

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 Pociecha, 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 Gaden	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 Pociecha	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
	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Church Environment	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	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

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

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

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..

SCC Facilitator's Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m.-12 noon

in the St. Thomas More Hall

Any questions call Sister Ann at 424-3212.

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

Dinner Ticket \$30.00 per person

Includes Buffet Dinner, Music & Dancing

Raffle Ticket \$100.00 each

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are meeting this Thursday,

October 10, after the 9 a.m.

Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.



Sheila Mohan, Chair

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

September 29, 2013

\$8,546.50 - 204 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 21)

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.*

The Lord's Day

The Sanctification of Time . . .

In our time, time itself has become problematic. “There is never enough time,” we complain. Unless we are in the midst of some misery, then time crawls; there is too much time. And the problem of time is, of course, all tied up with the problem of death. The frantic race against time, has much to do with this race against death. In his *Meditations on Liturgy*, the monk Thomas Merton wrote of the anxiety of the “modern pagan,” the “child of technology,” who “lives not only below the level of grace but below the level of nature—below his own humanity. . . . In such a world, a man's life is no longer even a seasonal cycle. It is a linear flight into nothingness, a flight from reality and from God” (*Meditations on Liturgy*, p. 31).

The gospel of Jesus Christ banishes this demonic fear of time. By his resurrection from the dead, Christ has declared his lordship over time, banishing the demons that would make time our enemy. By faith in Christ, time is no longer the thief that steals away our happiness; it is the herald announcing the approach of a destination. In the rhythms of her liturgical calendar, by her sacramental time-keeping, the Church announces Christ's “taming” of time. Christian worship breathes with this sense of the transformation of time.

Sabbath Rest . . . Lord's Day . . .

“Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy” (Ex. 20:8; Deut. 5:12). This third commandment of the Decalogue establishes the principle of biblical time-keeping. The commandment recalls that on the seventh “day” of creation, the Creator declared the creation good, and “rested” from his creating labors. Just so, God's creatures may join in God's Sabbath rest, knowing that we do not have work 24/7. God is Creator and we are not. We are commanded to rest as an act of faith in our Creator.

After Christ “rested” from the “labor” of our redemption, after his Sabbath rest in the grave, he was raised to Life Eternal, establishing the first day of all days. The Sabbath or seventh day was not forgotten; it was fulfilled, its meaning taken up into the new “Day of the Sun”—“when the disciples gathered together on the first day of the week to break bread” (Acts 20:7). From the first, Christians were urged “not to neglect the meeting together, as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another” (Heb.10:25).

“The Church which waits for her Lord and anticipates the revelation of his lordship over all the kingdoms of this world, will never abandon the sign of Sunday. . . . This day proclaims loudly to all the world, even the modern heathen world, that man through his own care and work can never build the kingdom of eternal glory” (A. De Querrain). This is why the law of the Church makes clear that Sunday “is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church” (can. 1246)

Holy Leisure . . .

As an ancient Christian sermon urges: “Come to Church early, approach the Lord, and confess your sins, repent in prayer. . . . Be present at the sacred and divine Liturgy, conclude in prayer and do not leave before the dismissal. . . . This day is given to you for prayer and rest. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for October 12, and 13, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	M Kramer R Pisani	D Kreal, B Massey I Rellosa	T Andraka	I Witting, L Smith B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	P Kelton R Pisani	Sr. Bozena, J Kenney A Del Campo-O'Brien	P Lachnicht	M/T Dautle B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir, D Kreal R Pisani	D Gould M Hunyh, M Santiago	J Arnold	K Johnson, M Ronan H Rosenblatt
11:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	C Malatino R Pisani	Sr. Sophia G Gadren, L Levin	V Marchesani	A/K/W Quay A/J Zieba

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., October 9, 7:30 p.m.
- **General Meeting:** Wed., October 23, 1:00 - Yvonne Turner is our guest speaker.

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

IT'S COMING!

'APPLE PIES & MORE'

October 26/27
after all Masses



Donate a **HOMEMADE** baked good.



Need more information?
Call Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924.
Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Women's Club

STM youth

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

Upcoming Events:

Haunted Walk through Indian Acres Farm - Saturday, 10/19/13, 7:30-9:30 p.m. - Jr. & Sr. Youth Group Event @ Indian Acres (Medford - Tucker-ton Rd). \$20 per person (pay that evening & bring completed permission form). **BRING A FRIEND!** A flyer with more details & permission form is in the gathering space.

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Like are Page /stm youthnj - [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.



Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

An enrollment of all seventh grade candidates into the Confirmation preparation program will be held *this 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.

A mandatory meeting outlining the preparation program for the sacrament of Reconciliation will be held for parents of second grade children next Sunday, October 13, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Liturgy of the Word for Children - This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages 3 through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed.

