Committee
				Barbara Cerquitella
				Lorraine Kennedy
			Administration	
			House of Charity	Sheila Tartamosa
			Parish Finance Council	Robert Crawford
			Pastoral Council	Marie Enny

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 Relloso

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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Thursday, August 15

For the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will celebrate the following Masses:

Wed., August 14 at **7:00 p.m.** (Vigil Mass)

Thurs., August 15 at **6:45 and 9 a.m.**
& **7:00 p.m.**

Mark your Calendar

Saint Thomas More Parish Picnic

Catechetical Sunday

September 15, 2013

12:30 - 3:00 PM

All Parishioners are Invited & Welcome!

PICNIC MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 7 p.m.

All past committee members and new members are invited to attend. Meeting will be held in the St. Thomas More Hall.

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



Date: Wednesday, August 21

Time: after 9:00 Mass

Where: St. Thomas More Hall

See you then, thank you!

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill

GARDEN FESTIVAL

Sat., September 7 (9 am to 6 pm)

ANDY CITKOWICZ—Radio Personality & DJ

Noon to 5 pm

Donations of gently used Clothing & clean

Household Goods requested and

accepted now through August 31, 2013.

For more info call Rosemarie Grabowski at 235-1521.

St. Joseph's Preparatory School: Current 8th Grade Boys are invited for a Pre-Applicant Social on Tues., August 13 from 6-8 pm. Please RSVP by visiting www.sjprep.org/apply no later than 8/12/13.

New Program Coordinator for Christian Education

Sr. Katarzyna (Katherine) Pociecha, L.S.I.C.

Sr. Katherine, a professed religious sister in the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, has joined our parish staff as Coordinator of Christian Education for children. Sister is replacing Pat Maggart who resigned her post as Parish Catechetical Leader, after twenty-one years of serving the families of our parish.

Sr. Katherine's desire to minister to children reaches back to the days when she herself was a teenager in her home parish in Poland. There she helped to organize and run summer youth camps for her parish. She came to the U.S. in 1996, shortly after making her first profession. Living at the Provincial House in Cherry Hill, while learning English, Sr. Katherine served for three years as catechist to Polish-speaking children at St. Adalbert Parish in Philadelphia, preparing second-graders for first confession and Holy Communion. She was then assigned to Sacred Heart Parochial Pre-school in Clifton Heights, PA.

Because of her organizational and administrative aptitude, Sr. Katherine was chosen to train as an accountant (earning a B.S. in Accounting at Rowan University). But even while serving her religious order as Business Manager of St. Joseph's Senior Home, she continued to seek out catechetical work in parishes in Perth Amboy and Linden, NJ. Most recently, along with 13 sisters from several religious communities, she served in a Summer Vocation Camp for teenage girls organized by the Diocese of Rockford, IL.

Now, as Sister's ministry in our parish begins, her work as Business Manager comes to an end. As Coordinator of Christian Education, Sr. Katherine will work closely with me in overseeing our regular Tuesday Religious Education Program for children, including their preparation for the sacraments. She will work also with parents, with experienced volunteer catechists and lay leaders, and with the rest of our pastoral staff. Our deep desire is to serve all our parishioners, young and old, in the deepening of our faith.

Fr. Phillip Johnson

**1st Annual
Saint Thomas More Parish
Harvest Festival**



**Sunday, October 20, 2013
Indian Spring Country Club
Marlton, NJ**

3-4 PM cocktails (cash bar)

4-8 PM Dinner, Dancing and Drawing

**New and Exciting Parish Fundraiser
Social Gathering with Dinner, Dancing, Fellowship and Music
provided by D. J. John Negro.**

**This will be the only Parish Fundraiser for the year.
Please plan to participate. Tickets will go on Sale after all Masses.**

**Raffle Ticket \$100.00 each
Chance to WIN!**

1st Prize \$10,000.00 or 25%
2nd Prize \$ 6,000.00 or 15%
3rd Prize \$ 2,000.00 or 5%
4th Prize \$ 2,000.00 or 5%

Proceeds will be used for
Emergency Medical Equipment
Campus Buildings & Grounds Repair & Maintenance

**Dinner Ticket \$30.00 per person
Includes Buffet Dinner, Music, Dancing and Prizes**

NAME: _____ Address: _____

Phone # _____

Number of Raffle Tickets @ \$100.00 _____ Number of Dinner Tickets @ \$30.00 _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SATURDAY - AUGUST 10

