

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
Career Ministry	June Garafano	229-7461
Funsters (over 50 club)	Lin Lyon	795-4396
Parish Festival	Committee	424-3212
Women's Club	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.

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**



**THIS SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 2013**

Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton, NJ
**LAST CHANCE, THIS WEEKEND,
TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKET
AFTER ALL MASSES**

**Dinner Ticket \$30.00 per person
Includes Buffet Dinner, Music & Dancing
Raffle Ticket \$100.00 each**

This is the only Parish Fundraiser

**CHILDREN'S HOME FALL CLOTHING DRIVE
OCTOBER 26/27**

A truck from *The Children's Home* will be in the church parking lot, **NEXT WEEKEND**, collecting gently used clothing (**children's & adults**), used small appliances and athletic gear. Thank you for your support.



Gary Gadren, Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society

*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.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
October 13, 2013**

\$8,020.00 - 210 Envelopes

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

Parish Council Nominations---Weekend of October 26/27

Next weekend we will be having Nominations for our Parish Council at each Mass. At this time we are seeking 2 new members. Each parishioner will be given a nomination form and asked to nominate 2 people for the Parish Council. The nominations will be tallied and the top 10 nominees names given to Father Johnson to choose 2 new Council Members.

Our Current Council Members:

Marie Enny (Chairperson)

Joyce DeMichele, Ann Vigrass, Daniel Miller, Ellie Mayfield, Angelo Ariani, Gaye Pino, Reno Ciccotta, Barbara Cerquitella /Lorraine Kennedy (Women's Club Representatives)

Staff Members are present for Council Meetings: Father Johnson, Sister Ann, Sister Katherine, Sheila Tartamosa, Roger Pisani, Stan Thompson

Purpose of the Parish Council: Parish Pastoral Councils provide a way for pastors to consult their people. The members of the Council offer their wisdom prudently, with regard to pastoral matters connected with the life and mission of the parish. The council's three tasks are to examine, to consider and to recommend.

Membership Criteria:

Size — recommended numbers range from 9 to 12.



Representation — The Parish Council should be representative of the whole parish and reflect the diversity of our parish.

Qualities Needed for Council Members:

- ▶ a parish member in full communion with the Church
- ▶ who attends Mass and receives the Sacraments regularly
- ▶ person of prayer who is seeking spiritual growth and a deeper knowledge of the Faith
- ▶ who has an awareness of the challenges facing the Church in our time
- ▶ who listens to others patiently, gives advice frankly, recognizes the gifts of others and values consensus
- ▶ who has the ability to examine, consider and recommend
- ▶ who is generous with their time and talent

Term of Office: Each member is appointed for a 3 year term with a possible 3 year renewal.

Meeting Time Responsibilities: The Parish Council meets between 4 and 5 times a year.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for October 26, and 27, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father O'Neill	C Pisani R Pisani	N/P Kirincic D Kreal	T Andraka	B Scarpa I Fulton, I Witting
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	P Kelton R Pisani	A Del Campo-O'Brien B Lento, B Scarpa	P Lachnicht	E Barbera K Johnson, B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke R Pisani	E Beckman, J Mazzagatti S Mohan	J Mohan	A/K/M Quay
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer R Pisani	M Garber, S Kane A Thompson	J Arnold	L Smith E Thompson



'APPLE PIES & MORE'

NEXT WEEKEND

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



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.
- **Board Meeting: Wed., Nov. 13 at 7:30 pm**

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



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

STM youth

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

Upcoming Events:

20% of your purchases from the California Pizza Kitchen (2000 Rt. 38, Cherry Hill - 856-910-8121) on **Monday, Nov. 4 thru Friday, Nov. 8** will benefit **STM Youth** and the Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council 6173 (**COUPON in next week's bulletin**) **Your support would be greatly appreciated!**

Follow us @stmyouthnj - *Twitter.com/stmyouthnj*
Like our Page /stmyouthnj - *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.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The first Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held this 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.

THINK FIRST & STAY SAFE, a safe environment program for the religious education programs in the Camden Diocese, will be presented to all students on Tuesday, October 22 during regular class hours; in grades one through four at 4:30 pm and grades five through eight at 8 pm. Sister Elizabeth Halaj, LSIC, will present the lessons for grades one through four, while Stan Thompson, Youth Group Coordinator, will present to grades five through eight. Both sessions will be held in the Chapel. Parents are invited to join catechists and students at these important presentations.

