

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 Pociecha, LSIC, Religious Education Coordinator
 Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary
 Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees
 John Mohan 424-3212
 Greta Tyrrell 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 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
 Dolores Kreal 988-0271
 Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
 Ann Vigrass 428-7217
 Dom Sacca 424-3212
 Pat Maggart 428-2412
 Greta Tyrrell 309-1999
 Frank Krenslak 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
 June Garafano 229-7461
 Lin Lyon 795-4396
 Committee 424-3212
 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

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass



If in this calendar year (1-1-14 thru 12-31-14) you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary (25, 50 or 75 years of marriage) please join us in celebrating on

World Marriage Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 Mass (light reception following) at Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Agnes Church, 701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012. For further information contact Mary Lou Hughes, 856-583-6132.

Registration forms are available in the parish office, RETURN FORM BY JANUARY 24 AS INSTRUCTED.

PARISH MINISTERS' BREAKFAST

All parish ministers are invited to attend our Annual Appreciation Breakfast. The breakfast is offered for ministers after either the 8:30 or 10 a.m. Mass next Sunday, January 19. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, to let us know if you are able to attend.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Give In Return

“And a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”

MATTHEW 3:17

At the Baptism of Jesus, God made it clear that He was giving us the greatest gift He could give. He was giving us His only Son. When you really think about the magnitude of that gift of Jesus sent to save us, plus all of the many other blessings that God has entrusted into our hands, it is very humbling. God has given us so much. What *Stewardship* do we give in return?

PARISH COLLECTION

Christmas

\$38,000.00 - 367 Envelopes

January 5, 2014

\$7,319.50 - 179 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 28)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

A series of reflections about thinking, praying, professing and living the Faith of the Church.

Knowing God and Loving God: Part One

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an expiation of our sins (1 John 4:8-10).

To Know and to Love . . .

In everyday thought and speech we use the two words to mean very different things. We know with our minds; knowing is a rational act. We love with our hearts; loving is an emotional act. There is a kind of wisdom in the firm distinction. We hear the warning that “love is blind”. In order to know, we must remain objective.

True enough, but it's only a surface view of things. Maybe love that is blind is not yet real love, and maybe a merely objective knowledge is not yet a full knowledge. Maybe the mind and the heart are always quietly speaking one to another. Maybe Pascal was right: the heart as well as the mind has its “reasons”. Think of the scientist who sets out to gain a true knowledge of rocks or birds or dolphins or the digestive system of the body or the makeup of the surface of Mars. He is not likely to get very far if his interest remains “coldly objective”. His growing knowledge will fire up in him a growing *fascination* and *wonder*, that is, a kind of love. This is why, when one reads the works of Albert Einstein, his scientific analysis often sounds like a kind of religious testimony.

Knowing by Loving, Loving by Knowing . . .

This “conversation” between knowing and loving is most perfectly demonstrated in *personal* loving and knowing. Only love grants true knowledge of another person, and as this personal knowledge grows, so does love. Perhaps you have had the experience of meeting someone whom at first you found unattractive. But having come to know the person, you one day looked into his or her face and found true beauty there, as if some inward loveliness had made itself available to your deeper personal knowledge. To love another is to discover their beauty, which deepens ones love for the other.

This interaction of love and knowledge holds for all close human relationship. Long-time friendship is such a joy because you don't need to be always explaining yourself to the friend. In knowing you he has come to love you; in loving you he has gained the sympathy by which to understand you. But especially in the intimacies of marriage, loving and knowing are so closely related as to be virtually identical. The Hebrew language (in which most of the Old Testament is written) vividly expresses this. “Now the man *knew* his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, 'I have produced a man with the help of the Lord'” (Gen. 4:1).

The Personal Love and Knowledge of God . . .

There is a love that is yet more intimate, and more truly *personal*, than that of marriage (but of which marriage is a sacrament). “And this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us (1 John 4:10). All human love has its beginning in God and its end in God, who *is* love. Just so, there is no knowledge of God that is not also love of God, no love of God that is not informed by the true knowledge of God. Where can we find this informed personal knowledge/love of God? And what if God's knowledge of us finds much that is unloveable? We will pursue these questions in next week's article.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Ministry Schedule for January 18, and 19, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal	B Crawford, D Kreal G Tyrrell	T Andraka	J/P Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	J Garafano B Casey	Sr. Rosarla J/L Duffy	J Vecchlola	O Reganata A Rzepski B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir R Kapschke B Casey	D Gould D/ML Thomas	K McFadden	E Barbera C/J McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	P Kelton B Casey	G Gadren, L Levlm S Moore	V Marchesani	A/I Witting S Russo

Women's Club News

- **General Meeting:** GAME DAY & Soup, Wed., January 22 at 12 Noon. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SOUP MUG!

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fourth Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held this Sunday, January 12, 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.

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

STM youth

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Martin Luther King Service Event: NEXT SUNDAY, January 19 (1:00-4:00)

Visiting the Senior Living Community of The Fountains in Atco, NJ

We will meet in the St. Thomas More Hall. We leave at 1:00 and carpool to The Fountains. While there the Youth Groups (Holy Eucharist will be joining us) will do crafts and games with the residents. Flyer/Permission forms can be found in the gathering space.

