

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



CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to welcome Chris Witting into full membership in the Catholic Church. At our celebration of the Easter Vigil Chris received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We ask for prayers of all our parishioners for Chris at this special time. Congratula-



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:
Catholic Home Missions Appeal funds important pastoral projects where resources are scarce in poorer dioceses across the country. 87 dioceses in the U.S. are considered home missions and they receive support for basic essentials such as catechesis, priest formation, lay ministry training, youth ministry, and evangelization.

HOUSE OF CHARITY

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

Sincere thanks to all who made a gift or pledge to our House of Charity Appeal. Our 2014 parish goal is \$112,200.00.

Pledge cards can still be found at the doors of the Church. Completed cards can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office.

We are so grateful for your support.

May the Lord bless and reward you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Put God First

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

COLOSSIANS 3:2

Stewards put God first in all things. Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be readjusted. Don't let earthly things become your god.

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 38)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

Sainted Popes

Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter (now known also as Divine Mercy Sunday), the Catholic Church around the world will celebrate the canonization of two remarkable Twentieth Century popes. Canonization is the formal and public recognition by the Church of the heroic sanctity of one of her deceased members. Those whose names are entered in the canon of the saints are venerated by the faithful as shining examples of the Christian life, as living signs of the wonderful diversity of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and as powerful intercessors for the Church on earth.

JOHN XXIII

Angelo Roncalli was elected pope in 1958. He was “servant of the servants of God” for a brief five years. He was a simple man, from a very large family (of “good peasant stock” was his own description). But he caught Rome's attention as a gifted administrator and a quietly effective diplomat. He had traveled widely on behalf of Pope Pius XII in support of the Church's foreign missions, and later in the Vatican's diplomatic corps in Eastern Europe and France. In 1953, he became Patriarch (Archbishop) of Venice. Because of his age (78), and because he was known as a Vatican “insider”, many assumed that he would be an interim pope; a caretaker, not an initiator. However, only three months after his election, the unassuming “good pope John” as he was known by those near to him, entirely surprised the Church and world, announcing that he would call a world-wide ecumenical council — a second Vatican Council. He opened the council in 1962, but did not live to see it concluded. He died in 1963, leaving the Council in the hands of his successor Pope Paul VI.

JOHN PAUL II

On October 16, 1978, most people, Catholics included, were once again surprised by goings on in Rome when it was announced that a *Polish* archbishop by the name of Karol Wojtyla had been elected pope. There had been no non-Italian pope for 455 years! But, of course, as Jesus said: “The Spirit blows where it will” (Jn. 3). John Paul II served the church for 27 years. He brought to his pontificate the experiences of a man who had loved and served the Church in a land brutally oppressed. He lived through savage occupation by first, the German Nazis, then by the Soviet Union. Especially during his years as Archbishop of Krakow, the Communist regime hated him and feared his great popularity with the Polish people. He also brought to the task a brilliant and penetrating intellect. Beginning his career as a professor of philosophy, he remained always a teacher of the Church. At the Second Vatican Council, the new 47-year old Bishop of Krakow was soon at the center of the deliberations. He helped to shape and articulate what Pope Benedict XVI has called the most important theme of the Council: *as Christ reveals God to humanity, he at the same time reveals humanity to itself*. For only in the light of Christ can the true dignity and destiny of the human creature be recognized. Many popes have written encyclical teaching letters, but John Paul II transformed the genre, probing the spiritual power and intellectual coherence of the Catholic Faith, engaging the secular intellectual, political, and social trends of the day. It may turn out that John Paul II's greatest gift to the Church is his theology of love (popularly known as his “theology of the body”) especially as Christ's love is mirrored in the love of the family.

Good Pope John, John Paul II, theologian of love: pray for us.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Ministry Schedule for April 26, and 27, 2014					
Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Malatino B Casey	Sr. Zophia J Galati, G Tyrrell	D Miller	M/T Dautle B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	J Garafano J Linn	Sr. Katherine, Sr. Rosarla A Del Campo-O'Brien	M Maggart	J Pol, A Rzepski B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir/C Linn J Linn	K Glover D/L Lyon	L Gitzes	E Barbera A/I Cammisa
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	K Wislocky J Linn	M Dwyer, M Garber B Massey	J Arnold	L Smith A/J Zleba

Women's Club News

General Meeting: Wed., April 23, 7:30 p.m.

Happy Easter from the Women's Club.

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the months of April and May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

The final Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held next Sunday, April 27, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend as well as the 10 a.m. Mass.

Individual five-minute interviews for all First Communicants and their parents with either Father Phillip Johnson, Sister Ann Byrnes and Sister Katherine Pociecha will be held next Sunday, April 27, following the 11:30 Mass.

Wishing you God's blessings during this holy season of Easter.

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

STM youth

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



**HAPPY
EASTER!**

Thank you for supporting STM YOUTH

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

Dear sisters and brothers,

I write to thank you for your enthusiastic participation in this year's annual *faithFULL* Food Drive. Parishes and schools throughout the diocese collected over 77,000 pounds of food, which will feed thousands of our neighbors here in South Jersey.

