

# 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 Pociеча, LSIC, Religious Education Coordinator  
 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.	Sister Katherine Pociеча	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	Stan Thompson	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
	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

Career Ministry  
 Funsters (over 50 club)  
 Parish Festival  
 Women's Club

### Administration

House of Charity	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Parish Finance Council	Robert Crawford	424-3212
Parish Pastoral Council	Marie Enny	751-8893

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

**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



**Saint Thomas More Parish Picnic**  
**All Are Invited**

**Catechetical Sunday**

2013 Theme:

**Open the Door of Faith**

CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY  
2013

**NEXT 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, call

Marianne Gorin at 346-1811.

**IMPORTANT** — Volunteers are needed for Set-Up on Saturday, 9/14/13 at 10 AM and also needed to help with clean-up after picnic. Many hands make light work. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time.  
*Gary Gadren, 856-428-6830*

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**



will be administered in our parish on **Saturday, September 21** at the **9 AM Mass** in the Chapel.

This sacrament can be received multiple times, even for the same illness as circumstances change.

*-Those with a chronic illness (arthritis, cancer, etc.)*

*-Those suffering from psychological/emotional illness, depression or addiction*

*-The infirm elderly & homebound (age related issues)*

*-Those preparing for surgery*

Please call the Parish Office, 424-3212, if you wish to receive this sacrament.

**St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society**

We will be collecting your donation of food or funds to purchase food, next weekend after all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

*Stan Thompson, President*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**September 1, 2013**

**\$8,650.50 - 210 Envelopes**

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

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 19)

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 (2)

Last time (Bulletin 8/24) we wrote about what St. Paul calls unceasing prayer – the thoughts and sighs, the silent cries for help, the “surge of the heart” (St. Therese of Lisieux) that the believer offers to God perpetually throughout the day. For the Christian, to live is to pray. But if we are to grow in faith and deepen our knowledge and love of God, our lives must be ordered also by a discipline of prayer.

### *The Sanctification of Time . . .*

In St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles (10:9) we learn something about the prayer habits of St. Peter the Apostle. Peter was a guest in a house in the seaside city of Joppa and St. Luke notes that “he went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour (noon time). For devout Jews of the time, certain hours of the days were “prayer hours”, and Peter seems to have held on to the habit as an Apostle of Jesus Christ. This tradition of prayer passed seamlessly into the life of the Church, in the Liturgy of the Hours prayed by the clergy and those in religious orders.

Lay people are bound by no strict rule of prayer. However, all the faithful are encouraged to pray some form of morning, evening, and bedtime prayer, along with the table blessings at meal times. However, if you are just beginning to establish a discipline of prayer in your life, or if your schedule is especially burdened, these set prayer “hours” may need to be brief. Or maybe one time during the day may be set aside as your consecrated time. For all of us, clergy or lay, *there will have to be sacrifices made, habits altered, and “needs” redefined, if we are to establish any discipline of prayer in our lives.*

### *The Sanctification of Place . . .*

Prayer is a human act. And human creatures live in time, and we live in place. Not all places are alike. Some are favorite places, blessed by memories and associations. Some places are holy, like the “inner room” Jesus speaks about where “the heavenly Father sees in secret”. Some places are unholy. If it is possible for you to establish a regular *place* for your regular prayers, it will be a great help to you. In that place there might be a candle ready to be lit, your rosary, a pillow to kneel upon, a crucifix or icon. Perhaps you are able to regularly visit a church or chapel at lunch time or on your way home from work. Maybe, when the weather allows, a familiar park bench in a relatively private setting may be your place of prayer.

### *Sanctified Words . . .*

You need a prayer book, one that will help you learn how to better pray, that will provide you with words to pray along with the saints, that will help you meditate on Scripture, that will deepen your understanding of the Faith and help you enter into the rhythms of the life of the Church. There are many such books available. For those who do not already have a favorite book, I recommend these two. (1) *Handbook of Prayers*, 7th Edition, published by Midwest Theological Forum, [www.theologicalforum.org](http://www.theologicalforum.org). (between 12 and 20 dollars). It's a true treasure of prayers and devotions, with very practical helps for praying the rosary, preparing to make your confession, etc. (2) *Magnificat*, [www.magnificat.com](http://www.magnificat.com) – a daily missal and prayer book, mailed to you each month (a year's subscription: \$65 [large print], \$45 regular size). It includes an order of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer for every day, beautifully printed and adorned with Christian art. Both books will immerse you in the holy language of prayer.

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## Ministry Schedule for September 14, and 15, 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	D Miller	A/K/W Quay B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	P Kelton R Pisani	B Lento, Sr. Bozena A Del Campo-O'Brien	J Vecchiola	A/J Zieba B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Choir, S Caccavale R Pisani	E Beckman K Glover, D Gould	V Marchesani	M/N Brown M Ronan
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	M Kramer R Pisani	B Haughwout L Levin, D Staton	S Kane	G/M Gray I Witting

### *Women's Club News*

• **Membership Brunch:** Sun., Sept. 29 after 11:30 Mass – **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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

### 1st Annual Saint Thomas More Parish Harvest Festival and Raffle Drawing



Sunday, **October 20, 2013**

Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton, NJ

**3-4 pm Cocktails (cash bar)**

**4-8 pm Dinner, Dancing and Raffle Drawing**

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

**Dinner Ticket \$30.00 per person**

Includes Buffet Dinner, Music, Dancing & Prizes

**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*

**This will be the only Parish Fundraiser for the year. Please plan to participate.**

*Tickets on Sale after all Masses.*

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechists in-service meeting this Tuesday evening, September 10, at 7:00 in the Hall.