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.

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

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY - OCTOBER 21

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Eucharistic Service

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 22

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Eucharistic Service

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 23

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Eucharistic Service

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 24

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Friends
Paul Charette r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso
Tom Wilkins r/b Joe & Jane Kenney

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 25

6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Dee Soderstrom
9:00 am Marie DiFrank r/b Ron & Barbara Marchese

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 26

9:00 am Peggy O'Malley r/b Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Viola Angelozzi r/b Dr. & Mrs. Louis Petrie

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 27

8:30 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
10:00 am Lola Zbikowski r/b Women's Club
Mario Tatonetti r/b Joan & Jack Hyer
Paul Charette r/b Dick & Claire Spence
11:30 am Sara Centonze r/b Joey, Brenda, Joseph &
Isabella Casano

ALL SOULS envelopes (extras in gathering space) with the names of your deceased relatives and friends may be placed in the collection basket. Here at St. Thomas More we remember our deceased loved ones in prayer during the Masses in November; the envelopes will be placed on the altar during month of November.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... Mary Cinefra and Joseph Ciuffo.**

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	Gerilyn Coticone	
Ed Rivero	Jerry McMenamin	
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo	
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter	
Frans 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	
	Keri Fisher	
	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.

Men & Women Volunteers NEEDED

Join fellow parishioners in packing grocery bags, sorting cans or handing out food at the Food Bank.

Where: Cherry Hill Food Pantry
(Chapel Ave. next to St. Michael's Lutheran Church)
When: Tuesdays, Nov. 5 or Nov. 12 - 5-8:00 PM
Thursdays, Nov. 7 or Nov. 14 - 9:30 AM-1 PM
Please call Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431.

FOOD BANK



THE PARISH REJOICES

with the families of **Dean David Bosler, Leah Consalvi, Harrison James Del Duke, Jace Vincent Palermo, Araceli Marilyn Rodriguez and Gabriel David Rodriguez** all of whom were recently received into the Church, through the waters of Baptism.

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.

The Gospel for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 27, 2013 - Luke 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity - greedy, dishonest, adulterous - or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Commentary:

Most of us grew up seeking rewards for a "job well done." Most of us desire the affirmation of a pleasant reward at the end of a hard work week. Is it surprising that we want the same affirmation from God that we're doing a good job keeping the commandments and following the rules of life? But the truth is; we don't have to seek God's approval. We're already loved beyond imagination, and forgiven beyond reason. All we have to do is what that humble tax collector does: admit that we are sinners. That won't make God mad. It makes us eligible for God's mercy.

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?



All participants in our **Small Christian Communities** are invited to our Annual Covered Dish Dinner on **Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Thomas More Hall. All SCC Facilitators are asked to contact their members and let them know what to bring to our gathering. Look forward to seeing all of you there and sharing this time together!!!

Call Sister Ann, 424-3212 ext. 104, for more information.

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. We look forward to welcoming new members. Please contact group facilitator Gaye Pino at hxs02b@yahoo.com or 609-605-4006 with any questions.



The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue have been placed there, this weekend, in loving memory of Fran Boesch, requested by her husband, Jack.



Back in the 70s those of us who were in the pro-life movement warned that euthanasia would follow abortion. We were laughed at and called radicals; no one is laughing now.

*Compiled by Stephenson County Right to Life
Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

'FUNSTER NEWS'



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

- **Apr 6-11, 2014** - 2 nghts Charleston & 3 nghts Savannah including roundtrip air from Phila.
A few spaces remaining.
- **May 23-June 1, 2014** - Sunny Portugal, Visit Fatima and Aseitao Wine Museum for tour & tasting. Enjoy 3 nghts in Caicais (Portuguese Riviera), 3 nghts In Algarve (Southern Coast), 1 ngt in Beja and 1 ngt In Lisbon with city tour. Call Lin at 795-4396 for detailed itinerary. **LAST CHANCE—LIMITED AVAILABILITY - BOOK BY NOV. 15!**

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Nov. 14 at 1 pm

All those going to Christmas Show on Nov. 17 are requested to attend. We will have sign ups and go over details for some new 2014 bus trips. Please come and see what the **Fun's** about. Light refreshments will be served.