

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 COUNCIL MEETING

THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7 p.m.

In the St. Thomas More Hall

SIGN-UPS FOR SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

THIS weekend, after all the Masses, parishioners are invited to sign up for a Lenten SCC group. Call Sister Ann for more information at 424-3212.

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!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Not Elevated

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear - it's the love that good Stewards have in their hearts that will get them to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

PARISH COLLECTION

February 9, 2014

\$8,522.50 - 213 Envelopes

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 17

6:45 am Joseph S. Escherman r/b John Sacca
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 18

6:45 am Ursula Kowalski
9:00 am Larry Cotilla r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 19

6:45 am Arnold Constantini
9:00 am Kay Turiano r/b St. Thomas More
Women's Bridge Group

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 20

6:45 am Tim
9:00 am Mary Sobieski r/b Rossi Family
William Abruscato r/b DeMasi Family
Holy Souls in Purgatory r/b Greta Tyrrell

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 21

6:45 am Mary Osborne
9:00 am Bernie Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 22

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 23

8:30 am Edie Nask r/b M/M Angelo Ariani
10:00 am Ryan Travis r/b Teri Bones
Lou Casa r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele
Debbie LaVoice r/b Jim & Julie Johnson
11:30 am Virginia Foley r/b Shirley Kane

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 Console	
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		
Msgr. Budney		

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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:
All are welcome to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen...
Date: Wednesday, February 26
Time: after 9:00 Mass
Where: St. Thomas More Hall
See you then, *thank you!*
Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

Knights of Columbus

Cherry Hill Council #6175

Winter 2014 Luncheon Fundraiser
NEXT Saturday, February 22, 12:30

-2:30 p.m. at Outback Restaurant, 901 Rt. 73 South, Marlton.

Menu: Salad, Chicken or Sirloin, Dessert, Soft Drinks, Coffee or Tea included. Cash bar.

Individual: \$10 - Family: \$25

Tickets on Sale, this weekend, in the gathering space.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 4, 5-7 p.m.

\$4 for Adults, \$2.50 Ages 6-12,

\$1 Ages 1-5

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Women's Club



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 16, 2014

Ministry Schedule for February 22 and 23, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale L Kolojejchick	D Kreal, T Petrone I Rellosa	J Mohan	A/I Witting B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita B Casey	Sr. Bozena, J Kenney B Scarpa	D Miller	M/T Dautle B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke B Casey	E Beckman, M Hunyh D Staton	F Eggles	E Barbera K/K Johnson
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	P Kelton B Casey	M Ciccotta, G Gadren L Levin	R Ciccotta	K/W Quay O Reganata

Women's Club News

- **Rescheduled Game Day:** Wed., Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. If you're here for Cathedral Kitchen sandwich making, you can just stay to enjoy game day. Please bring your own soup mug and any games you would enjoy. We will have a drawing for the Flemings Steakhouse gift certificate. All current paid members are eligible. No need to be present to win. If snow, this event will be cancelled.
- **Board Meeting:** Wed., March 5 at 2:30 p.m.
- **Book Group:** Tues., March 11 at 1:30 p.m. at Mary Lou Thomas' home. We are reading "Fugitive Colors" by Lisa Barr.

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

Taize Prayer Service
SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, March 26 - 7 pm
OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Women's Club
Light refreshments after the service.

STM youth

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 6th through 8th grades
Upcoming Event(s):

Ronald McDonald House
of Southern New Jersey



- SATURDAY Morning, March 8 - Ronald McDonald House Breakfast
- Cherry Hill Regional Youth Mass at Holy Eucharist Parish, Kresson Rd., on March 2 at 7 p.m. Refreshments and basketball after the Mass.

Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fifth Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held next Sunday, February 23, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend the class as well as the 10 am Mass.

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

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 7 p.m.
In the St. Thomas More Hall



From Feast To Family,
The Diocese of Camden
www.camdenfaithfull.com Food Drive 2014

NEXT WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 23

We will be participating in the *faithFULL* Food Drive with parishes and schools across the Diocese of Camden. Our goal is to collect more than 560,000 pounds of canned food to help our neighbors in need. Please see the list below of acceptable food items, and bring your donations to Mass next week. Thank you for your generosity!

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 |



Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2013 Annual Report

St. Thomas More Conference

2013 was another good year for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, thanks to you, the generous parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish. Your continuing support of our organization enabled us to address the many needs of the poor and less fortunate in and around our area.

