

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
 Julie Linn, Music Ministry
 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
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Dom Sacca	
	Pat Maggart	424-3212
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
	Frank Krenslak	309-1999

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

Confession on Saturdays
During LENT here at St. Thomas More:
March 29, April 5 and 12
9:30 - 10:00 AM and 3:15 - 4:00 PM

REGIONAL PENITENTIAL SERVICE

(with private confession)

Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.
at Church of St. Mary
Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill

Large number of Confessors present

Taize Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 26 - 7 pm
OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Taize Prayer is a wonderful meditative experience which includes simple chants sung repeatedly, rich silence, scripture readings, prayer around the cross during Lent, and prayers of praise and intercession.

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



House of Charity

Celebrating 50 Years - 1964-2014
"Unearthing the Treasure"

Thank you to those who have already pledged. We are still striving to reach our 2014 parish goal of \$112,200.00. Pledge cards are available in the gathering space — please mail in or drop off at the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Follow Jesus

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
JOHN 4:13B

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True satisfaction only comes when as **Stewards** we follow Jesus.

PARISH COLLECTION

March 16, 2014

\$10,098.50 - 232 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 35)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

Pillars of Catholic Penitential Practice: Money Offerings

Fasting and Prayer (the subject of my last two reflections) have deep spiritual implications for our lives, for our relationship to God and to God's Church. Most of us do not question that both are foundational for the life of faith (even if many of us give neither its due). But what about the third "pillar" of Lent? What about almsgiving? We know that the Church and other "charitable organizations" depend on fund raising. We are aware that our giving to worthy causes is a good thing to do. But is "charitable giving" truly a spiritual matter?

Jesus himself speaks of these three together, with almsgiving in first place: When you give alms. . . . When you pray. . . . When you fast. . ." (Matt. 6:1-18). The spiritual pillars stand or fall together. And it is Jesus who says (in the same discourse), "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21).

Several years ago I heard about a survey of a large number of psychotherapists. They were asked, among other questions, "What is the most difficult subject for you to discuss with a colleague? What are you most private about in conversation?" A surprisingly large number placed *income and financial problems* at the top of the list. It turns out that our relation to our money is perhaps a very intimate business, as intimate as what we pray about. In fact, in the words of Jesus we have been considering, it is not the practical good achieved by our giving that is his chief concern. It is the secret spiritual transaction taking place. "When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your almsgiving may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matt 6:3-4, my emphasis).

How are we to give? Here is a brief catechism on giving from St. Paul. Each point is taken from his Second Epistle to the Church in Corinth, chapters 8 and 9.

Give freely. God does not "charge" us for his gifts; he issues no taxes. God calls us to give, and our gifts are free-will offerings.

Give proportionately. Those who have abundance give abundantly; those who have less, give according to their lesser means. This is the principle of "tithing" — purposefully dedicating a chosen percentage of one's income for the life and mission of the Church. What percent should I give? That's where the freedom comes in.

Give regularly. For example, "on the first day of the week" Christians renew their self offering to God, which includes the offering of money. Because money is the fruit of our labor, and (again) "where your money is there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). Just so, the collection of money at Mass is not just "fund raising". The money offering is an act of worship, which is why it takes place in the Liturgy as part of our preparation for receiving Christ's own self-offering in the Sacrament.

Priority: Christians do not give from the leftovers, from the surplus. They give from the "first fruits of the harvest". They give "off the top".

Give sacrificially. This means, not only "until it hurts". First and foremost it means give *prayerfully*, that is, as an offering, as a gesture of intimate thanksgiving offered for the sake of your relationship with God.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for March 29, and 30, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Collins	M Kramer J Linn	B Crawford, J Galati G Tyrrell	J Mohan	J/P Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke J Linn	Sr. Rosaria J/L Duffy	P Lachnicht	O Reganata A Rzepski B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Choir/D Kreal J Linn	D Staton D/ML Thomas	K McFadden	E Barbera C/J McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father Collins	K Wislocky J Linn	G Gadren, L Levin K Wislocky	K Wislocky	S Russo A/I Witting

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

The Catholic Relief Services collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this Collection make a real difference in lives across the globe.

Women's Club News

Wed., March 26, 7 p.m.: Members are encouraged to attend the Parish Taize Prayer service in the Chapel.

Board Meeting: Wed., April 2, 2 p.m.

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The **special** sixth Confirmation II preparatory class for both **eighth grade students AND their parents** will be held this **Sunday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the St. Thomas More Hall. Sponsors are welcome to attend as well. Both eighth grade students and their parents are encouraged to attend, as well, the 10 a.m. Mass.

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

St. Thomas More FOURTEENTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Sunday, April 6 5:30-9:30 p.m.
at Caffé Aldo Lamberti, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill

Cost is \$49 per person which includes
Butlered Hot & Cold Hors d'oeuvres, Salad: Caesar or Mesculin, Main Course: Zucchini Crabcake, Chicken in Lemon Sauce or Spring Stuffed Pork Loin serviced with Vegetable Medley & Diced Red Bliss Rosemary Potatoes, Dessert: Tartufo, Key Lime Pie or Chocolate Frangelica Torte and Soft drinks, Coffee or tea, Red & white wine provided by the Women's Club

For reservations please call Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323 or Joyce DeMichele, 424-4008 by no later than **MARCH 26**.