Sr. Katherine Pocięcha, REC, 424-3212 - ext. 106

House of Charity

Employee Giving Campaign

Many businesses have begun their Employee Giving Campaigns and continue to solicit donations through the fall months. Whether through the United Way or another corporate giving campaign, employees welcome the opportunity to participate when they can direct their donations toward charities that reflect their beliefs and social concerns.

If you donate through Payroll Deduction & wish to designate your donation toward a particular charity the *House of Charity* is a donor choice option.

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY - OCTOBER 7

6:45 am Ryan Travis r/b Greta Tyrrell
9:00 am John Eakins r/b Balco Family

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 8

6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Gaye Pino
9:00 am Henry Ryszkiewicz r/b his daughter, Gerri

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 9

6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b the Tagland Family
9:00 am Sue M. Buttacavoli r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 10

6:45 am Jose I. Arbaleda, Jr. r/b Dr. & Mrs. Tomas
A. Manalo, Jr.
9:00 am Dorothy Savage r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
Tom Wilkins r/b Marilyn Derivaux
Frank Manco r/b Gaye Pino

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 11

6:45 am Ryan Travis r/b Gary Gadren
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Friends

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 12

9:00 am Louis Casa r/b daughter, Kayla, & grand
daughter, Liliana
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Lillian Iannuzzi r/b Beckman Family

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 13

8:30 am Giuseppe Bravata r/b Ed & Amelia Rivero
10:00 am Bernie Leber r/b his wife, Mildred
Francisco Fernandez r/b Edwin Fernandez
Marie Mazzagatti r/b Joe & Debbie
Mazzagatti
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

Life in the Spirit Seminars - Sundays; Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 7:30-9 pm at St. Rose of Lima, Haddon Heights.
An opportunity to renew your personal relationship with the person, the work, and the power of the Holy Spirit. For more info call Chick Warrington, 783-7117.

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	Helen Kane
Fran Swider	Mary Branciforte	Alfred DiFrank
Rose Hession	Virginia Gormley	Chris Kolodzey
Danny Perla	Angelo DiGiacomo	Ethan Killeen
Anna Bedrick	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Carlos Santiago
Pat Brink	Eleanor Regan	Betty Brennan
Ginny Fritz	Harry Gindele	Barbara Salpas
Mary DeVito	Deacon Jim Smith	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.

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE for Children's Home

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - OCTOBER 26/27

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society

COLLECTION - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

In every nation, World Mission Sunday will be observed on the weekend of October 19-20.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father's chief missionary arm, providing resources for more than 1,150 mission dioceses the world over. No work of the Church is more central to her reason for being. Nothing is more important!

This year the materials prepared by the Society highlight the missionary efforts of the Salesian Sisters in Chennai, India, and their pastoral work among young women and girls who are victims of trafficking and slavery. The Sisters save the girls' lives, and with love they teach and celebrate the Faith. It is a most inspiring glimpse into missionary realities today.

At a time when the needs in the Missions have grown substantially, and the urgency of the cry of the poor is all the more pronounced, please be as generous as possible.

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 13, 2013 - Luke 17:11-19

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when Jesus saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Commentary:

The ten lepers exemplify aspects of our relationship with God: acknowledgement of **need** ("Have pity on us"), **obedience** ("Go...as they were going"), and **reception of divine mercy** ("they were cleansed"). The Samaritan leper demonstrates another aspect of this relationship: only when he returns to glorify God and thank Jesus, does Jesus reveal that he has, in fact, been saved. For us, as for the Samaritan leper, salvation is revealed and experienced in worship and thanksgiving.

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

Be a part of this campaign!
September 25-November 3

**Bishop Dennis Sullivan will be at the
abortion clinic on October 9.**

The most visible part of the campaign is constant vigil at the local abortion facility. 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.**

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

"Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group"

Sunday, November 3 - 2:00-3:30 pm

Rev. Michael Romano, Director of Vocations (583-2858), is hosting this group at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Williamstown, NJ. Young men; junior or senior in high school, college student or in professional world (up to 39 years old) who feel the possible call to the priesthood are invited.

MEN IN BLACK - THEOLOGY ON TAP
Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their late teens (18-19), 20s & 30s. **FREE EVENT - Next date: November 12, 7 pm, at Dubh Linn Square, Cherry Hill**



HELP WANTED

FOR APPLE PIE MAKING

WHEN: Friday, October 25
after the 9:00 Mass

If you peel apples, you
qualify to help!

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to **all** Parishioners & Friends

Air/Land Trips for 2014:

- **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.



Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

A member of the Knights will be in the gathering space, next weekend, after all Masses.