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Salvatore Cellucci r/b Buzz Cirillo

SUNDAY - AUGUST 11

8:30 am Herbert Obarski r/b a friend, Lori
10:00 am Thomas Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan
George Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Dorothy Brink r/b Pat & Don
11:30 am Eleanor Scarpa r/b Gary & son, Gary

MONDAY - AUGUST 12

6:45 am Joe Turiano r/b Pottackal Family
9:00 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

TUESDAY - AUGUST 13

6:45 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Len & JoAnn Kolojechick and Daughters
9:00 am Josephine Bach r/b Ted & Roseanne Bach

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 14

6:45 am Paul Joseph Birmer r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy
7:00 pm Chuck Kapischke r/b Mermer Family Vigil Mass

THURSDAY - AUGUST 15, *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:45 am 90th Birthday of Florianna Gilden r/b Thursday SCC Group
9:00 am Louis Casa r/b Greta Tyrrell
7:00 pm Loretta Cirillo r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

FRIDAY - AUGUST 16

6:45 am Gerardina Del Vecchio r/b Bruno Family
9:00 am Sr. M. Verissima, OSF r/b Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY - AUGUST 17

9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Alice Pottackal r/b Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 18

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Dick & Claire Spence
Florence Purifico r/b Ron & Angela Panna
Jane Walcott r/b Gary Gadren
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... Joseph Flacco, father of parishioner Lena Galati and **Mario Tatonetti**, father of parishioner Stephen Tatonetti.

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	
Pat Barton	Joseph Console	
Leila Lore	Geralyn Coticone	
Ed Rivero	Jerry McMenamin	
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo	
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter	
Virginia Foley	Mary Branciforte	
Fran Swider	Virginia Gormley	
Rose Hession	Angelo DiGiacomo	
Danny Perla	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	
Anna Bedrick	Francesca Capra	
Pat Brink	Harry Gindele	
Ginny Fritz	Deacon Jim Smith	
Gary Scarpa	Mary DeVito	

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.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for our 2013-2014 Religious Education Program concluded on June 30. Reminder letters and registration forms have been mailed to the homes of those students who have not re-registered to date. Registration of first grade students, as well as students who are new to our parish, will continue throughout the summer. If your child has not been registered, please do so immediately. Registration forms are available in the gathering space or on-line at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>.

Sr. Katherine Pociecha, CRE - 424-3212 ext. 106

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 18, 2013 - Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said: "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law".

Commentary:

Jesus shocked his disciples when he declared that he would cast fire and cause division rather than peace upon the earth. What kind of fire did Jesus have in mind? God's fire both purifies and cleanses, and it inspires a reverent fear of God and of his word in us. Jesus regarded the coming of the kingdom of God as a time of judgment. His word of judgment was meant to help people take seriously the consequences of their choices — either for or against God. The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ, a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship (or anything else) above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel you to put God first in all you do?

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?

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society:

In the Gospel, Jesus says "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy."

Please help the Society bring respite and hope to the needy - we will be collecting food or funds to purchase food, next weekend, after all Masses.

Frank Nicoletti, President

St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting school supplies next weekend to help the students at Saint Anthony's Parish in Camden.

Items needed: Paper - construction paper, bulletin board paper, loose leaf paper, copy books, poster board, post-its, **Writing instruments** - pens, pencils, markers, dry erase markers and colored pens/pencils, **ALSO** pencil sharpeners, erasers, rubber bands, paper clips and folders. Please place items in the marked baskets.

Ministry Schedule for August 14, 15, 17, and 18, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Father Johnson	S Caccavale R Pisani	T Petrone	F Eggles	B Scarpa
ASSUMPTION 9:00 a.m.	Fr. O'Neill	C Pisani, R Pisani	J Kenney, B Lento	V Marchesani	
7:00 p.m.	Fr. Johnson	Music Ministry	B Massey	T Andraka	A Rzepski
August 17 4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	J Galati, D Kreal N/P Kirincic	T Andraka	I Fulton, I Witting B Scarpa
August 18 8:30 a.m.	Father O'Neill	P Kelton R Pisani	A Del Campo-O'Brien B Lento, A Pajic, B Scarpa	J Vecchiola	M Ronan B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kapischke R Pisani	E Beckman, S Mohan D Thomas	J Mohan	J/P Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	G Nacarelli R Pisani	M Garber, B Haughwout A Thompson, D Staton	S Kane	K Johnson E Thompson