

# 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  
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Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
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Respect Life Al Mac Elrath 779-7130  
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### *Worship*

Altar Servers Sister Ann Byrnes 424-3212  
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Greta Tyrrell 428-2412  
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Career Ministry Committee 424-3212  
Funsters (over 50 club) Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323  
Parish Festival Women's Club 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

Happy  
Mother's  
Day



ALL parishioners are invited to attend Confirmation Mass this Thursday, May 15, at 5 p.m.

Please join in celebrating with our Confirmandi, and their families, as they are confirmed by Bishop Dennis Sullivan.

**COURTYARD ROSARY**

To honor Our Lady

Thursday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.

**ALL are invited! Please join us.**

Light refreshments will be served following the recitation of the rosary.

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



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 7:00 p.m.

In the St. Thomas More Hall

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*Stewards Take Control*

*"Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'"*

*ACTS 2:38A*

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control to be good *Stewards*. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

**PARISH COLLECTION**

May 4, 2014

**\$8,550.00 - 194 Envelopes**

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

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 39)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

## Dignity and Destiny (part one)

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called Children of God.... Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And everyone who so hopes in Christ purifies himself, as he is pure (First Letter of John 3:1-3).*

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:1-4).*

### *The Paradox of Christian Self-regard . . .*

It's sometime said of a man (and not as a compliment), "He thinks too much of himself; he could do with a dose of humility." But consider the words above from St. John and St. Paul. From their perspective, the man's real problem is that he *thinks too little of himself*. In fact, humility in the Christian sense does not derive from a lesser sense of self but from an almost unthinkably high self-regard. Perhaps you have sometimes chastised yourself: "I want too much in life. I need to reign in my expectations." But from the perspective of the Christian gospel, almost all of us want far too little out of life.

In order to be the self we are meant to be, we must desire *all* that God wishes to give us. And the only personal humility that is rooted in reality, is the humility that openheartedly receives the dignity God has bestowed on us. *See what love the Father has given us that we should be called Children of God (Jn. 3:1).*

### *Our End is in Our Beginning . . .*

"Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness.... In the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Gen. 1:26, 27) —a creature *like* God, a creature *in the image* of God, as a child is so mysteriously an image of his or her parents. A human being is not simply a creature infinitely more intelligent and capable than other creatures, not simply the highest animal species, but a creature *called* to live in intimate friendship with the Creator, even to share the eternal life of the Creator!

Such dignity is the particular and unique *grace* within human creature-hood. Can the grace be diminished, refused, squandered? Yes, for a certain autonomy, a mysterious freedom, is inherent in the gift. Sin, idolatry, hardness of heart: these are the names of that dark refusal by which a human being abandons the gift of God-likeness, and so abandons a truly human life.

### *Christ our Dignity and Destiny*

The story of Jesus Christ is the story of the Creator's refusal to abandon the gift of God-likeness. In Jesus Christ, the true Image and Likeness of God appears and is lifted up in our midst. Only so can we begin to *see what love the Father has shown us, that we should be called the Children of God.*

*(to be continued)*

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Ministry Schedule for May 17, and 18, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Graham	C Malatino J Linn	I Rellosa, P Rossi Sr. Zophla	T Andraka	J/P Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kapischke J Linn	Sr. Katherine Sr. Rosarla, A Pajlc	J Vecchlola	R Caton, J Pol B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir/Becca J Linn	E Beckman D/ML Thomas	D Mayfield	G/M Gray L Smith
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal B Casey	M Ciccotta, G Gadren A Thompson	R Ciccotta	E Thompson O Reganata



Blessings and Congratulations to all of the second grade students of our Parish Religious Education Program who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday, May 3.

### Women's Club News

**Book Group:** Tues., May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

**Year-ending Gala:** May 28 - Please see announcement below to make your reservation.

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

### PLAN AHEAD

**Women's Club Year-ending Gala  
Wed., May 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

*To reserve your spot and make-known  
your contribution (Appetizer or Dessert)*

*Call Pat Lachnicht, 424-5636 or  
Antonina Bellesorte, 609-502-6654*

*before MAY 24*

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 10:00 Mass will conclude for the summer with this Sunday's session. Classes will resume in September. Thank you to our catechists who faithfully proclaimed the gospel to our young children every Sunday: Julianne Johnson - Coordinator, Janet Barbera, Denise Barrett, Pamela Huynh, and teenagers who helped them: Tatiana, Carrie, Jesse, Joelle, and Adia.

During the month of May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

Parish Religious Education Program registration forms for the 2014-2015 school year will be mailed to the homes of all current students this week. Please complete and return them with appropriate fee as soon as possible, but no later than June 30. Additional forms for first grade students and for students who will be new to the program will be available in the gathering space.

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

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

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

By your food donations or funds to purchase food, next weekend after all Masses, you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.