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to all Parishioners & Friends
Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 1** at 1 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Room. All those going on Charleston/Savannah trip and City Mansions and Country Estates bus trip are requested to attend.
Be first to hear about and sign up for **new** fall trips.
All payments for June 1 trip to the Dupont Theater are due at this time.

Lin Lyon, 795-4396



The Stations of the Cross are being held on Friday evenings during Lent at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

Office of Vocations presents **iRace4Vocations** on Sunday, April 27 at Rowan University - For more info go to www.camdenpriest.org.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - MARCH 22

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Mary Cinefra r/b Mary Hamersly

SUNDAY - MARCH 23

8:30 am Debbie Kaplan r/b Marchese Family
10:00 am William Wislocky r/b Wislocky Family
Kay Turiano r/b Ray & Gloria Desrochers
Lou Casa r/b Hu Family
11:30 am Jose (Danny) Padolina II r/b Padolina Family

MONDAY - MARCH 24

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Claire Mazzochette r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

TUESDAY - MARCH 25

6:45 am Mary D. Kenney r/b Family
9:00 am Sylvia DiPhillipo r/b daughter, Marie

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 26

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Palma Nazzareno r/b daughter, Cecilia Marino

THURSDAY - MARCH 27

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Emily Abrose r/b Marian Kapischke
Patrick McNulty r/b Pat Shelfer
Alfred Di Frank r/b Ron Gail Bizzoso

FRIDAY - MARCH 28

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

SATURDAY - MARCH 29

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Loretta Cirillo r/b Carmel Rapetti

SUNDAY - MARCH 30

8:30 am C. Thomas Maniaci r/b The Hudson Family
10:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Hu Family
Angela & Iola Scotto r/b sister and aunt,
Agatha Scotto
Arturo Rivero, Jr. r/b Don & Dolores Kreal
11:30 am Kay Turiano r/b Bill & Mary Ellen Carrozza

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... Mary Branciforte, Lorraine Saitta and Sophie Cunliffe.

THE SICK...

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



Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Barbara Salpas
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Teddy Shaffer
Bill Botensten
Chase Lupica
Frank Cappetta
Harry Gindele
Eleanor Regan
Pat Suralik
Msgr. Budney
Bryan Dietrich
Julia Lepre

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.

Catholic Relief Services Thanks the People of Our Diocese for Typhoon Haiyan Support

The Chairman of the Catholic Relief Services Board, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, recently returned from the Philippines. He sent me a letter thanking the people of our diocese for supporting our brothers and sisters who were impacted by Typhoon Haiyan. Archbishop Coakley asked me to share the link to a 2-minute thank you video from CRS:

<http://emergencies.crs.org/philippines-typhoon-recovery-thank-you/>

I thank you for your loving and caring hearts. Through your incredible generosity our diocese collected \$259,799.33 which assists the work of Catholic Relief Services in the areas of the Philippines devastated by Typhoon Haiyan. Your generous response to this Special Collection is a witness to your lively faith which reaches out in concern for those who have suffered the ravages of nature. Thank you for responding with the charity of Christ. May God bless you.

+ Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER
March - That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2014 - John 9:1-41

Jesus said to the man once blind, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?: Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." The man said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshipped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Commentary:

It's no crime to wake up one day and realize you've been oblivious to a great truth about yourself. What IS a crime is never to wake up and make that discovery. The wise folks we know got that way by walking a while on the path of humility, encountering brutal truths about themselves all along the way. They've confronted their own blindness many times, and surrendered to the sometimes-painful procedure of having their sight restored again and again. Being human implies a limited perspective. We don't see perfectly, and we have to keep working at clarifying our vision. Honest relationships assist that process naturally. So does surrendering to the words of Scripture and the sacraments most deliberately. Confession helps. The only thing that harms us, frankly, is refusing to see.

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?



Project Rachel: 888-456-HOPE(4673)

Abortion has many effects, we want to reach out to you with the mercy & love of Christ and want to help you be at peace with yourself and with God.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

BABY BOTTLES for OPTIONS PREGNANCY CENTER

Options deeply appreciates your support and generosity in the Baby Bottle Drive, \$2,885.20 was collected. **THANK YOU!** Late bottles may still be returned to the parish office.



We are in the final stages of preparing our **PARISH Pictorial DIRECTORY** for publication.

The Directory will include a Roster (name, address, phone number) of all our parish families. If you do **not** want to have your phone number included in this roster, please call (856-424-3212) or email the parish office (stthomasmore@comcast.net).

If your family was not able to be photographed, you can provide us with a family photo along with a fee of \$10.00 to be included in the Directory. You will then receive a copy of the parish pictorial directory.

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.

Easter Flower donation envelopes

are included in your weekly envelope packet (*there are extra envelopes in the gathering space*). Your Easter Flower offering will be used for altar flowers, lilies for the shut-ins and church decorations. Your envelope can be put in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off at the parish office. Please indicate, on the envelope, if you wish to have your donation made in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will help to enhance our Easter liturgies.

