

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

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 Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217
 Knights of Columbus Dick Spence 428-8325
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 Prayer Shawls Sheila Mohan 795-6137
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 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
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 Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
 Dolores Kreal 988-0271
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 Dom Sacca 751-1367
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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

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SIGN-UPS THIS WEEKEND

We invite you to participate this Advent Season. This Advent we will have 14 small communities meeting Monday thru Saturday in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Check the poster in the gathering space with facilitators, dates and times listed.

If you are interested please call Sister Ann (424-3212) for more information.

Parish Ministers' Retreat Day

NEXT Saturday, November 16

Monsignor Thomas Morgan will be leading a retreat day for all parish ministers. The day begins with Mass at 9 AM and continues until Noon.

This retreat experience is offered each year for all those who minister in the parish: Catechists, SCC facilitators, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Cantors, Choir Members, Prayer Shawl Ministers, Bereavement Ministers, etc.

Please mark your calendars and take advantage of this opportunity for prayer and reflection.

Please call the parish office if you plan to attend (424-3212).

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship Journey

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

God wants us to know the joy of giving. Yet, being generous takes strength, trust and grace. That's why St. Paul reminds us to turn to God every day for encouragement and guidance on our Stewardship journey.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

November 3, 2013

\$9737.50 - 221 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 23)

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.*

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit. With this profession, the Trinitarian “shape” of our faith is complete. Each of the three parts of the creed confesses faith in God: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit—the One God who is a fellowship, a *communion* of three “persons” or identities.

The Lord, the giver of Life . . . Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified. The Creed makes sure that the Holy Spirit we believe in is not simply some divine force or emanation from God but is truly God. In that creed, the Holy Spirit is clearly identified as *the Lord, the giver of Life*. When God gives the Holy Spirit, God gives God. The Holy Spirit is the name of God when God is given as a gift to indwell the souls of human creatures.

By analogy, we know something about this kind of giving. Or, at least, we know a very distant likeness to it. You know about “giving yourself” to some cause or person. When you give yourself to another, it does not mean you cease being yourself. In fact, by giving yourself you become more and more yourself. But it means that the other person now possesses your love, your loyalty, your presence when needed. Again, it is a distant likeness; there is much un-likeness within the likeness. Our human self-giving is severely limited by our nature and by our sins. But God’s Self-giving is limited by nothing except his infinite Love.

To whom does God give himself? The first answer is one of the strange surprises of our faith, and it may at first sound like nonsense. God gives himself to God! That is, the Father gives himself to the Son and the Son returns this self-giving wholly; and this mutual self-giving *is* the Holy Spirit.

Of course, we could not speak of God like this, we would know nothing of this mystery, except for Jesus. When the Word of God “became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:1-3), this eternal secret of God’s self-giving gets acted out and disclosed in a human history. The gospel story is *first of all* a story of the self-giving love between Jesus and the one Jesus called Father—who is the one who calls Jesus “my Son, my Beloved” (Mark 1:11). The Father gives himself—his loyalty, approval and “backing” — to Jesus. And Jesus returns this gift to the Father without holding anything back. The Son’s loyalty to the Father is not broken even by a tortuous death; the Father’s loyalty to the Son is stronger than the grave. This mutual self-giving that makes them “one,” this mutual Spirit between them, is God’s saving power at work on earth, named by the gospel “the Holy Spirit.”

I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe that the power of love and favor between Jesus and his Father has been revealed and poured out in human history, “adopting” you and me (Romans 8:15) into that shared love. I believe that the Father now loves me with the same Love that he has for his only begotten Son. Because the Son gives me a share in his own perfect love of the Father. I believe that this Spirit will shape my life more and more in the image of the Sonship of Jesus. I believe that this Holy Spirit will hold us all secure, in the communion of the Father with the Son now and forever—by “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the *communion* of the Holy Spirit” (2 Cor. 13:14).

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for November 16, and 17, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	B Crawford, D Kreal G Tyrrell	T Andraka	J/P Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke R Pisani	Sr. Rosaria J/L Duffy	D Miller	K/K Johnson B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Choir, M Kramer R Pisani	D Gould, M Huynh J Mazzagatti	K McFadden	C/J McFadden E Barbera
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	G Nacarelli R Pisani	M Gorin, S Kane S Moore	R Ciccotta	R Caton, M Ciccotta L Smith

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE:** Tuesday, November 12 at 3 pm at Barbara Cerquitella's house.

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The second Confirmation I preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held next Sunday, November 17, 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](http://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 SUNDAY, Youth Mass at Holy Eucharist Parish, Kresson Road - 11/17 at 7 pm;** - Open to all in grades 7-12 & your family. After Mass basketball & dessert in the Church hall.

Follow us @stm youthnj - [Twitter.com/stmyouthnj](https://twitter.com/stmyouthnj)
Like our 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

Christmas Gift Giving Opportunity

The Saint Thomas More Parish Women's Club has requested that in lieu of the past efforts of our *Christmas Families Project* we send gift cards for Target, ShopRite, Wal-Mart, Payless, Pathmark (or check if preferred) directly to Sr. Claire Sullivan, Annunciation BVM Convent, 603 W. Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031. Sister Claire will distribute them to those she has determined to be in very difficult circumstances.

