

# 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

### PARISH MISSION

Our parish mission, this year, will be held  
Monday, March 31  
Tuesday, April 1  
Wednesday, April 2

Father John Collins, a Paulist priest from New York, will lead the Mission.

Over the past decade Father Collins has conducted more than 300 missions and more than 30 retreats for priests and religious. Please mark your calendars for this opportunity for Spiritual Renewal!

### SIGN-UPS FOR SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Next weekend after all the Masses parishioners are invited to sign up for a Lenten Small Christian Community. "Small Christian Communities help ordinary people connect their faith with everyday living." A wonderful opportunity for the Lenten Season! Call Sister Ann for more information at 424-3212.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7:00 p.m.  
In the St. Thomas More Hall

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*Stewards Called to Help*

*"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."*

MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good *Steward* of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

### PARISH COLLECTION

February 2, 2014

\$11,036.00 - 239 Envelopes

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

## STORY TELLING IN SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

There is a wealth of research on how story telling and faith-sharing can enhance our spiritual lives. When we tell our stories and share our faith we grow in our faith.

Story telling and faith sharing can enhance and bring to life in our lives the human and spiritual character strengths of forgiveness, honesty, gratitude and outreach.

Story telling and faith sharing are our way of sharing our wealth of experience. It is our unique way of connecting with God. The story telling deepens our awareness of the daily involvement of God in our lives.

Story telling builds relationships with those in our group. It builds trust among the members. Story telling has the power to convince and persuade other people that God is interactive in our lives. God's presence becomes more visible and more alive.

Story telling persuades people much more than handing them facts or quoting dogmas. Story telling is much more effective in shaping the character of one's soul and the souls of others than memorizing prayers and quoting dogmas or policies.

Story telling can have an enormous impact on us and on others. Sharing your personal story with others is a great way to get your message to stick. Sharing your story makes your message seem much more authentic and much more approachable.

When you share your story, you prompt others to open up about how God is moving in their lives too. They come to see with more clarity how God fits into the very fabric of the very ordinary happenings of their lives too.

Story telling promotes the awareness that spirituality and God are at the very core of our human identity. Spirituality is very central and very critical to a great majority of those who attend church and those who do not attend church.

We bring our spirituality with us wherever we go. We bring our spirituality with us when we walk in and walk out of the door of the church. This is the one critical asset that is always with us and that we need to feed.

And the small faith sharing group experiences nurture our spiritual identities. They nurture our religious beliefs too. In the story telling we refresh our sense of purpose in this life and our belief in a life hereafter.

*Come and share your Faith Story with others this Lenten Season!*

*Please contact Sister Ann (424-3212) for information about Small Christian Communities.*



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Ministry Schedule for February 15 and 16, 2014**

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	M Kramer B Casey	J Galati, Sr. Zophla G Tyrrell	T Andraka	M/T Dautle B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	J Garafano B Casey	A Del Campo-O'Brien Sr. Rosarla B Scarpa	M Maggart	J Pol A Rzepski B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Adult Choir R Kaplschke B Casey	K Glover D/L Lyon	J Mohan	A/I Cammlsa L Smth
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale B Casey	M Garber M Gorln B Massey	J Arnold	S Russo A/J Zleba

*Women's Club News*

- **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 6. 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 this 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 the class as well as the 10 am Mass.

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

**STM youth**

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



**THANK YOU!** The Youth Group's 12th Souper Bowl of Caring project raised \$1,733!

The collection will go to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul who will distribute it to five local organizations; *Cathedral Kitchen in Camden, The Cathedral of the immaculate Conception's lunch program for the homeless, St. Francis Inn (soup kitchen), South Jersey Food Bank, Joseph's House (Camden),* to help with their food related needs. *We really appreciate your generosity!*

Ronald McDonald House  
of Southern New Jersey



**SATURDAY Morning, March 8 - Ronald McDonald House Breakfast**

*Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120*

**'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.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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

### MONDAY - FEBRUARY 10

6:45 am Rosario Sillitti r/b Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

### TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 11

6:45 am Vincenza Sillitti r/b Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
9:00 am Bernice Sadus r/b Marian Kapischke

### WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 12

6:45 am Carmela Sillitti r/b Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
9:00 am Kay Turiano r/b Susanne Ozawa

### THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 13

6:45 am Concetta Sillitti r/b Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
9:00 am Anna Bruno r/b Bruno Family  
Larry Cotilla r/b Marilyn Derivaux  
Claire Mazzochette r/b Monday afternoon SCC Group

### FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 14

6:45 am Special Intention of Sr. Rosaria Sillitti r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
9:00 am Arturo Rivero, Jr. r/b Toni & Joe Andraka

### SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 15

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm CDR. Paul E. Charette, USN (Ret.) r/b Pat & Robert

### SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 16

8:30 am Paul Charette r/b Teri Bones  
10:00 am Marie Mazzagatti r/b the Gullo Family  
Tom Wilkins r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele  
Ryan Travis r/b Marianne Gorin  
11:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

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

### **THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...**



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, SSgt Samuel Brough, Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by donating food or funds to purchase food, next weekend after all Masses, to the Society.

*Stan Thompson, President*



### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

We are meeting on Thursday, February 13, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

*Sheila Mohan, Chair*

### **MEN IN BLACK - THEOLOGY ON TAP**

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

## Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

### Excerpt from the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16, 2014 - Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard it said to your ancestors, ‘You shall not kill’...but I say to you, whoever is angry with brother or sister will be liable to judgment.”

“You have heard it said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery in his heart.”

“Your ancestors said, ‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all.”

### Commentary:

One by one, Jesus takes the various laws in all their externality and draws out **their inner roots**. One injunction had been against *killing*. But the inside of that law is, do not ever act out of anger for your brother (or sister). Not even the word *raqa* may be spoken. *You shall not commit adultery*. The inside of that law is, be pure enough to not even look lustfully at a woman. And, *divorce*. The interior law is to stay faithful and loving within your marriage relationship. Finally, the matter of *oaths* and swearing. Jesus diagnoses this simply: you are trying to make up for your weakness by putting almighty power behind your words. Just say yes or not, and mean it. Why does Jesus dig so deep? The inside of the law is written in Jesus' heart. May it be written in ours as well.

### 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?



Since God created all life, He is pro-life. How could we, as His followers, dare to take any other position?

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator  
779-7130

### **BABY BOTTLES** for OPTIONS PREGNANCY CENTER

Thank you for supporting this life affirming ministry. Please return your bottles at the entryways of the church today. If you have forgotten to bring your baby bottle in today, late bottles may be returned on future Sundays and placed in the receptacles or return them to the parish office during the week.



**PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOTTLES empty or full AS THEY ARE COSTLY FOR OPTIONS TO REPLACE. THANK YOU!**

**Knights of Columbus** - Cherry Hill Council #6175  
Winter 2014 Luncheon Fundraiser on Sat., Feb. 22 - 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Outback Restaurant, Rt. 73. Tickets on Sale, this weekend, in the gathering space.



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

[www.camdenfaithfull.com](http://www.camdenfaithfull.com)

### 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:

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