

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

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

We have 14 small communities meeting Monday thru Saturday in the morning, afternoon and evening *starting November 25.*

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.

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



FROZEN TURKEYS, HAMS OR CHICKENS

The St. Thomas More *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will distribute turkeys, hams and chickens to less fortunate families before Thanksgiving. Please drop off at church by Nov. 22 so that we can deliver them and have adequate time to defrost before Thanksgiving. **THANK YOU!**

Gary Gadren, Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship Mission

“All that you see here — the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.”

LUKE 21:6

Thanks to the effort of a billion-dollar advertising industry, our material expectations continue to rise year after year. Yet, today, speaking about the end of time, Jesus reminds us that all the material possessions we spend our time and energy to accumulate will become nothing but rubble in the end. What will really matter will be our *Stewardship* and the time we spend on improving our relationship with our God.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

November 10, 2013

\$8,185.50 - 220 Envelopes

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



Saint Thomas More Parish 1st Annual Harvest Festival and Dinner Dance

St Thomas More Parish thanks you profoundly for your support and generosity to our 1st Annual Harvest Festival and Dinner Dance. Thanks to you and our many sponsors, this event was most enjoyable and successful.

We ask that you patronize the following sponsors and businesses that helped make our event, held at Indian Spring Country Club in Marlton, NJ on October 20, 2013, a huge success.

TABLE SPONSORS

Bay Star Hotel, St. Petersburg, Florida
 Bradley Funeral Home, Marlton NJ
 Caffè Aldo Lamberti, Cherry Hill, NJ
 Carrabba's Italian Grill, Marlton, NJ
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 The Kibitz Room Management Inc., Cherry Hill, NJ
 Knights of Columbus Council 6173, Cherry Hill, NJ
 Macaroni's, 9115 Old Bustleton Ave., Phila., PA
 Main Street Cleaners, 476 Centennial Blvd., Voorhees, NJ
 Dr. Alan Meltzer & Assoc., Voorhees, NJ
 Monti-Rago Funeral Home, 2533-35 S Broad St., Phila., PA
 Redstone American Grill, Marlton, NJ
 Schetter Funeral Home, Cherry Hill, NJ
 St. Thomas More Women's Club

Special Donor Recognition

Burns Hyundai, Rt. 70, Marlton, NJ	Dolphin Liquors, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill, NJ		
Dr. Steve Markus, Centre for Dentistry, White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ			
Ace Hardware, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill, NJ	Joseph Bellano Jewelers, Cherry St., Phila., PA		
P. F. Chang's, Rt. 73 S, Marlton, NJ	Season's 52, Rt. 38, Cherry Hill, NJ		
Classic Cake, Eagle Plaza, Cherry Hill, NJ			
Dick and Claire Spence	A.J. and Carol Ariani	Henry and Kathy Glover	Tom and Arlene Pajic
Jerry and Jeannine McMenamin	Joe and Jane Kenney	Mary Bones	Frank and Kathleen Cappetta
Mike and Helen Hawksley	Ron Panna	Fred and Tina Petrone	Joe and Chris Torello

St. Thomas More Parish Pictorial Directory Photography Event!!!

Mark your calendars!

Fri., Nov. 29 — 11:00-5:00
 Sat., Nov. 30 — 10:00-4:00
 Thurs., Dec. 5 & Fri., Dec. 6 — 2:00-9:00
 Sat., Dec. 7 — 10:00-4:00



We need YOU to make the directory a success!!

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

YOU MAY SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW;

go to www.stthomasmorenj.org and click on Lifetouch logo.

You can also sign up after Masses this weekend and next weekend.

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 and free copy of the directory for participating. Photos will arrive for the holidays. Individual and Family Portraits...family pets are welcome! Bring special items and special people (grandparents and other loved ones). Do you know the names of the people sitting around you? Help us to build a tool that will put names with faces. Be a part of our new family directory program.

Photography sessions will be held in Parish Hall.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for November 23, and 24, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale B Casey R Pisani	T Petrone, I Rellosa Sr, Zophia	D Miller	A/K/W Quay B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	C Malatino R Pisani	Sr. Bozena, B Lento A Del Campo-O'Brien	P Lachnicht	A/J Zieba B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Jon Thomas	Choir, D Kreal R Pisani	E Beckman D/L Lyon	V Marchesani	M/N Brown S Russo
11:30 a.m.	Father Jon Thomas	C Pisani R Pisani	B Haughwout, L Levin D Staton	S Kane	G/M Gray N Samson

THANKSGIVING TAIZE PRAYER

ALL parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend a Prayer of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 27 at 7 PM in the parish chapel. A Taize worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, and liturgical readings. This Prayer Gathering will give each of us an opportunity to give thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings we have received.

