

# 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: 3:00-4:00 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  
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
Intercersory 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
	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

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



Do you know the names of the people sitting around you at Mass?

Help strengthen our faith community; put names and faces together.

**Choose day & time for your photo session:**

**Thurs., Dec. 5 — 2:00-9:00**

**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](http://www.stthomasmorenj.org) and click on Lifetouch logo.***

**In thanks for your participation, you will receive a complimentary 8x10 and a free copy of the directory. Photos will arrive for the holidays. Individual and Family portraits available.**

*Photography sessions will be held in Parish Hall.*

### Small Christian Community Facilitators

Facilitators are reminded that they are invited to breakfast next Saturday, December 7 at 10 a.m. at Ponzio's Restaurant. This gathering allows us to share how our small communities are progressing and to support one another in this important parish ministry. Please RSVP to Sister Ann, 424-3212, by December 5.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

#### *Stewardship Now*

***"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* MATTHEW 24:42**

**Preparations for the Christmas season remind us how much we all want to be generous. We all want to give good gifts to one another. Yet, often when it comes to giving back to God our response is, "Not yet!" We put off sharing our time, talent and treasure for another day. We say we will give when we have more time or more money. Yet, none of us knows when God will come and ask for an accounting of how we used the gifts entrusted to our care. The start of Advent reminds us not to put off our *Stewardship*. The Lord is coming!**

# **The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 24)**

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 Virtues**

A virtue is a developed moral habit, a disposition, an internalized power to live well. Among all the virtues, there are seven that are utterly foundational for the Christian life.

### ***The Cardinal Virtues***

They are known by the Natural Law. The Church adopts Aristotle's treatment, deepening his understanding with Christian wisdom.

#### **PRUDENCE**

Perhaps the most ignored and misunderstood of all the virtues. Not the fear of risk, not timidity in moral action, certainly not prudishness. Prudence is the wisdom to look reality in the face, to recognize the good that must be done in every circumstance and the right way to do it, not overdoing or under-doing.

#### **JUSTICE**

Living in right relationship with God, others, and oneself. To know what one owes to others, always giving them their due. The old English word for "Justice" is "righteousness."

#### **FORTITUDE**

Firmness and constancy in doing the good, when doing the good is difficult and costly. St. Thomas Aquinas says the highest form of courage is not the one dramatic heroic act, but the quiet endurance in suffering for the good.

#### **TEMPERANCE**

Moderation, balance, the art of using all the good things of creation as they are meant to be used. The avoidance of all addictive enslavement to the pleasures.

### ***The Theological Virtues***

These are known, not by Natural Law, but by Revelation. These virtues are given by Grace, but must be actively sought and humbly received.

#### **FAITH**

The habit of opening the intelligence to the revealed truth of God, as it comes to us in his Word, and living always in confident trust in God's love.

#### **HOPE**

The knowledge of our true *End* in God, our eternal destiny; and the confidence that God will achieve that blessed End, so that we never despair in the trials of this life.

#### **CHARITY**

The goal of all virtues (1 Cor. 13). Not only acts of mercy, but the love God, as Jesus taught us, with all our mind, heart, and strength; and loving others as ourselves. Not so much a feeling as *generous good will*.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Ministry Schedule for December 7, and 8, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father	M Kramer	N/P Kirincic S Mohan	J Mohan	I Fulton, O Reganata L Smith
8:30 a.m.	Father	Sr. Pepita	J/L Duffy J Kenney	J Vecchiola	G/M Gray B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father	Adult Choir R Kapischke	E Beckman, B Haughwout M Huynh	D Haughwout	R Caton M/T Dautle
11:30 a.m.	Father	P Kelton	G Gadren, S Kane A Thompson	R Ciccotta	M Ciccotta, S Russo N Samson

### Women's Club News

- **Christmas Concert:** Wed., Dec. 4 at 7:30 pm  
All members are requested to bring finger food refreshments for all to enjoy after the concert.
- **Book Club:** Tues., Dec. 10 - we are reading "Claude and Camille" by Stephanie Cowell. Meet at Ellie Mayfield's at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the book group, please call Clare DiGiacomo at 428-9251.

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

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the Season of Advent the candles on the Advent Wreath, at all four weekend Masses, will be lit by eighth grade candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred on them in May, 2014.

The third Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held this Sunday, December 1, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend that class as well as the 10 am Mass.

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[www.facebook.com/stm.rep](http://www.facebook.com/stm.rep)

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



**ALL parishioners are invited!**

### *Christmas Concert*

on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m., in the church, featuring the Cherry Hill High School East Madrigals, Belles and East Singers.

Come and enjoy a night of traditional Christmas Music!

*Light refreshments to follow.*

*Sponsored by the Women's Club*



**Newly registered parishioners  
Welcome! We're glad you're here.**

Casey & Randall Bosler  
Joseph & Kelley Fiorelli  
Richard Mancuso & son, Michael  
Nicholas, Sara, Ava & Maeve Bresani  
John, Carolyn, Jacqueline & Lauren Uveges  
Ronald, Heather, Anabelle & Alexander Sala  
Rakesh, Susan, Lelamma, Rhea & Riva Sharma  
Warren Tasca, II                      Dorothy Koteski  
Mark, Anna & Sophie Famador



### **STM**youth

Sr. - High School students      Jr. - 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades

#### Upcoming Event:

**SUNDAY, Dec. 8 — Immaculate Conception Christmas Party:**

The Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups will host a Christmas party for the children of Immaculate Conception parish in Camden.

- Meet at St. Thomas More at 8:15 AM (leave 8:30)
- Set-up & Party at Immaculate Conception until 11 AM
- Return to St. Thomas More around 12:30 PM

**Service Hours Opportunity; Opportunity to bring a smile to a child's face!**

Parents, we could use your assistance driving and as chaperones.

