

# 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  
Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
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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  
Ch. Art Environment Dolores Kreal 988-0271  
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Lachnicht 424-5636  
Lectors Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
Linen Committee Dom Sacca  
Sacristans Pat Maggart 424-3212  
Greta Tyrrell 428-2412  
Ushers Frank Krenslak 309-1999  
Music Ministry Dolores Kreal 988-0271  
Len Kolojejchick 346-4078  
June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461

### *Social Development*

Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008  
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June Garafano 229-7461  
Lin Lyon 795-4396  
Career Ministry Committee 424-3212  
Funsters (over 50 club) Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323  
Parish Festival Lorraine Kennedy 489-0031  
Women's Club

### *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



### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter initiated the celebration of "World Marriage Day" on the second Sunday of February. **Here, at Saint Thomas**

**Thomas More**, at all the Masses the **weekend of February 8/9** all married couples will be recognized and blessed. As we celebrate and reflect on the Sacrament of Marriage we would like to display wedding pictures of our parishioners in the gathering space. Please bring a copy of your wedding photo, or we'll copy for you, to the parish office (mark with your name & wedding date). Call Sister Ann with any questions, 424-3212.

### 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.**

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*Stewards from the Womb*

*"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb." ISAIAH 49:5A*

God has formed each of us as His servants from the womb. He blessed us with unique gifts and He provided us with the talents and skills we would need to be His **Stewards**. If we do not fulfill the unique vision that God had for us alone, who will do it?

### PARISH COLLECTION

**January 12, 2014**

**\$10,123.00 - 236 Envelopes**

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

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 29)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

## Knowing God and Loving God: Part Two

*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 God is to love God, and only in loving God can we truly know God. Because a true knowledge of God is *personal* knowledge, and true love of God is *personal* love. To know that God is omnipotent and omniscient is to know something true about God. But this sort of knowledge is theoretical. Such knowledge can produce a kind of intellectual wonder, but not personal love. In personal relations, it is only by loving that we gain a true knowledge of another. That was the point of last week's reflection.

*Who God is . . .*

But how is it that we “get to know” another person? How do we come to know *who* another person is. “Who is she?” we ask. The answer involves *identifying* her. “Oh, that's Mary, she's the daughter of . . . she is the one who . . . she is the one that . . . Identifying a person involves beginning to put together a kind of personal narrative. And eventually, if I am to get to know Mary, she will need to take up the narrative herself, she will have to be willing to tell me something of her personal story.

What does this have to do with knowing and loving God? Well, how is it that Christians “identify” God? How does Scripture speak of “who” God is? God is the *One who* created heaven and earth . . . the *One who* suddenly appeared to Abraham . . . the *One who* called the people of Israel out of slavery . . . the *One who* called and inspired the prophets . . . the *One who* sent his own Son, his eternal Word into the world through the womb of Mary. It is chiefly the narrative line of Holy Scripture that answers the question *Who* God is. Sure, Holy Scripture also communicates a certain theoretical knowledge of God (all powerful, all merciful, etc.). But it is only in the narrative that these divine attributes are integrated into a truly personal identity. Which explains why narrative is the dominant literary form in Holy Scripture.

*God's Personal Relationships . . .*

To know and love Mary involves coming to know and love others who are crucial to Mary's identity—her parents and siblings, for example. Just so, knowing and loving God includes close company with all those whom God loves, becoming part of the narrative of God's chosen relationships (Israel-Church, the poor and needy, etc.). Yet more mysteriously, it means being invited into the innermost relation of Love that makes up *Who* God is. For this is the great secret finally revealed as the Narrative comes to its climax: the love of the eternal Father for the Eternal Son in the eternal Communion of their shared Holy Spirit.

What does it mean to know and love God? It means to know and love the Father revealed by the Son, and to love the Son given by Father, and to love all those whom the Spirit calls into their fellowship.

*A Love that Loves the Unlovely?*

But there is a nagging question so far ignored. Is it really true that to know others is to love them? Does not our knowledge of one another uncover a great deal of unloveliness? Yes, and God's personal narrative confirms this dark and bloody truth. And yet: “*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 4:10).* For Christ's sake, may God grant us the Love to make one another loveable.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Ministry Schedule for January 25 and 26, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer	T Petrone, I Rellosa Sr. Zophia	B Scarpa	A/K/W Quay
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita B Casey	Sr. Bozena A Del Campo-O'Brien R Vanderwielen	M Maggart	A/J Zleba B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal B Casey	D/L Lyon D Staton	V Marchesani	R Caton M/N Ronan
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale B Casey	M Garber, B Haughwout L Levin	J Arnold	G/M Gray N Samson

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 7:00 p.m.**

In the St. Thomas More Hall

#### 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*

#### "Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians"

Those parishioners who have registered for this Bible Study please meet with Sister Ann in the Parish Hall after the 9 AM Mass on Monday, January 20.