STM youth

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 6th through 8th grades
Upcoming Event(s):
 • **THIS SUNDAY, 11/17 at 7 pm; Youth Mass at Holy Eucharist Parish, Kresson Road** - 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)
Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

Could God be calling you to the priesthood?
Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group
 The Office of Vocations can help you (jr. or sr. in high school, college student or up to 39 yrs. old) discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood. **Meeting is Sun., Nov. 24 at 2:00 at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Williamstown.**
Fr. Michael Romano, 583-2858

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

SPirit DAY will be held next Saturday, November 23, 9:30-12:00 for all Confirmation I and II students. This is a day when our confirmation candidates come together to clean up the Church Grounds by raking leaves, sweeping sidewalks and washing windows. It is an opportunity for them to earn their service hours. All parishioners are invited to assist these young people. Lunch will be provided. Please **BRING A RAKE.**

Like our [Facebook Page](https://facebook.com/stm.rep)
www.facebook.com/stm.rep

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development provides lasting solutions for the 46 million Americans suffering in poverty. This essential support provides the resources to fund grants & educational programs that work to end poverty. *We need your help* to continue this important work and take poverty off the map, one neighborhood at a time.

CONGRATULATIONS to our New Altar Servers who are being installed this weekend at the 11:30 Mass. We are grateful for their generosity in volunteering to serve Saint Thomas More Parish in this important ministry.

**Kelsie Johnson
 Silvana Russo**

**Olivia Reganata
 Nicolas Samson**

**Natalie Ronan
 Angelina Witting**



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 16

9:00 am 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

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 18

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am Marie DiFrank r/b Ray & Gloria Desrochers

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 19

6:45 am Louis Casa r/b daughter, Nicole, & Noah
9:00 am George Erickson r/b Family

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 20

6:45 am Ann C. McGeady r/b McGeady Family
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Friends

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 21

6:45 am Vincent J. Caruso r/b wife, Lorraine
9:00 am Paul Charette r/b Norma Matos
Tom Wilkins r/b Norma Matos
Caroline Forberger r/b Norma Matos & Family

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 22

6:45 am All Souls
9:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 23

9:00 am Ryan Travis r/b Marian Kapischke
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Anne Krenslak r/b Frank & Frances
Krenslak

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 24

8:30 am Stanley Sobieski r/b Rossi Family
10:00 am 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Raymond White r/b Wislocky Family
John Walsh r/b Charlene Walsh
Ryan Travis r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella
11:30 am Sara Centonze r/b Dick & Claire Spence

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED...Kay Turiano.

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

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.

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 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 24, 2013 - Luke 23:35-43

One of the criminals hanging with Jesus reviled Him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly...but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Commentary:

This man, traditionally called the good thief, was a violent trouble-maker, more like a bad terrorist. He got caught engaged in acts against the occupying forces of the Empire. We don't know if he regretted his crimes, but we do know that he regarded Jesus as an innocent man. Even more, he showed a faith greater than the disciples when he asked to be remembered in the kingdom that was coming. The sign above Jesus' head said he was a king. This man alone seemed to believe it. For this extraordinary faith, Jesus promised him Paradise on the spot. "Today" is the language of immediacy that Luke's gospel particularly favors. For Luke's readers, this implies that "Paradise Now" is a possibility for anyone who can make the same fearless profession of faith. If Paradise is available now, why wait?

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?



If abortion is not "the business of government" why are taxpayers funding it?

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

St. Thomas More NEW YEAR'S EVE MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday, December 31

7 PM — St. Thomas More Hall

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, details to follow.

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.



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.

USHERS NEEDED

Each week our ushers show up and help. Now we find a need for more ushers. If you find yourself attending the same Mass each week we would like you to consider becoming an usher at a Mass you choose. Especially now with the holidays quickly approaching more assistance will be required—Please consider this important Stewardship to your parish. Contact Frank Krenslak at 309-1999.

A Note from our Ushers:

Our parish ushers have a number of responsibilities during a Sunday Liturgy. They assist with seating the assembly and taking up the collection. Another responsibility is directing the congregation as they come forward to receive Communion. As the ushers assist us in following the new procedure for reception of the Eucharist they ask that parishioners follow their directions. If directions are followed the new procedure will go smoothly. The ushers are grateful for their opportunity to serve the parish and for the cooperation of those in the congregation.