

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
 Pat Maggart 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 751-1367
 Tom Petrilli 428-2412
 Greta Tyrrell 309-1999
 Ushers Frank Krenslak 609-488-0020
 Music Ministry Roger Pisani, Director 988-0271
 Dolores Kreal 346-4078
 Len Kolojejchick 229-7461
 June Garafano, Youth Singers

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

**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

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.

SCC Facilitator's Meeting

All Small Christian Community Facilitators are asked to attend our first semester training session on Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m.-12 noon in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Father Johnson will speak on the keys to approaching Scripture. Part of the session will also be **"Questions about the Faith"**—Come prepared with questions that have arisen in your SCC or that you have about the Faith or Scripture!! We look forward to seeing you on the 12th. Any questions call Sister Ann at 424-3212.

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE for Children's Home
MARK YOUR CALENDAR - OCTOBER 26/27

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
September 22, 2013

\$9,147.50 - 219 Envelopes

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

The Pope's Interview

Fr. Phillip Johnson

I interrupt my “Catholic Faith in Slow Motion” series to share a few thoughts about the recent interview with our new pope that caused something of a media stir. This wide-ranging interview, published last week, took place during three meetings in August. It was conducted by Antonio Sarada, S.J., chief editor of *La Civita Cattolica*, on behalf of a number of Jesuit magazines around the world, including the English language publication *America*. You can read the entire interview at americamagazine.org/pope-interview.

Reductive Headlines . . .

Speaking to a group of graduating university students, Bill Clinton once advised that, if you care about the truth of a newspaper report, skip the headline, scan the first couple of paragraphs, and turn to the “back story” where the actual facts and details can be found. Good advice. However, when it comes to the secular media coverage of Catholic matters, even the “back pages” may be of little use.

Reductive thinking (impatient, simplistic, sound-bite thinking that can't escape caricature and distortion) is the intellectual original sin. It kills understanding. Reductive thinking is often caused by laziness, by bias, by ideological commitments, and especially by *impatience with mystery*. It results in the inability to step out of familiar categories of thought that are inadequate to the subject at hand. With regard to the “news and analysis” of popes, the familiar categories are “conservative” and “liberal” as applied to certain hot button issues that are these days so troubling to the peace of the Catholic Church.


So, when Pope Francis says, for example—in that open and frank way of his that both charms and alarms—that we cannot be all the time talking about abortion or birth control, that there are many matters of justice that the Church must attend to, conservatives fear and liberals hope that some dramatic change in the Church's teaching is on the horizon. Or when the holy father thinks out loud about the suffering of a young man with homosexual desires, asking, “who am I to judge?” the same sorts of fears and hopes line up opposite one another.

From many of the headlines, you would have no idea that, in a long and leisurely interview (12,000 words) only a few sentences are given to these matters. And what they address is not the substantive teachings of the Church but the call to speak and live the truth with love—as our pope says, to welcome sinners in love and *begin* with wherever they are on their journey. The fact is, there is nothing in the interview, nor in the history of this remarkable Christian pastor, that signals a break with the substantive teaching of the Church.

Evangelism, not Imperialism . . .

My “take” on our new pope might seem to comfort conservatives and distress liberals. But hold on. It can hardly be denied that this pope's manner and words, his true simplicity of life and love for the poor, his casting off of traditional trappings of papal dignity, his call to abandon all moral and religious triumphalism do, in fact, signal serious change in *papal and Catholic self-understanding*. But this change did not begin with Pope Francis I; it has been at work a long time (so I don't buy the reductive contrasts with his recent predecessors, none of whom fit easily into the accepted conservative–Liberal dualism). To understand this change of direction I would recommend George Weigel's book *Evangelical Catholicism* (published well before the present pope took office). Maybe I will find opportunity in a future article to ponder some parts of Weigel's analysis, which I think offers both conservatives and liberals much to think about. Meanwhile, I hope you will read every word of this lovely interview with our 266th Bishop of Rome.

Ministry Schedule for October 5, and 6, 2013					
Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal B Casey	J DeMichele, S Mohan G Tyrrell	J Mohan	D Ha J/P Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale R Pisani	B Lento, A Pajic Sr. Rosaria	J Vecchiola	A/T Rumell B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir, R Kapischke R Pisani	D Gould N/P Kirincic	F Eggles	A/I Cammisa C Cepeda
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	M Garber, S Moore A Thompson	D Haughwout	E Thompson A/J Zieba



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.

- Those not baptized
- Those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church
- Those baptized Catholic but have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

An enrollment of all seventh grade candidates into the Confirmation preparation program will be held next Sunday, October 6, during the 10:00 Mass.
Following the Enrollment Mass, all seventh grade students and their parents are invited to take part in the first Confirmation I class which will be held in the St. Thomas More Hall.
Sr. Katherine Pociecha, REC, 424-3212 - ext. 106

STM youth

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 6th through 8th grades

Upcoming Events:
Scary Hayride - Saturday evening, 10/19/13 - Jr. & Sr. Youth Group Event @ Indian Acres (Medford - Tuckerton Rd). Stay tuned for more details.
Follow us @stmyouthnj - [Twitter.com/stmyouthnj](https://twitter.com/stmyouthnj)
Like our Page /stmyouthnj - [Facebook.com/stmyouthnj](https://facebook.com/stmyouthnj)

Or Scan the code for the Links, News, and Sign up List for STM Youth plus you can contact us at youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you.