### STM youth

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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Martin Luther King Service Event:**

**THIS 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*

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will receive this sacrament on Saturday, January 25, at 10 a.m. All parents and their family members in attendance will also have the opportunity to have their own confessions heard. Please keep these 22 children and their families in your prayers as they celebrate God's love and forgiveness.

The fourth Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held next Sunday, January 26, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend that class as well as the 10 am Mass.

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

**Heartland Hospice** needs volunteers. Please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Rosann Kureczko, 251-0707.

### MARKET DAY FROZEN FOOD

**DELIVERY DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

**PICK UP BETWEEN 3 & 4 PM**

in the St. Thomas More Hall

*Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924*

**REMINDER** for those parishioners who had their photo taken and received a phone call that your photo is in; please come to the parish office (M-F, 9:30-4:00) to pick up your photo. Thank you for participating.







Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY - JANUARY 20

6:45 am Raymond Diehl r/b the Turner Family  
9:00 am Walter Zlotek r/b Rossi Family

TUESDAY - JANUARY 21

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am William Flowers r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 22

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Angelucci Family

THURSDAY - JANUARY 23

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Larry Cotilla r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

FRIDAY - JANUARY 24

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Paul Charette r/b Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY - JANUARY 25

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Tom Wilkins r/b AJ & Carol Ariani

SUNDAY - JANUARY 26

8:30 am Ryan Travis r/b Mike & Pat Maggart  
10:00 am Lillian Reader r/b Lillian Creedon  
Virginia Foley r/b Dick & Angela Conn  
Chuck Kapischke r/b Dick & Joyce  
DeMichele  
11:30 am Paul Charette r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse

**SCC FACILITATORS' TRAINING:**

All Small Christian Community Facilitators are invited to attend a workshop with Sister Donna Ciangio, OP on Saturday, February 8, in the parish hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Hope to see you there!  
*Sister Ann, 424-3212*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:  
THE DECEASED... Olga Mignone.**

**THE SICK...**

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

**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, 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.

**MISSION MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY**

Next weekend, January 25/26, a second collection will be taken to help support worldwide missions; we can help to provide the financial resources to assist priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists as they minister, comfort, teach, bring help and hope to those in need. Thank you for your support.



**60th Anniversary: U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage  
June 29-July 8**

Accompanied by a medical staff, clergy and volunteers to assist the needs of the pilgrims. For details, contact Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P., (email is allenop@opfriars.org) or The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office (lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net. or 877-276-7279). Website: www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com  
**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS MARCH 25.**

### 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26, 2014 - Matt. 4:12-23

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

#### Commentary:

Imagine the scene in your neighborhood. Jesus walks down the street, calling all who hear his voice to follow him. And there go your neighbors one by one, abandoning their computers and television sets, gardening tools and supper preparations, cell phones and homework, to fall in behind a virtual stranger. Why do they do it? Some go because they hate what they were doing and are looking for any excuse to shirk their responsibilities. Some go out of curiosity because they are bored and yearn for something interesting to happen. Some go because they have felt neglected or ignored and are grateful to be asked. Some even go because they were startled by the call they heard, by the insistence in the voice that roused them to feelings they can scarcely name. For the best reasons and for the worst, lots of people leave everything behind and follow Jesus. And you know what? All of them are better off than the ones who never even looked up to see who just passed by.

#### 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?

### OPTIONS FOR WOMEN PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Baby Bottles may be picked up at the exit doors this 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...

**Living In Love** is a program of the pastoral and Matrimonial Renewal Center. This is a mini retreat workshop, **February 8-9 at hosting parish Saint Charles Borromeo, Sicklerville, NJ**, for married couples designed to energize the romance and renew the excitement of being in love. For more information: (610) 640-4105 or [www.livinginlove.org](http://www.livinginlove.org)



**Every life is sacred.** Respect Life Mass on Wed., Jan. 22 at 12:05 pm at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden - Presider: Bishop Dennis Sullivan. On the 41st anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision, we pray for an end to abortion and for a greater respect for all life.

### Diocese of Camden

#### OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

##### CAP Phase 1

- Mon., January 27, 7 p.m.

Bishop McHugh Reg. School, Cape May Ct. House, Library

##### CAP Phase 2—Bully Prevention

- Wed., January 22, 7 p.m.

Assumption Regional School, Galloway, School Cafeteria

##### CAP Phase 3—Cyber Empowerment

- Tues., January 28, 7 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sicklerville, Church Basement

**To attend one of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) classes, please call the CAP registration line, (856) 583-6165. Please register at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend.**



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.