

# 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

**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**

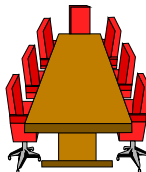
New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

**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



**Saint Thomas More  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Thanks you for your in-put last October and acknowledges our new council members:

Julius Cepeda      Carlos Santiago  
Marylee Garber      Joanne Wachman

**New Parish Trustees**

John Mohan      Greta Tyrrell

Our sincere *thank you* to Gary Gadren and Pat Lachnicht who served as Parish Trustees from October 2007 through September 2013.

**SIGN-UPS FOR  
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES**  
are this weekend and next weekend. Please check the poster in the gathering space with facilitators, dates and times listed. If you are interested please call Sister Ann (424-3212).

**PARISH MISSION**

Our parish mission, this year, will be held Mon., March 31, Tues., April 1 & Wed., April 2 Please mark your calendars for this opportunity for Spiritual Renewal!

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 7 p.m.**  
In the St. Thomas More Hall

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**  
*Stewards have Empathy*  
*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."* MATTHEW 5:44  
Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of *Stewardship* is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others - even "our enemies" - maybe it softens their hearts as well.

**PARISH COLLECTION**  
**February 16, 2014**  
**\$7,647.50 - 186 Envelopes**  
*May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.*

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 31)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

## The Fruit of the Spirit

In St. Paul's letter to the Church at Galatia, the apostle provides a brief catechism on living a spiritual life. First he makes a list of what he calls the “works of the flesh” that dull and even kill the spiritual life given by Christ. He then provides an opposing list. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control” (Gal. 5:22-23). From other passages in St. Paul's letters, the apostolic tradition adds these three to the list: modesty, self-control and chastity. This gives us the traditional twelve “fruits of the Spirit” that some of you may have memorized.

Commenting on the close meaning of Paul's words, I will begin with the first half of the list and finish up in my next article.

+ *Love*: Writing in Greek, Paul could choose from four words that translate into the one English word “love”. The word he chose is *agapé*, translated by the Latin *caritas*. It means untiring benevolence, unflinching good will toward others. It is, in fact, the word used throughout the New Testament to speak of the Love of God for us. The word does not first describe a feeling, but a moral determination to love one another as Christ has loved us. This love is always seeking the other's true good. It is a love that does not withdraw when it is injured.

+ *Peace*: Not simply an internal peace of mind, but an active harmony in human relationships. It is a blessing of harmony and well-being that we take with us as we enter into relationship with others. It is the blessing that God brings with him when he enters into relationship with us. Not simply the absence of conflict but a positive gift that maintains good will even in the conflicts of interest that are an inevitable part of life with others.

+ *Joy* in the Christian sense is not exactly what we mean by “happiness”. Happiness is circumstantial; joy persists even in unhappy circumstances. Joy is not the opposite of sorrow; joy and sorrow can deepen together—for example when a husband's grief in the loss of his wife only serves to deepen the joy of having loved her and having been loved by her, or when the shame of our sin finally wakes us up to the joy of being forgiven.

+ *Patience*: In ancient Greek this word denotes a certain kind of moral *strength*. It describes a person who never gives up in pursuit of the good or in opposing evil. A patient man is one who remains his true self even in suffering and who restrains himself even when he has the power to take revenge on an enemy. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that patient endurance is the highest form of courage. In Holy Scripture this kind of patience is repeatedly ascribed to God in his relation to sinful humankind.

+ *Kindness* and *Goodness* are closely related words. Kindness speaks of an enduring sweetness or loveliness in a person's actions, a sort of moral beauty that endears a person to others. Paul's word translated as “goodness” means a moral strength that maintains true virtue in all situations.

Lists are useful for memorization. But it is important to remember that St. Paul does not speak in the plural of *fruits*. For him, each spiritual perfection manifests one aspect of the single “*fruit of the Spirit*”. Each discrete term evokes the others, providing a coherent vision of the Spirit's sanctifying work in our Lives. For this reason, no list can be exhaustive; the beauty and power of holiness is inexhaustible.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Ministry Schedule for March 1, and 2, 2014**

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Malatino	J Galati, I Rellosa G Tyrrell	J Cepeda	C Cepeda, D Ha B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father John Rossi	Sr. Pepita	Sr. Katherine A Pajlc R Vanderwellen	J Vecchiola	O Reganata A Rzepski B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Adult Choir D Kreal	D Gould, J Mazzagatti S Mohan	J Mohan	E Barbera R Caton, J Pol
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	M Kramer	M Gorin, L Levin A Thompson	J Arnold	M/N Ronan E Thompson

*Women's Club News*

- **Rescheduled Game Day:** This 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. - 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Upcoming Event(s):

- **NEXT SUNDAY: March 2 at 7 p.m.** - Cherry Hill Regional Youth Mass at Holy Eucharist Parish, Kresson Rd., Refreshments & basketball after Mass.

