

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

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.	Parish Office	424-3212
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212
Rosary Ministry	Marian Kapischke	424-2053
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	344-7454
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	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212
Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Ch. Art Environment	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Eucharistic Ministers	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Lectors	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Linen Committee	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Sacristans	Dom Sacca	
	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 Kolojechick	346-4078
	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461

Social Development Bridge Groups

Career Ministry	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Funsters (over 50 club)	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Parish Festival	June Garafano	229-7461
Women's Club	Lin Lyon	795-4396
	Committee	424-3212
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	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

Adult Faith Formation Offerings

• **Anointing of the Sick**

Saturday, September 21
Parish Chapel - 9 am Mass

• **Paul's Letter to the Corinthians**

Mondays after the 9 am Mass
September 23-November 4

• **Invitation to a Journey called RCIA**

Tuesday Evenings - 7 pm
Beginning October 1

Call Sister Ann at 424-3212 to register.



**SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH PICNIC
ALL ARE INVITED**

Catechetical Sunday

September 15, 2013

12:30 – 3:00 PM

A Time for Fellowship, Food and Fun!

A Time to Connect after the Summer!

A Time to Welcome Back our Catechists and Students!

A Time to Launch our Religious Education Year!

Music! Entertainment for All! Children's Games and Crafts!

Pig Roast, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages and More!

Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share

IMPORTANT — Volunteers are needed for Set-Up on Saturday, 9/14/13 at 10:00 AM

Volunteers are needed to help clean-up after picnic. Many hands make light work.

Please consider volunteering an hour of your time.

Call Gary Gadren, 856-428-6830

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Has Different Standards

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30

Our standards in our society are so different from God's standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will judge us by our *Stewardship* and not earthly standards.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

August 18, 2013

\$8,078.50 - 198 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 18)

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.*

Praying Every Day

Many Christians, many Catholics, want to pray more—more often, more regularly, more deeply, more fervently. They sense that there is an “experience of prayer” that they are missing. But when they pray, their heart is dry, their mind is distracted, the will is weak. If this describes you, give thanks to God and pray that he will intensify this sense of failure! This place of defeat and disappointment is a blessed starting point. The closest disciples of Jesus (who were, after all, devout Jews who had been praying their whole lives), asked Jesus: “Teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). And St. Paul wrote: “We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words” (Rom 8:26). Part of the meaning of those mysterious words are that, if you desire to pray, you are already praying, and God is already listening.

But we must also set out to learn, to discipline our lives for prayer, to seek help from the wealth of the Catholic tradition concerning the “practice” of prayer. My thoughts about how to do that reflect my own struggles with prayer.

“Pray Without Ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17) . . .

The saints and spiritual teachers have meditated much on this injunction of St. Paul that we should pray constantly or unceasingly. The most common interpretation is that our hours and days should be constantly punctuated by brief cries or exclamations or thanksgiving to God. In this “practice of the presence of God” (Brother Lawrence), all our thoughts and actions, our joys and sorrows, become moments of communion with God. Maybe this is the way of prayer described by St. Therese of Lisieux in her autobiography: “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and love, embracing both trial and joy.”

Prayer “Hours” – Saying Our Prayers . . .

This constant “surge” toward God is foundational to prayer, but it is also necessary to sanctify our time, establishing a regular discipline of prayer—just as we establish times to eat, times to wake up, to go to work or school. It is important not to be too ambitious; the “hour” of prayer may sometimes be only a twenty minute span. But you will have to be a little hard on yourself – asking the hard question: what must change in my daily routine in order to make room for prayer. It may mean rising earlier; it may mean shutting of the t.v. or computer in time to pray before going to bed.

In the ceaseless turning to God moment by moment, prayer is fed by desire and emotion. But “saying my prayers” is, first of all, an *act of obedience*. Don't expect “holy feelings” to always attend your prayer. It is an acknowledgement, inscribed in the new ordering of your life, that you have been called by your baptism to pray, to seek communion with God through your own most personal imitative. But it is not *simply* an act of obedience. It will become also a holy habit of love – love of God and toward those for whom you pray.

But what do I actually do and say during the designated time of prayer? That will be the question for next week's reflection.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for August 31, and September 1, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	J Galati, T Petrone B Scarpa, G Tyrrell	F Egges	M/N Brown B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	J Garafano R Pisani	Sr. Bozena, B Lento B Massey, B Scarpa	P Lachnicht	K Johnson A/T Rumell
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer R Pisani	E Beckman, G Gadren S Mohan, M Santiago	J Mohan	A/K/W Quay
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal R Pisani	M Ciccotta, B Haughwout L Levin, D Staton	D Haughwout	A/I Cammisa H Rosenblatt

Women's Club News

• **Board Meeting:** Tues., August 27, 12:30 p.m.

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

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



Sunday, October 20, 2013

Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton

3-4 pm Cocktails (cash bar)

4-8 pm Dinner, Dancing and Drawing

New & Exciting Fundraiser and Social Gathering
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

- 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%

Dinner Ticket \$30.00 per person

Includes Buffet Dinner, Music, Dancing & Prizes

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

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 Pocięcha, CCE - 424-3212 ext. 106

Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill

GARDEN FESTIVAL

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

Homemade Polish Hot & Frozen Food
Homemade Baked Goods & Refreshments
American Food & Mr. Softee Ice Cream & More
Parking on site & at nearby Beck Middle School

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.

Diocese of Camden - Office of Child & Youth Protection

To attend one of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection, (826) 583-6165 or email Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org to register.

Please register at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend.