*Stan Thompson, President*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY - MAY 10

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Kay Turiano r/b Carol & AJ Ariani

### SUNDAY - MAY 11

8:30 am Elizabeth & Buster Wilson r/b DeMasi Family  
10:00 am Marie Mazzagatti r/b the Gullo Family  
Kay Turiano r/b Teri Bones  
Ryan Travis r/b Marianne Wilkins  
Dorothy A. Arbogast r/b Penny Family  
11:30 am Marie D'Ippolito r/b Radziwill Family

### MONDAY - MAY 12

6:45 am Matilda Sacca r/b Dom & Marie Sacca  
9:00 am Lorraine Saitta r/b Robert & Annamarie Maziarz

### TUESDAY - MAY 13

6:45 am Thomas J. Kenney, Sr. r/b Family  
9:00 am Frances Pisera r/b Gould Family

### WEDNESDAY - MAY 14

6:45 am Margaret MacElrath r/b Albert MacElrath  
9:00 am Alice Zlotek r/b Rossi Family

### THURSDAY - MAY 15

6:45 am Gloria & Louis Levari r/b Franciscan Sisters  
9:00 am Mother's Day Intentions  
Special Intentions of St. Thomas More Staff r/b the Levin Family

### FRIDAY - MAY 16

6:45 am Paul Kelly r/b Anna Celia  
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

### SATURDAY - MAY 17

9:00 am Mother's Day Intentions  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Gail Krenslak r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak

### SUNDAY - MAY 18

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society  
10:00 am Joseph G. DeRosa, Jr. r/b Dolores & Michael Washick  
Mary Kay Ashley r/b the St. Thomas More Women's Club  
Ryan Travis r/b Henry & Kathy Glover  
11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

### **INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER**

**May - That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**THE DECEASED...** Paul W. Kelly, Yolanda Burke and Sadie Fisher.

### **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.
Sue Hagan	Francesca Capra
Anna Bedrick	Deacon Jim Smith
Pat Brink	Margaret Crawford
Ginny Fritz	Pauline Montes
Vince DeMasi	Ann Vigrass



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  
Bryan Dietrich  
Julia Lepre

### **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, and Air Force Major James P. Tobin.

### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:**

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



**Date:** Wednesday, May 21

**Time:** after 9:00 Mass

**Where:** St. Thomas More Hall

See you then, *thank you!*

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

## **STM**youth

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

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Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

### *Diocese of Camden - Office of Communications*

Sexual abuse is a grave wrong that can never be tolerated. For more information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.

## Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

### Excerpt from the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18, 2014 - John 14:1-12

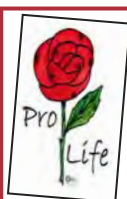
Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

### Commentary:

Many of us are really like Thomas. He's the apostle who always says what's on everyone else's mind, the frank stuff, the rest of them are too polite or too scared to say. Thomas wants the facts, the evidence, and the touch test. And Jesus, for his part, never yells at Thomas. He just gives him what he needs to come to faith. So, at the Last Supper, when Jesus is talking about taking a little trip and meeting up with his friends later, Thomas bluntly asks for a road map and some specifics. He didn't sign up for the Magical Mystery Tour; he wants directions! So Jesus gives him, and us, the best map of all: "I am the way and the truth and the life." Stick with me, Jesus says, and you'll always know who you are and where you are. Better yet, you'll always know where you're going. No one following Jesus ever gets lost.

### 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?



**Our faith is strengthened when it is shared; so too, the pro-life message will be strengthened when it is shared in Christian love.**

*Pro-Life Corner*

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

## 'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to ALL Parishioners & Friends  
Sign ups have begun for our new **fall bus trip to Finger Lakes and Cooperstown - Sept. 8-11, 2014**

3 nights with breakfast & dinner daily (one in the beautiful Belhurst Castel). One lunch at the magnificent Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown and admission to National Baseball Hall of Fame. Also enjoy wine tasting, a scenic cruise, tour Willard Memorial Chapel (designed by Tiffany Glass), the William Seward house, the George Eastman house and gardens and the 40 room Sonnenberg Estate and Gardens.

**Call Lin at 795-4396 to sign up for this great trip.** Space is very limited!

### John Paul II Regional School

#### **Spring Story Hour and Craft - Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in our Media Center-Kindly arrive 10 minutes prior.

Story and craft hosted by preschool teacher,  
Kathy Considine

**Please RSVP by May 13th** to:

Christine Willard-856-783-3088 or [cwillard@jp2rs.org](mailto:cwillard@jp2rs.org)

**Preschool and Kindergarten tours available following Story Hour.**

#### **Visit Us!**

Contact Christine Willard, Advancement Director at [cwillard@jp2rs.org](mailto:cwillard@jp2rs.org) or 856-783-3088 for more information or to tour our campus.

### The Opiate & Heroin Crisis in our Community

Meet professionals who have come together to help us build meaningful partnerships to impact change and address this critical issue.

**May 19 - 5:30-9 p.m. at Collingswood Grand Ballroom**, White Horse Pike & Harrison Ave.

5:30 Registration; 6:30 Welcome & 7:30 Keynote Speaker  
**Keynote Speaker: Tony Hoffman** - BMX racer & Founder of nonprofit Project Freewheel

Register to attend at [Camdencounty.com](http://Camdencounty.com) or call 856-216-2119.

Hosted by Camden County Board of Freeholders,  
Health Department and Prosecutor's Office