

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

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



NEXT 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
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

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE *for Children's Home*

OCTOBER 26/27

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society

House of Charity

Employee Giving Campaign

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.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED...

For Saturday 4:30 Mass; pick up and drop off parishioners at St. Benedict's Place and The Village.

Please call John Mohan, 795-6137, or Ron Massey, 767-4734.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

October 6, 2013

\$8,997.60 - 221 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 22)

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation (part 1)

The unexamined life is not worth living. (Aristotle, 350 B. C.)

To those who have been far away from the sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love, I make this appeal: come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid! Christ himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God! (John Paul II, September 13, 1987)

“For the sake of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor. 5:20) . . .

The Sacrament of Confession, of Penance, of Forgiveness: the Church calls this sacrament by several names. However, “the Sacrament of Reconciliation” is especially useful in helping us to understand the central mystery that takes place in the confessional. It helps us to understand that the sacrament is about our *relationship to God, to others, and to ourselves.*

The word “sin” is a relational term. Sin is not simply the breaking of a rule; it is the injuring of love. Certain sinful actions (“grave” sins) by their nature entail the complete betrayal of God’s love, spiritual adultery, *estrangement* from God. In truth, any persistent sin, committed knowingly and pretentiously, can land us, like the prodigal son, in that “far country,” far from the “Father’s house.” It is not that God abandons us, but that we abandon God.

Examination of Conscience . . .

Like all the sacraments, Confession is not simply a ritual to be enacted. It is a truly human action, involving the whole self. It is a true spiritual initiative of the will and of the heart, a self-giving in response to Christ’s *prior* initiative of sacrificial love. Barring dire emergencies, a hurried sacrament is a contradiction in terms. Receiving God’s forgiveness is hardly a matter of a crisp business transaction!

Just so, we must take time to prepare for making our confession by an honest examination of our lives. This must involve listening to God’s word, looking into the mirror of God’s law; our consciences have to be trained and sensitized to God’s will before we can recognize our sins. Guides for “making a good confession” provide helpful methods of self-examination. I find most useful the ones that help me focus on my *relationships* – to God and his Church, to family and friends and those among whom I work, to myself (my vocation, my money, my habits, fears, compulsions). And it is crucial to honest self-examination that we confront the sins of *omission* as well as those of *commission*: it is often by “what we have failed to do” that sin’s power, in our lives, is revealed.

Placing Ourselves Under the Cross of Jesus . . .

Christian self-examination will always take place in the shadow of the Cross. It is in the dark light of the Cross that we begin to understand what sin actually is: the crucifixion of innocence and love. While at the same time, it is the Cross that reveals to us the depths of God’s love for us and the extremes to which God has gone to reconcile us sinners to himself.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for October 19, and 20, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	D Kreal B Casey	S Mohan, P Rossi G Tyrrell	J Mohan	B Scarpa J/P Wachman
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	M Kramer R Pisani	J Kenney, B Lento B Scarpa	D Miller	C Cepeda, A Rzepski B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir, G Nacarelli R Pisani	J DeMichele, D Gould M Huynh	D Mayfield	E Barbera G/M Gray
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisani R Pisani	G Gadren, S Moore D Staton	V Marchesani	R Caton, J Pol D DeMarco

Women's Club News

- **General Meeting:** Wed., October 23, **1:00** - Features a "Cooking Class" - Yvonne Turner will demonstrate cooking techniques using favorite recipes in a menu inspired by the fall season.

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

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



Career Transition Partnership has developed a curriculum of **FREE** training programs and a mentoring service to assist job seekers in their transition. Join us at St. Isaac Jogues, Marlton and Temple Emanuel, Springdale Rd., CH. Our workshop topics are subject to change.

For a complete workshop schedule for the remainder of the year go to www.ctpnj.org. Our website presents additional information to aid you in your employment transition.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

The first Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held next Sunday, October 20, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend.