A special thank you to everyone who generously contributed through the years and for your continuing concern to help those in need.

For more information call Clare DiGiacomo at 856-428-9251.

NEEDED: Urgently!

A few volunteers to assist with the Linen Committee. Duties: Every x number of weeks take home, launder, iron and return the church altar linens (no holy water needed for the laundering). Instructions on 'how to' iron various linens provided. To volunteer call Ann Vigrass, 428-7217.



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

All are welcome to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen...

Date: Wednesday, November 20

Time: after 9:00 Mass

Where: St. Thomas More Hall

See you then, *thank you!*

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 9

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Marion White r/b Wislocky Family

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 10

8:30 am Marge Magill r/b Frank & Kathleen Cappetta
10:00 am Richard Byrnes r/b Jean & Larry Gessman
Paul Charette r/b Gary Gadren
Tom Wilkins r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 11

6:45 am Bob Kimbly r/b McGeady Family
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Friends

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 12

6:45 am Anne Marie Linden r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am Marie Di Frank r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 13

6:45 am Sr. Gemma Procopio r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am George Erickson r/b Wislocky Family

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 14

6:45 am The Moore Family r/b Sheila Moore
9:00 am Mary Cinefra r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
Alicia del Mundo r/b Grace Cobin
Cora Colontonio r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 15

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 16

9:00 am All Souls
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Earl Cargen r/b Bouillon Family

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 17

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
Leber Family r/b Mildred Grace Grande r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic
11:30 am Sara Centonze r/b Jeffrey, Patricia, Raeann & Olivia Gaskill

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

Don Kreal	Claire Boylan	
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre	
Phyllis Schadt	George Sweeten	
Ron Massey	John B. Kennedy	
Keri Fisher	Michael Kapischke	
Olga Mignone	Betty O'Donnell	
Frank Colbert	Henry Bourgeois	
Mary Cowan	Stanley Kochanek	
Shirley Birch	Pauline Rosberg	
Jean Colbert	Joseph Console	
Pat Barton	Geralyn Coticone	
Leila Lore	Jerry McMenamin	
Ed Rivero	Pasquale DiFronzo	
Pat Beaney	Dorothy Wolenter	
YunYun Shen	Mary Branciforte	
Fran Swider	Virginia Gormley	Helen Kane
Rose Hession	Angelo DiGiacomo	Alfred DiFrank
Danny Perla	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Chris Kolodzey
Anna Bedrick	Eleanor Regan	Ethan Killeen
Pat Brink	Harry Gindele	Carlos Santiago
Ginny Fritz	Deacon Jim Smith	Betty Brennan
Mary DeVito		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, AFMajor 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.

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society:

In today's Gospel we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus has risen and is with us, therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future.

When you give food or funds to purchase food, to the Society, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing. We will be collecting, next weekend, after all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

Stan Thompson, President

SAME NAME. SAME MISSION.

Saint, Francis, Pope Francis, and a Vision for the 21st Century Parish: Wed., Nov. 13, 7:30 pm at Christ Our Light Parish - Featuring Jack Jezreel, Pres. & Founder, JustFaith Ministries—one of the nation's leading experts in engaging parishes in the work of compassion and justice.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are meeting this Thursday, November 14, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall. *Sheila Mohan, Chair*



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 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17, 2013 - Luke 21:5-19

People were speaking about how the temple was adorned. Jesus tells them that a day will come when not one stone will be left upon another in this temple. It will be destroyed. The people ask Jesus when this will happen. What signs will there be? Jesus answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

Commentary:

As we approach the end of the Church year, the liturgy directs our thoughts to the end of time itself. For Jews and Christians this implies victory over all forces of evil, even death itself. A common theme in the writings about this end time is that it will be a time of crisis, a time of decision. Luke's main theme is that it will do no good to try to predict the end time. For followers of Jesus, the important thing is to believe that God will be with them no matter what happens: "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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?



How bizarre that a government that protects many forms of animal life and some plant life with both fines and/or imprisonment, would turn its back on the most innocent and defenseless of humans, the baby in the womb.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130



FROZEN TURKEYS

The St. Thomas More *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will distribute turkeys to less fortunate families before Thanksgiving. **Please drop off at church by Nov. 22** so that the turkeys can be delivered and have adequate time to defrost before Thanksgiving.

Gary Gadren, Coordinator

'FUNSTER NEWS'



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

- **Apr 6-11, 2014** - 2 ngts Charleston & 3 ngts Savannah including roundtrip air from Philadelphia.

A few spaces remaining.

- **May 23-June 1, 2014** - Sunny Portugal, Visit Fatima and Aseitao Wine Museum for tour & tasting. Enjoy 3 ngts in Caicais (Portuguese Riviera), 3 ngts 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.

The Diocese of Camden is in the process of collecting feedback to determine where needs exist for future cemetery and mausoleum options. Your feedback is extremely important to us. Please visit www.SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org and complete the survey on-line.

Thank you for your assistance in this study.

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**