

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
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
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
Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEBRUARY 2, 2014

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 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 can copy it for you, to the parish office as soon as possible (mark with your name & wedding date).

Call Sister Ann with any questions, 424-3212.

SCC FACILITATORS' TRAINING:

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

Sister Ann, 424-3212

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7:00 p.m.

In the St. Thomas More Hall

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Set the Example

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

LUKE 2:22b

Do we give the Lord the first fruits of our time every week by attending Mass? Do we set an example of *Stewardship* for our children and grandchildren by attending Mass and joyously participating in the celebration of Mass each week? How do we know what God wants us to do unless we communicate with Him?

PARISH COLLECTION

January 26, 2014

\$7,232.00 - 177 Envelopes

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



Religious Education students preparing for First Reconciliation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION - 2014

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was received for the first time on Saturday, January 25, by 21 of our Saint Thomas More parish children.

Thank you to Sr. Elizabeth Kulesa, Pat Kirincic and Sister Katherine who assisted the children in their preparation for this beautiful sacrament.

Those children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time were:

Colin Addis
 Sarah Addis
 James Alexander
 Gabriel Barrett
 Anthony Bonetti
 Madison Carr
 Dillon DeGrace
 Nicolas Gayer
 Joseph Gitzes
 Miguel Graterol
 Erin Houlihan

Haley Kodluk
 Andrew Kuzinski
 Aiden Librojo
 Ava Moyer
 John Moyer
 Colton Oatway
 Trevor Preece
 Elena Rivera
 Timothy Ronan
 Sarah Weber

Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive First Eucharist on May 3.

Congratulations to our parishioner **Marianne Wilkins - 2014 Recipient of the Martin Luther King Freedom Award** for volunteerism. Marianne was selected from hundreds of nominations for the outstanding contributions she makes in the area of community service. Marianne was nominated by fellow parishioner Gaye Pino. The Award Ceremony was held on Friday, January 24 at the Camden County Boat House. We are proud to have Marianne as part of our Parish family and we certainly benefit greatly from her tireless and unselfish goals and ideals.



Gaye Pino and Marianne Wilkins



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From Feast To Family,
 The Diocese of Camden
 Food Drive 2014

SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 23

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us that whenever we feed the least of our brothers and sisters, we feed Jesus himself. At this time of the year, many food pantries find themselves with empty shelves while the requests for food are still great.

In response, the Diocese of Camden is organizing a food drive called *faithFULL*. On Sunday, February 23, every parish and school in the diocese will be asked to bring food donations to area food banks. It is our hope that our faith communities will work together to collect **more than 560,000 pounds** of canned food items – setting a world record for the largest one-day food drive! **Food donations can be dropped off at any Catholic Church.**

WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING:

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| Canned Vegetables | Canned Tuna Fish |
| Canned Vegetable Juice | Canned Chicken |
| Canned Tomato Products | Canned Soup |
| Canned Spaghetti Sauce | Canned Beans |
| Canned Fruit | Canned Chili |
| Applesauce | Canned Beef Stew |
| Canned Fruit Juice | Peanut Butter |

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Ministry Schedule for February 8 and 9, 2014					
Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	G Nacarelli L Kolojejchick	N/P Kirlincic T Petrone	D Mayfield	I Fulton, D Ha B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	Sr. Pepita B Casey	J/L Duffy R Vanderwielen	P Lachnicht	G/M Gray B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir D Kreal B Casey	D Gould, M Huynh M Santlago	F Eggles	R Caton M/N Ronan
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kapischke B Casey	M Garber B Haughwout A Thompson	V Marchesani	S Russo N Samson E Thompson

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., Feb. 5 at 2 pm (Please note new date and time)
- **General Meeting In Jan.:** GAME DAY & Soup was postponed because of snow; we will keep you posted with new details in future bulletins.
- **Book Group:** Tues., Feb. 11 at 1:30 pm at Helen Hawksley's home. We are reading "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLaine.
- **PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** Save the date! Sun., April 5. More info will follow.

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fifth Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held next Sunday, February 9, 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

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to ALL Parishioners & Friends
UPCOMING TRIPS:

- **Tues., Apr 29, 2014** - City Mansions in Rittenhouse Square and Society Hill, PA Neighborhoods along with Country Estates of Fairmount Park including a 3 course sit down lunch - Cost: \$89 per person
- **Sun., June 1, 2014** - Dupont Theatre in Wilmington, DE to see "Million Dollar Quartet" - the musical inspired by famed recording session of four young musicians (Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins & Jerry Lee Lewis) at Sun Records in Memphis. Brunch included before the show, \$133 per person. (ONLY A FEW SPACES LEFT.)