Needy families within St. Thomas More Parish and in our county have unfortunately increased. During 2013 with your support, we collected and distributed 343 bags of food along with generous bread donations from Panera Bread in Marlton and your Soap for Hope contributions. Overall, we served nearly 4,000 individuals. Members made over 250 visits to families and individuals in need. Dinners were provided during Easter & Thanksgiving to 125 families at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden and candy gifts were made to the children of Holy Name School. In addition to the monthly food deliveries to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, food supplements were provided to the residents of St. Mary's Village. We continue to support the Senior Citizens United Community Services of Camden County. Tuition support was provided to two needy children at Sacred Heart School in Camden as well as financial support to the Catholic Partnership (supporting Catholic Schools in Camden). We also donated funds and delivered bakery products to the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden for use in their daily feeding program for the poor. We continued to provide support to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry, South Jersey Food Bank, Joseph's House and Francis House meal programs. We provided food to the Ronald McDonald House. Infant care products were provided to the Guadalupe Society in Camden and financial assistance to our local Franciscan Sisters. Finally, due to the fire that destroyed Dietz & Watson's warehouse the lunch program that Immaculate Conception provides to the homeless in Camden was greatly impacted. We have been able to obtain donations from Bimbo Bakeries and purchase meats that partially assist them to continue their program.

Each year we continue to expand our outreach due to the generosity of the St. Thomas More parishioners. As the demand for our services by poor and in-need individuals and families continues to increase, we ask for your continued support for our outreaching efforts. You can assist us by your monthly food (*even just one can*) and/or monetary donations. One hundred percent of all your donations go to helping the poor and needy. Our collection schedule for food and monetary donations is at all Masses on the 3rd weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of each month. Please keep the poor and us in your prayers as you are in ours. We would like to thank you for allowing us to be your stewards in serving our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. We would also like to thank Father Johnson for his support throughout the year and Fr. Joyce and Sister Ann for their support as well. We also appreciate the support from our youth. The St. Thomas More Youth Group generously donates funds raised from their annual Souper Bowl of Caring project. The Religious Education program donates food during their Thanksgiving Food Drive. Below is an accounting of our 2013 Collections and Expenditures:

<u>2013 COLLECTIONS</u>		<u>2013 EXPENDITURES</u>	
Parishioner and Special Collections	\$24,262	Holy Name School/Parish Food Support	\$ 5,865
St. Vincent de Paul Member Collections	<u>\$ 2,995</u>	Needy Family Assistance	\$ 8,324
Total Collections	<u>\$27,257</u>	Cathedral Kitchen/St. Francis Inn Feeding Programs	\$ 3,355
		Joseph's House	\$ 1,796
		South Jersey Food Bank	\$ 1,196
		St. Mary's Village	\$ 1,101
		Senior Citizens United Community Services	\$ 814
		Immaculate Conception Grocery Pantry	\$ 454
		Guadalupe Society Infant Help Program	\$ 539
		Francis House	\$ 1,900
		Sacred Heart School / Catholic Partnership (tuition)	\$ 2,000
		Cherry Hill Food Outreach	\$ 346
		Misc. Charitable Donations	\$ 2,515
		Misc. Expenses	<u>\$ 200</u>
		Total Expenditures	\$30,405
Food Bags Collected	343 Bags	Food Bags Distributed	343 Bags

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 2014 - Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles."

"You have heard it said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brother only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?"

Commentary:

Jesus asks his followers to live by a higher law than the Mosaic code, replacing strict justice with deep concern for the welfare of others. Christians must rise above an ordinary human standard that says we love those who love us in return. Christianity challenges us to love our enemies. Jesus calls us to follow his example. His life mirrors God's love for all creation. We are to love not because others deserve love but because as Christians—followers of Christ, sons and daughters of God—it's our nature to love.

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?



How can we de-fund the multi-million dollar big abortion industry? Our elected officials are public servants, not kings and queens. Unless we make demands, they will assume that the pro-death side speaks for us. We cannot and must not remain silent. As children of God, we must vote for moral, pro-life politicians at all levels of government. *Pro-Life Corner*

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance

Sponsored by Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus
March 9, 3-7 pm at Auletto's, Almonesson, NJ
Music by the Juliano Brothers!

To purchase tickets please contact Franciscan Sisters at 428-8834 or fmijusdel@yahoo.com.

St. Thomas More ELEVENTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE

**PROGRESSIVE
DINNER** 

SAVE THE DATE! - Sunday, April 6



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.

BABY BOTTLES for OPTIONS PREGNANCY CENTER



THANK YOU! Late bottles may still be returned to the parish office.

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

'FUNSTER NEWS'

For the **FUN** of It

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.