The CAP schedule, location phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website at www.camdendiocese.org.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul & St. Anthony of Padua School in Camden would like to thank those who made very generous donations of School Supplies last weekend.



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SATURDAY - AUGUST 24

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Josephine Shicatanò r/b daughter, Marie Glaviano

SUNDAY - AUGUST 25

8:30 am Brian Deutsch r/b Bailey/Kenny Families
10:00 am Nelson Matos r/b his sister, Norma Loretta Cirillo r/b Amelia & Ed Rivero Giliane & Jacques Liautaud r/b Family
11:30 am Marie Cammarasana r/b Joe Cammarasana

MONDAY - AUGUST 26

6:45 am Fr. Donald Trinkle
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Ron & Barbara Marchese

TUESDAY - AUGUST 27

6:45 am Cesarius Szawlewicz r/b McGeady Family
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 28

6:45 am Msgr. James Carr
9:00 am Ron & Barbara Reichmann r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

THURSDAY - AUGUST 29

6:45 am Gregg Schwartz r/b Henry & Kathy Glover
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Norma Matos Dolores Pearse r/b Frances Duffy

FRIDAY - AUGUST 30

6:45 am Deceased Members of Pottackal & Edapatt Families
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Gould Family

SATURDAY - AUGUST 31

9:00 am Elizabeth Wilson r/b Beverly & Vincent DeMasi
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Anthony Chiarella r/b Family

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 am Louis Casa r/b daughter, Mielyn & Family
10:00 am Giliane & Jacques Liautaud r/b Family Loretta Cirillo r/b Lynn Ellinger Lola Zbikowski r/b Lynn Ellinger
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE SICK...**

Don Kreal
Maria Storms
Phyllis Schadt
Ron Massey
Olga Mignone
Frank Colbert
Mary Cowan
Shirley Birch
Jean Colbert
Pat Barton
Leila Lore
Ed Rivero
Pat Beaney
YunYun Shen
Virginia Foley
Fran Swider
Rose Hession
Danny Perla
Anna Bedrick
Pat Brink
Ginny Fritz
Gary Scarpa

Claire Boylan
Naomi Willingmyre
George Sweeten
John B. Kennedy
Michael Kapischke
Betty O'Donnell
Marie Mazzagatti
Stanley Kochanek
Pauline Rosberg
Joseph Console
Geraldyn Coticone
Jerry McMenamin
Pasquale DiFronzo
Dorothy Wolenter
Mary Branciforte
Virginia Gormley
Angelo DiGiacomo
Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Francesca Capra
Harry Gindele
Deacon Jim Smith
Mary DeVito



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

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, Air Force Major Elizabeth Michael (Tobin), PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, Air Force Major James P. Tobin, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Sgt. Michael Willingmyre.

Magnificat Day: A unique gathering for liturgical prayer and music, inspirational talks, reflection, and much more!

Saturday, November 9, 2013

Pennsylvania Convention Center Keynote Speakers:



Fr. Robert Barron **Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP**

Author: Catholicism series Editor: Magnificat
Transportation and Registration provided by Parish. Call the Parish Office to Register; 424-3212.

DEADLINE REGISTRATION is OCTOBER 9.

All parish ministers are encouraged to attend especially catechists, SCC facilitators, liturgical ministers, etc..

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 1, 2013 - Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus said, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Commentary:

Everything we know now will be different in terms of the kingdom. So if we seek wealth, we should make friends with the poor, and if we want happiness, we ought to comfort the sorrowing. Whatever our ultimate goals are, we ought to aim in the direction of their opposites. This makes humility an all-purpose virtue. To get to the top, aim low. But humility can never be a ruse: you have to take delight in being little and unimportant. Francis of Assisi and Therese of Lisieux both understood this perfectly. It might take a bit of practice to get this right. Our society, after all, is set up in the opposite direction.

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?

'FUNSTER NEWS'




Funster Trips are open to all Parishioners & Friends

Air/Land Trips for 2014:

- **April 6-10, 2014**—2 nights in Charleston & 3 nights in Savannah. Book by Oct. 1.
- **May 23-June 1, 2014**—Portugal with a visit to Fatima. Book by Nov. 1.
- **July 11-19, 2014**—Trains of the Colorado Rockies with 4 different train experiences on Georgetown Loop, Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge, Royal Gorge and Pike Peak Cog Railway. Book by Jan. 1.

Limited number of seats on all trips. Book early for best rates & availability. **Call Lin, 795-4396, for more information and detailed itineraries.** Bus trip info for 2014 will be available this fall.

Next Meeting: Wed., Sept. 4 at 1 pm. All those going on Maine Train Trip are requested to attend.



Abortion is not a question of what a woman does with her own body. It's a question of what she and her doctor do to the entirely separate, unique human being who is developing inside her body. The right thing to do is to allow the baby to be born in order to fulfill God's plan for the parents and the baby.

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

**Discovery Retreat Day for
Special Needs Families**

Saturday, September 28 - 10 am to 3 pm
Discovery House, Mullica Township
~ Mass to follow dedicated to Our Families ~
A unique and comfortable opportunity to share lives, hopes and concerns in a trusting, comfortable and open atmosphere. Discovery House is completely accessible. *All are welcome to join us for all or part of the retreat day!*
Margie Abrams, 609-932-6134

FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS of all ages - 12th National Catholic Singles Conference, September 27-29, 2013
For more information and to register call 830-714-4677 or visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com.

1st Annual Bike Ride
The Children's Home

Saturday, September 7
To register or for more information:
Kids@chbc.org
609-267-1550 ext. 138
www.childrens-home.org