The *faithFULL* Food Drive was a tremendous response to the needs of our brothers and sisters thanks to the effective work and cooperation of many people and groups including the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, parish youth groups, and the Knights of Columbus. Social service organizations in the diocese helped to make sure the donated food would be distributed efficiently to those in need.

As the need for food persists, the diocese will sponsor a second annual *faithFULL* Food Drive next year. Please save the date: Sunday, March 1, 2015.

May the Lord bless your generosity and concern for the least among us.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Most Reverence Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.
Bishop of Camden*



Mass Intentions for the Week

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 19

8:00 pm Edward Sorrentino r/b Robert Sorrentino & Theresa Skobodzinski

EASTER SUNDAY of the Resurrection of the Lord - APRIL 20

8:30 am Henry & Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Family
 10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
 Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family
 Raymond White r/b Wislocky Family
 11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

MONDAY - APRIL 21

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
 9:00 am Alfred DiFrank r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

TUESDAY - APRIL 22

6:45 am Shirley Byers
 9:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Henry & Kathy Glover

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 23

6:45 am Fr. Hart r/b Pat & Paul Schneider
 9:00 am Patrick McNulty r/b Dick & Mary Smith

THURSDAY - APRIL 24

6:45 am People of the Parish
 9:00 am Anthony Bruno r/b Marilyn Derivaux
 Stephanie Ross r/b Gould Family
 Fr. William Hart r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

FRIDAY - APRIL 25

6:45 am Mary Shiolo
 9:00 am Matilda Sacca r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

SATURDAY - APRIL 26

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 4:30 pm Marion White r/b Wislocky Family

SUNDAY - APRIL 27

8:30 am Russel Winsett, Sr. r/b Patricia & Michael
 10:00 am Patrick McNulty r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele
 Stephen Hildebrand r/b Kolecki Family
 Mrs. Kathleen Shiflett r/b Burke Glover
 11:30 am Kay Turiano r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER


April - That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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	Angelo DiGiacomo	
Rose Hession	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	
Danny Perla	Francesca Capra	
Anna Bedrick	Deacon Jim Smith	
Pat Brink	Margaret Crawford	
Ginny Fritz	Pauline Montes	
Sue Hagan		

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.

THANK YOU to all who gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Easter celebrations so joyous and memorable.

Thank you for providing flowers, cleaning, decorating, preparing the altar, making the music so special at all the Masses, ushering during Mass and serving at the altar; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, and Altar Servers.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Course

Learn more about your faith and discover a method of family planning that is healthy and effective for body and soul.

**Wednesdays: April 23, May 14, & June 18
 7:15-9:45 pm in Voorhees, NJ**

Register online at: <http://register.ccli.org/> and enter zip code. **DEADLINE: APRIL 16**
 For more info: sj.nfp@comcast.net or 856-753-1906.

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 Second Sunday of Easter, April 27, 2014 - John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jesus showed the disciples His hands and feet and the disciples rejoiced. Thomas was absent for this encounter. A week later, Jesus again came to the disciples. This time, Thomas was present).

Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Commentary:

Thomas wanted a faith he could touch with his hands. This isn't so bad. A tangible faith is actually better than one that remains purely spiritual and theoretical. Our intellectual assent to the statements in the Creed is important, but it will be sterile if we cannot also hold something substantial in our hands that proves we are who we say we are. What evidence for our faith can we point to? Is there anyone whose life is more whole and good because of the decisions we have made? If the apostle Thomas has a legacy, it's that he sought and found in the wounded Christ a Lord he could believe in. If we can find Christ in the wounds of the world and seek to serve him in our service to those in need, we have come a long way in making our faith vital and real.

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?

CHILDREN'S HOME CLOTHING DRIVE

NEXT WEEKEND!

April 26/27

Gary Gadren, Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society



Welcome!

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

Lauren & Donte Nelson

Michael Beres

Ralph & Ellie Cintron

Annamarie Skowron

Raul, Marybel Mantilla & Fernando Garcia



South Jersey Catholic Medical Association Retreat Day

Saturday, May 3, at Christ the King Parish, 200 Windsor Ave., Haddonfield

Mass at 5 p.m. Presentation and light dinner will be in the church hall from 6-9 p.m.

Topic: "Physician Saints in the 20th Century, Responding to the Spirit"

Registration for the retreat should be sent to South Jersey Catholic Medical Assoc., 1845 Haddon Ave., Camden, NJ 08103. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 on day of retreat. Join the association and the membership fee of \$30 will include the cost of the retreat. No fee for Assoc. members. For more info call 342-4125 or email Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org.



Would that we, the children of light, were as industrious as the forces of darkness. That is the challenge. For too long we have been silent, taught by our culture that faith is a private thing. It is time that we step forward and be witnesses to the truth in everything we do. We must speak out against abortion and euthanasia.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130



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.

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse, call 1-800-964-6588.