Please call Lin at 795-4396 to sign up for the above-mentioned trips as space is limited. If you have previously signed up for either of these trips, please call in payments at this time.

STM youth

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

Upcoming Event(s):



THIS WEEKEND HELP US TACKLE HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY!

We ask your support to transform Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving. All proceeds will go to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul, who will use it to help those in need.

Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

REMINDER for those parishioners who had their photos 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 - FEBRUARY 1

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

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 2

8:30 am Tom Wilkins r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella
10:00 am Ryan Travis r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele
Lisa Benson r/b Moyer Family
Marie Mazzagatti r/b Marchese Family
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 3

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Bill Koelsch r/b Family

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 4

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Kay Turiano r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 5

6:45 am William Flowers r/b Marianne Wilkins
9:00 am Kay Turiano r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 6

6:45 am Joanne Esposito r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am Richard Kolecki r/b Phyllis & Family
Kay Turiano r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 7

6:45 am Joseph S. Escherman r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am Kay Turiano r/b Sheila Moore

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 8

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Tom Wilkins r/b Jeff & Paula Bruton

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 9


8:30 am Tom Wilkins r/b Teri Bones
10:00 am Ryan Travis r/b Ted & Kay Uhlman
Angelina Cozza r/b the Frament and Severino Families
Joe Lamberti r/b Jim & Julia Johnson
11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... William Abruscato and Claire Mazzochette.

THE SICK...

Don Kreal	Claire Mazzochette	
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre	
Phyllis Schadt	George Sweeten	
Ron Massey	John B. Kennedy	
Claire Boylan	Michael Kapischke	
Frank Colbert	Betty O'Donnell	
Mary Cowan	Henry Bourgeois	
Jean Colbert	Stanley Kochanek	
Pat Barton	Pauline Rosberg	
Leila Lore	Joseph Console	
Ed Rivero	Geralyn Coticone	
Pat Beaney	Jerry McMenamin	
YunYun Shen	Pasquale DiFronzo	
Rose Hession	Dorothy Wolenter	
Danny Perla	Mary Branciforte	
Anna Bedrick	Virginia Gormley	
Pat Brink	Angelo DiGiacomo	
Ginny Fritz	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	
Mary DeVito	Francesca Capra	
Sue Hagan	Deacon Jim Smith	
Julia Lepre	Bryan Dietrich	

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

 Lt. Col. Allison Agar, SSgt Samuel Brough, Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, SSgt 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.

Ongoing Devotions... (In Chapel)

Novena of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Rosary

Tuesday mornings after the Novena

Wednesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Saturdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. until 12 Noon

Newly registered Parishioners
Welcome! We're glad you're here.

Michael & Prudence Vipiani
Joseph & Melody Rosito
CJ Dombrowski Sharon Nguyen
Doug, Paula, Isabella & Christopher Todd



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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 9, 2014 - Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Commentary:

Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enable one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. Our mission is to be *light-bearers* of Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel. Likewise we are called to be a city set on a hill that should be elevated and easily visible. We should give hope and direction to weary pilgrims as they travel the journey of life.

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?

St. Andrew the Apostle Church

will hold the annual woman's event

Messages From the Heart

A Very Special Day to Renew your Faith & Spirit
Thursday, February 27 – 9:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Keynote speaker Susan Brinkmann (author, staff journalist for Woman of Grace, and a Third Order Discalced Carmelite) will share her journey from doubt to faith and inspire those who struggle in times of uncertainty. Joan Sandell will follow with inspirations from scripture stories and relate to their everyday life experiences. After lunch Janice Pantano, chocolatier; chocolate sampling, recipes and special ingredients. **Cost is \$25, \$30 after 2/17/14. Hot lunch provided** (chicken, tilapia, veg/rice pilaf, rolls & butter & dessert). **Registration required, form available in the gathering space.** For more info contact Angela at 651-0544 or fieni@yahoo.com.

Could God be calling you to the priesthood?

Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group

The Office of Vocations, *Director Fr. Romano* - 583-2858, 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 next Sunday, February 9, at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Williamstown.

BABY BOTTLES for OPTIONS PREGNANCY CENTER

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN
FILLED BABY BOTTLES, NEXT
WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 8th/9th.**



THANK YOU!



History shows that when civilizations degenerate morally, the strong and powerful begin to victimize the weak and defenseless. Abortion victimizes the most vulnerable of all, the unborn child.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

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 (\$5 suggested donation) - Appetizers & Drink specials are available.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. at Dooney's Irish Pub, Delran, NJ