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; catechists, SCC facilitators, liturgical ministers, etc..

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

If you donate through Payroll Deduction:
The House of Charity is a donor choice option in many employee giving campaigns.
ASK TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED - This gives them permission to give us your name & gift amount for parish credit.

WRITE House of Charity, 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08012 in the donor choice field, OR, use a code number assigned to us by the Agency collecting your payroll deduction.

Tear off a card from poster, in gathering space, for Agency Codes assigned to the House of Charity.



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Cora Colantonio & John Orlando r/b
the Ruocchio Family

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 am William McColgan r/b John & Sheila Mohan
10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul
Society r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
Louis Casa r/b St. Thomas More Women's
Club
Anna Byrnes r/b Family
11:30 am Special Intentions of St. Thomas More
Women's Club Members

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 30

6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley
9:00 am Loretta Cirillo r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 1

6:45 am Paul Charette r/b Sheila Moore
9:00 am Dorothy Brink r/b Pat & Don

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 2

6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Marie Flowers
9:00 am Marie DiFrank r/b Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 3

6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Marie Budroe
9:00 am Lillian Reader r/b Lillian Creedon
Tom Wilkins r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso
Jacqueline Hudak r/b Gregory Wolfe

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 4

6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Gary Gadren
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Friends

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 5

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Donald F. Myers r/b Joan & Jack Hyer

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 6

8:30 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Ed & Amelia Rivero
10:00 am Loretta Cirillo r/b St. Thomas More
Women's Club
Kenneth J. Karnal r/b Mr & Mrs Paul Fox
Ryan Travis r/b Dick & Claire Spence
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

How will You Respond? Would you like to make a difference in your community, the country or the world? **RESPONSE 2014**, a guide of faith-based service opportunities is now available—and it's *free*. For your *free* copy call 800-543-5046 or email info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

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	Henry Bourgeois	
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	
Fran Swider	Mary Branciforte	
Rose Hession	Virginia Gormley	
Danny Perla	Angelo DiGiacomo	
Anna Bedrick	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	
Pat Brink	Eleanor Regan	
Ginny Fritz	Harry Gindele	
Mary DeVito	Deacon Jim Smith	
	Helen Kane	
	Alfred DiFrank	
	Chris Kolodzey	
	Ethan Killeen	
	Carlos Santiago	
	Betty Brennan	
	Barbara Salpas	
	Michael Suralik	
	Bill O'Donnell	
	Teddy Shaffer	
	Bill Botensten	
	Chase Lupica	
	Frank Cappetta	
	Francesca Capra	
	Sue Hagan	
	Julia Lepre	
	Ann Marie Lento	

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.

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Youth and Family Services and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call **1-800-964-6588**.

Small Christian Communities - Singles Group

This Advent Season we will be continuing our Small Christian Communities Singles Group at the Parish Hall on Wednesdays at 7 PM. The group is for those without partners: single, widowed, divorced, of all ages. Our present community has benefited from being together and sharing their faith. We look forward to welcoming new members. Please contact group facilitator Gaye Pino at hrrsx02b@yahoo.com or 609-605-4006 with any questions.

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 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 6, 2013 - Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

Commentary:

In the Gospel reading, the disciples ask for an increase in faith. Jesus is saying they do not need to be heroes. An ordinary amount of trust in God's help will help them accomplish great things. Transplanting a mulberry tree into the sea is a highly exaggerated example. It serves, however, to make the point: "What is impossible for human beings is possible for God." (Luke 18:27)

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?

**HISPANIC CELEBRATION - YEAR OF FAITH
DIOCESE OF CAMDEN**

Los invitamos a todos el dia viernes 25 de octubre de 2013 en la Parroquia Divina Misericordia en Vineland de 6:30 pm a 9:00 pm.

Obispo Dennis Sullivan estara presidiendo la Eucaristia. Para mayor informacion por favor comunicarse con la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano al 583-6170 o andres.arango@camdendiocese.org.

'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.



"Open your hearts to life!" explores this recurring theme of Pope Francis, defeating the culture of rejection and death and our role in the new Evangelization.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND on
RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY:**

Respect Life Collection is the primary source of funding for Right to Life activities and initiatives. Please support this collection.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Archbishop Damiano School for Special Needs Children and St. John of God Community Services offers children and adults with disabilities Family Faith Formation.

Those who have received Sacraments have option of general Scripture Study with arts & crafts, etc. or participation in Bell Choir. Special emphasis on children & adults with autism. We invite immediate family to play an active role in the faith formation of those involved in our program.

Register at www.brothersofstjohnofgod.org - Find link on main page; Special Needs Faith Formation Program or contact Bro. Thomas Osorio, O.H., 848-4700 ext. 1142.