Like our **Facebook Page**
www.Facebook.com/stm.rep

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

STM youth

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

Upcoming Events:

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

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Like our Page /stm youthnj - [Facebook.com/stmyouthnj](https://www.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



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Giuseppi 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

MONDAY - OCTOBER 14

- 6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Carol Koelsch
- 9:00 am Marie DiFrank r/b Sheila Moore

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 15

- 6:45 am Peggy O'Malley r/b McGeady Family
- 9:00 am Marie DiFrank r/b Dick & Claire Spence

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 16

- 6:45 am Stella Mucci r/b Lorraine Caruso
- 9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Friends

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 17

- 6:45 am Helen Hepner r/b David & Elaine Griffin
- 9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
Tom Wilkins r/b Jeanne Degnan
Robert Schadt r/b Phyllis & Family

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 18

- 6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Florianna Gilden
- 9:00 am Rob Moore r/b Sheila Moore

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 19

- 9:00 am Marie DiFrank r/b Lynn Casa
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 4:30 pm Viola Angelozzi r/b Annette Canal

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 20

- 8:30 am Marie DiFrank r/b Marie Budroe
- 10:00 am Bridie Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Eleanor Scarpa r/b Gary & son, Ken
Tom Wilkins r/b Dick & Claire Spence
- 11:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... Dr. Louis Petrozza.

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	Helen Kane
Ed Rivero	Jerry McMenamin	Alfred DiFrank
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo	Chris Kolodzey
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter	Ethan Killeen
Fran Swider	Mary Branciforte	Carlos Santiago
Rose Hession	Virginia Gormley	Betty Brennan
Danny Perla	Angelo DiGiacomo	Barbara Salpas
Anna Bedrick	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Michael Suralik
Pat Brink	Eleanor Regan	Bill O'Donnell
Ginny Fritz	Harry Gindele	Teddy Shaffer
Mary DeVito	Deacon Jim Smith	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, AFMajor Elizabeth Michael (Tobin), PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, AFMajor James P. Tobin, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Sgt. Michael Willingmyre.

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society:

In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God.

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help the poor? We will be collecting food or funds to purchase food, next weekend, after all Masses.

Stan Thompson, President

WHITE MASS

Healthcare Workers & St. Luke's Awards

Next Sunday, October 20 at 1 p.m. in Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Med. Ctr., 1600 Haddon Ave., Camden. If you would like to attend please call 342-4150 or email Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 7 p.m.
In the Office Conference Room

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 20, 2013 - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time, the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

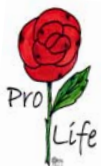
Commentary:

Luke's Gospel is noted for his preaching on prayer. He also pays great attention to women, especially poor women. Widows were dependent on other men in the family. A widow had no state aid, nor could she work. If she had no one to help her, she had to beg. The widow in this story comes to the judge to help her get her rights. Since she was too poor to offer a bribe, he at first ignores her. But she kept insisting on her rights. The judge was afraid of her. He eventually gave in. If such a worthless judge would answer such pleas, would the loving God do any less? On the contrary, says Jesus, God will respond to people. God will bring them swift justice. Will God find people with the same unconquerable trust as this widow?

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?

HEARTLAND HOSPICE - Volunteer opportunities: Administrative (office), Friendly visitor or Pet therapy (must be certified). Training is provided free of charge. For info or for application packet, please call 251-0707.



If indeed 87% of the US claims to be "People of Faith" why are there only a handful of dedicated and committed prayer warriors at the abortion mills? 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 until Nov. 3.**

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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.**



We need your E-mail address: Please provide the parish office your e-mail address so that you and your family can stay informed about parish services, events, news of our community and messages from our pastor Father Phillip Johnson.

NAME _____

E-Mail _____

Any other changes or updates? _____

Please place this tear off in the collection basket **OR**

E-mail sthomasmore@comcast.net . Be sure to include your full family name in the subject area.