*February - Souper Bowl of Caring Project
- Ronald McDonald House Breakfast*

Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

MARKET DAY FROZEN FOOD SALE IS BACK!!!

ORDERS DUE: TODAY, JANUARY 12

DELIVERY DATE: JANUARY 23

Order forms are available in the gathering space, someone will be available after all Masses or you can mail the orders to: Marianne Wilkins, 1936 Cardinal Lake Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

As we give to the poor, *next weekend after all Masses*, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased".

Thank you for your donations during the past year.

Stan Thompson, President

Please remember your *Soap for Hope* donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) and place in the basket in the gathering space. Thank you. *St. V de P Society*



"Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians"

Those parishioners who registered for this Bible Study will meet with Sister Ann in the Parish Hall after the 9 AM Mass starting Monday, January 20. Please pick up your workbook at the parish office.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - JANUARY 11

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 4:30 pm Paul Charette r/b Tobin Family

SUNDAY - JANUARY 12

8:30 am Paul Charette r/b Mike & Pat Maggart
 10:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Ann & Don Sullivan
 Patti Kenney r/b the Gullo Family
 Virginia Foley r/b Connie Janik
 11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

MONDAY - JANUARY 13

6:45 am Edward P. Kosieracki r/b Mary Ann
 Wojtowicz & Elaine Kosieracki
 9:00 am William Flowers r/b Angelucci Family

TUESDAY - JANUARY 14

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
 9:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 15

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
 9:00 am Ryan Travis r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

THURSDAY - JANUARY 16

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
 9:00 am Lou DiNunzio r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic
 Larry Cotilla r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic
 Loretta Cirillo r/b husband, Buzz Cirillo

FRIDAY - JANUARY 17

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
 9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

SATURDAY - JANUARY 18

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 4:30 pm Tom Wilkins r/b Tobin Family

SUNDAY - JANUARY 19


8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More
 r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
 10:00 am Paul Charette r/b Ann & Don Sullivan
 Ryan Travis r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
 Reichmann & Comer Families r/b Ron &
 Gail Bizzoso
 11:30 am Tom Wilkins r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
 THE DECEASED... Marie Ward.**

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	
Ed Rivero	Jerry McMenamin	
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo	
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter	
Fran 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, 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, Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, Air Force Major James P. Tobin, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Sgt. Michael Willingmyre.



CONGRATULATIONS
to parishioners
Matthew Dotsey
and
Brian Dotsey
who have achieved Scouting's
highest award, Eagle Scout.

The Catholic Diocese of Camden
 Invites you to
An Ecumenical Celebration

Please join Bishop Dennis Sullivan and Christian Leaders representing other denominations, clergy from our area, your friends and neighbors for an evening of prayer and praise.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
Catholic Church of St. Mary, Cherry Hill
424-1454

PARI SH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 7:00 p.m.
In the St. Thomas More Hall

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 in Ordinary Time, January 19, 2014 - John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

Commentary:

When John looked at Jesus, what did he see? He probably saw a man of about thirty years of age - perhaps handsome, or perhaps very ordinary in appearance. But John also saw something else. John saw the hope of the nation, the fulfillment of prophecy, and a reason for rejoicing. John called what he saw "the Lamb of God." It was an image from Exodus: the sacrificial offering of an unblemished animal whose blood rescued believers from death. God's lamb permitted slaves to pass over from despair into freedom. John's gaze at Jesus allowed him to see the sacrifice, and the freedom, as if the future were a window he could look through. For centuries, many have gazed upward at the cross and seen what John knew in that early hour.

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?

NJ Catholic Young Adult Conference

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ on Jan. 25, 2014 -

"COURAGEOUS: Do not Conform to the Standards of this Age" (Romans 12:2)

The conference is designed to provide young adults with an opportunity to experience the presence of God, grow in their knowledge of the faith, take ownership of the Gospel message, and celebrate their Catholic identity; with the intent to spark the flame that they can take back to their local parish and work with other young adults.

To view workshop options, register or for more information visit: www.diometuchen.org/yaconference.

Natural Family Planning with the Couple to Couple League: Couple teach couples—a living witness to NFP as a part of the lifelong vocation of marriage.

2014 NFP Courses in Voorhees; Thursdays at 7:15 pm. - Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, 2014 and Wednesdays at 7:15 - Apr. 23, May 21, June 18, 2014.

For more info: sj.nfp@comcast.net or 856-753-1906.

OPTIONS FOR WOMEN PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE



In 2013, 161 babies were born to women who might otherwise have chosen to terminate their pregnancies. They found a way through grace and kindness to choose life at Options Pregnancy Center. Through this baby bottle drive, you will enable Options to continue to help the least of these. God bless you.

Baby Bottles may be picked up at the exit doors next weekend. Please take one per family. Leave it in a prominent place in your home, fill it with silver coins, paper money and/or checks made payable to Options for Women. Return them to Mass on February 8/9. **If you prefer to take an envelope your gift can be mailed directly to Options.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN THE BOTTLES AS THEY ARE COSTLY TO REPLACE.

Options deeply appreciates your support of this life affirming ministry for the woman, for the child, for life...