ATTENTION First Graders & New Parishioners  
Letters outlining start-up information for the 2013/2014 Religious Education Program have been mailed this past week to all families who were part of our program last year.

If your child is not yet registered, please obtain a registration form from the gathering space or online at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>.

**Classes begin September 17.**

*Sr. Katherine Pociacha, 424-3212 - ext. 106*

### YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students Jr. – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
Youth Group Social Media sites are being established — Stay tuned for information on how to stay connected to your Youth Group.

**Upcoming Event:**

**NEXT WEEKEND - Service hours opportunity, while having fun!**

- **Parish Festival**

- Help with set-up at 9:30 a.m. on Sat., Sept. 14
- Help needed during the event, Sunday afternoon
- Contact Mr. Thompson, Youth Group Coordinator, if you have any questions (856-424-1120)



Invitation to a Journey called RCIA  
**TUESDAYS AT 7 PM BEGINNING OCT. 1**  
**Extend an invitation to Family, Friends, Co-workers, etc. Invite them to call Sister Ann, 424-3212, for more information.**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Meeting this Thurs., September 12, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.



*Sheila Mohan,*



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 7**

9:00 am Frances M. McHugh r/b Jim & Sheila DeCrescenzo  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Don Heister r/b Buzz Cirillo

**SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8**

8:30 am Cora Colantonio r/b Chick & Ellie Perrotto  
10:00 am Loretta Cirillo r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas  
Dorothy Brink r/b Pat & Don  
Joseph Flacco r/b Gary Gadren  
11:30 am Michael DeLuca r/b Dad, Kathryn, & Michelle

**MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 9**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Teri Bones

**TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 10**

6:45 am Rev. Leonard Jordick r/b McGeady Family  
9:00 am Louis Casa r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

**WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 11**

6:45 am Remembering the Victims of 9/11  
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

**THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 12**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Albert Marino r/b Cecilia and Family  
Frederick Govito, Jr. r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass  
Dolores Pearse r/b Margaret Pearse

**FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 13**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Lucy Rossi r/b Rossi Family

**SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 14**

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Deceased Members of the Glaviano Family r/b Frank & Marie Glaviano

**SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 15**

8:30 am Richard Jeschke r/b Beverly & Vincent DeMasi  
10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Cora Colantonio r/b Aunt Em, her girls & their families  
Bernauer Family r/b Mildred Leber  
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**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
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
Mary DeVito	Ann Marie Lento



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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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..

**The 2014 MASS BOOK is NOW OPEN for your  
Mass Intentions.**

### Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 15, 2013 - Luke 15:1-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." (Jesus then relates three parables: 1) searching after one lost sheep while leaving the 99 behind; 2) the woman who has ten coins, loses one, and searches throughout the house until she finds the lost coin; 3) the parable of the Prodigal Son. Following the story of the lost sheep, Jesus says, "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." Following the story of the lost coin, Jesus says, "I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." At the end of the story of the Prodigal Son, the Father in the story says, "We must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Commentary:

Luke keeps assuring his readers of God's amazing acceptance of sinners. God makes the first move, even before the sinner is ready to return. Self-righteous people think God must follow their rules. They think they determine whom and how God will forgive. Jesus says God follows God's own rules. Christians are being told not to imitate the religious "snobs" of Jesus' day. Christians must let God be God and not presume to tell God who can be saved and how people must be saved."

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?



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Since 2007 through prayer & fasting, peaceful vigil, and grassroots outreach the international 40 Days for Life campaign has seen 7,536 babies lives saved, 83 abortion clinic workers converted and 37 abortion facilities go completely OUT OF BUSINESS! God has used ordinary people to accomplish these extraordinary things.

**Be a part of the next campaign! Sept. 25-Nov. 3**

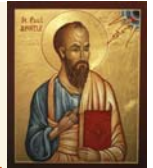
**Pray & Fast:** need not be food, offer any sacrifice

**Community Outreach:** talk about the issue. Let people know that NO BABY IS UNWANTED!

**Peaceful Vigil:** the most visible part of the campaign is constant vigil at the local abortion facility. In nearby Cherry Hill there are 2. Can you spare 1 hour a week to pray PEACEFULLY outside the Cherry Hill Women's Center (502 N. Kings Highway)? **We will be there 7 am until 7 pm every day for 40 days.** Local police are informed we will be there. We do not judge or yell or have offensive signs. We are there only to show God's love and mercy to clients and staff. You would never be there alone. This requires many volunteers! Only way to end abortion is through Prayer and Penance. Please join this campaign.

*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

Scripture Study: This fall the scripture study "Paul's Letter to the Corinthians" will be offered (Mondays, Sept. 23-Nov. 4) after the 9 am Mass in the Parish Hall.



*This study of First Corinthians will give us a view into the life and development of one very dynamic Christian community.*

**Please call Sr. Ann, 424-3212, by MON., SEPT. 9 to register for this Little Rock Scripture Study.**

**'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.