Contact Stan Thompson (424-1120). Forms with more details are in the Gathering Space.

*Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120*





## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 30

9:00 am Anne O'Neill r/b O'Neill Family  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

4:30 pm Frances D'Onfrio r/b Bob & Jude Brennan

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 1

8:30 am John & Agnes Walsh r/b the Walsh Family

10:00 am Arnold Clark r/b Richard & Elva Clark  
Tom Wilkins r/b Phyllis Kolecki

Paul Charette r/b Pat Shelfer

11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

### MONDAY - DECEMBER 2

6:45 am Peter Yurcesin r/b Greta Tyrrell

9:00 am Special Intention of Donna Rule r/b  
Marian Kapischke

### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 3

6:45 am William Flowers r/b Florianna Gilden

9:00 am Michael Vigrass r/b Family

### WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 4

6:45 am Olga Ternowjy r/b Amy Osborn

9:00 am Elizabeth Guerriero r/b Marian Kapischke

### THURSDAY - DECEMBER 5

6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Bill & Mary Ellen Carrozza

9:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Mary Lou & Harry Horlacher

Ryan Travis r/b Dave & Lin Lyon  
Pedro S. Padre, Sr. r/b David & Pat Garde-Hill

### FRIDAY - DECEMBER 6

6:45 am Kay Turiano r/b Jack & Lisa Fallon

9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Friends

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 7

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

4:30 pm Mary T. DiPaul r/b daughter, Mary Ellen Carrozza

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 8

8:30 am Thomas Wilkins r/b Lorraine Caruso

10:00 am Dennis Fortuna r/b Deacon Mike & Josie Welsh

Kathleen Haughwout r/b Dick & Sons  
Tom Wilkins r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club

11:30 am Jenny Barber r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

### **THE DECEASED... Russel Winsett, Sr.**

### **THE SICK...**

Don Kreal  
Maria Storms  
Phyllis Schadt  
Ron Massey  
Olga Mignone  
Frank Colbert  
Mary Cowan  
Shirley Birch  
Jean Colbert  
Pat Barton  
Leila Lore  
Ed Rivero  
Pat Beaney  
YunYun Shen  
Fran Swider  
Rose Hession  
Danny Perla  
Anna Bedrick  
Pat Brink  
Ginny Fritz  
Mary DeVito

Claire Boylan  
Naomi Willingmyre  
George Sweeten  
John B. Kennedy  
Michael Kapischke  
Betty O'Donnell  
Henry Bourgeois  
Stanley Kochanek  
Pauline Rosberg  
Joseph Console  
Geraldyn Coticone  
Jerry McMenamin  
Pasquale DiFronzo  
Dorothy Wolenter  
Mary Branciforte  
Virginia Gormley  
Angelo DiGiacomo  
Wayne Mauri, Sr.  
Eleanor Regan  
Harry Gindele  
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, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS:**

**Support elderly religious. Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to this second collection next weekend. Thank you.**

*St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society*

**THANK YOU** to the Religious Education program and the Jr. Youth Group for your generous donations of food that we delivered to Immaculate Conception Parish in Camden.

### **LECTORS:**

**Your 2014 Workbook is available for pickup in the parish office.**



### 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 Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2013—Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

#### Commentary:

John the Baptist is truly an Advent man! John, anticipating the judgment Christ's coming would bring, prepared "the way of the Lord" by calling the people to repentance. We become an Advent people when we heed John's message by converting our way of living and bearing good fruit.

#### 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?



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

will not meet in December.

Our next meeting will be held on  
Thursday, February 13 at 9:30.

*Sheila Mohan, Chair*



We are living in a "culture of death" where the pre-born, elderly, and infirm are seen as disposable. It's difficult to understand, but that's what is happening. Please pray and work to end abortion and euthanasia.  
*Pro-Life Corner*

*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

### 'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to all Parishioners & Friends

#### NEW BUS Trips for 2014:

- **Tues., April 29**—City Mansions in Rittenhouse Square and Society Hill neighborhoods along with Country Estates of Fairmount Park with 3 course sit down lunch, \$89 per person
- **Sun., June 1**—Dupont Theatre, Wilmington, DE to see "Million Dollar Quartet," a musical inspired by famed recording session of four young musicians at Sun Records in Memphis with brunch included before show, \$133 per person.
- **July 11-19, 2014**—Trains of the Colorado Rockies featuring rides on 4 different trains. Also visiting Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park, Colorado Nat'l Monument, Mesa Verde Nat'l Park and Garden of the Gods and Pike's Peak in Colorado Springs.  
**Book by Jan. 1. for early booking discount.**

Call Lin, 795-4396, for more information and detailed itineraries.

### St. Thomas More NEW YEAR'S EVE MOVIE NIGHT

#### THE MIGHTY MACS AN INSPIRING TRUE STORY

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Tues., Dec. 31**

**7 PM — St. Thomas More Hall**

*More details to follow.*

### CATHEDRAL KITCHEN SANDWICH MAKERS

What a fantastic turnout and what a fantastic job done on Wednesday, November 20 (the number of men helping is increasing!!). In just one hour 378 sandwiches and 350 plus utensils were made, room cleaned up, and supplies packed away. **YOU ARE THE BEST!!!**

This starts our 4th year making sandwiches and serving at the Cathedral Kitchen.

Upcoming Dates: Feb. 26, May 21, Aug. 20 & Nov. 19, 2014

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES



are included in your December contribution envelope. Your contributions will be used for altar flowers, poinsettias for the shut-ins and church decorations. Please use this envelope to inform us who your contribution is in memory of and who it is requested by. Envelopes may be put in the collection basket. As always, thank you for your support.