Ronald McDonald House  
of Southern New Jersey



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

*Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120*

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The fifth Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held this 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 a.m. Mass.

Next Sunday, March 2, at 10 a.m. children who will be receiving First Eucharist this year and their families will celebrate an Enrollment Mass. Following this Mass, a **mandatory meeting for both parent and child** will take place in the Saint Thomas More Parish Hall from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At least one parent and their child are expected to attend.

There will be **NO** Parish Religious Education Program classes on Tuesday, March 4. However, all students from both the afternoon and evening classes are expected to attend the **children's Ash Wednesday Service** on March 5 at 4:30 p.m. in the Church. Ashes will be distributed. Parents are invited to attend with their children.

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

**THANK YOU** to all those who participated in our *World Day of Marriage* celebration.



The photo display, artfully arranged by Sr. Ann and Sr. Katherine, was a great source of delight to our parishioners. Please take home your wedding picture after Mass this weekend.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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

### MONDAY - FEBRUARY 24

6:45 am John Capelli  
9:00 am Vincenzo Scotto r/b daughter, Agatha Scotto

### TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 25

6:45 am Kevin McCauley  
9:00 am Peter Buttacavoli r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

### WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 26

6:45 am George & Elizabeth Edappat r/b the Pottackal Family  
9:00 am Joan Harz r/b Charles & Jean Reinert

### THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 27

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Joe Mike Peterson r/b Bob & AM Lento  
Val & Ann Lento & Madeline Giarletta  
r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

### FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 28

6:45 am Henry B. Glover, Sr. r/b Henry & Kathy Glover  
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

### SATURDAY - MARCH 1

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Virginia Foley r/b Oran & Marta Rives

### SUNDAY - MARCH 2

8:30 am Thomas Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan  
10:00 am Leonard Armstrong r/b Jim & Julie Johnson  
Virginia Foley r/b St. Vincent de Paul  
William Flowers r/b Carmel Rapetti  
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

St. Thomas More  
ELEVENTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE



SAVE THE DATE! - Sunday, April 6

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: **THE SICK...**

Don Kreal  
Maria Storms  
Phyllis Schadt  
Ron Massey  
Claire Boylan  
Frank Colbert  
Mary Cowan  
Jean Colbert  
Pat Barton  
Leila Lore  
Ed Rivero  
Pat Beaney  
YunYun Shen  
Rose Hession  
Danny Perla  
Anna Bedrick  
Pat Brink  
Ginny Fritz  
Mary DeVito  
Sue Hagan  
Julia Lepre

Naomi Willingmyre  
George Sweeten  
John B. Kennedy  
Michael Kapischke  
Betty O'Donnell  
Henry Bourgeois  
Stanley Kochanek  
Pauline Rosberg  
Joseph Console  
Geraldyn Coticone  
Jerry McMenamin  
Pasquale DiFronzo  
Dorothy Wolenter  
Mary Branciforte  
Virginia Gormley  
Angelo DiGiacomo  
Wayne Mauri, Sr.  
Francesca Capra  
Deacon Jim Smith  
Bryan Dietrich  
Pauline Montes



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  
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.



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

## THIS WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 23

Thank you for your generous support.

### 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

## **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:**



All are welcome to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen...

**Date:** THIS Wednesday, February 26

**Time:** after 9:00 Mass

**Where:** St. Thomas More Hall

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

### Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

#### Excerpt from the Gospel for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 2, 2014 - Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all things will be given to you as well."

#### Commentary:

Jesus challenges us to put our trust only in God. Jesus tells his followers, "You cannot give yourself to God and money." The operative words here are "give yourself". To live a responsible life in today's world, we must deal with financial concerns. But when this concern becomes an obsession, money (or a career) becomes one's goal, one's god, one's master. What we are and what we have are gifts from God. Excessive worry indicates a lack of trust in God.

#### 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?



Abortion is a tragic mistake for all involved. The consequences on family relationships can be far-reaching and quite destructive. Yet there is nothing beyond God's capacity to heal and forgive.

*Pro-Life Corner*

*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

#### Stonegate at St. Stephens

The Diocesan Housing unit in Pennsauken, Stonegate at St. Stephen's, is looking for a used Treadmill for their exercise room.

If any parishioner has a used treadmill in good condition, please call Sister Ann at 424-3212.



## **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!**

**Price includes: Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, beverage, dessert & music**

**Tickets on sale after ALL Masses this weekend**

*Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Women's Club*

*Join the Mardi Gras!!!*

