

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
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
Church Environment Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Antonina Nicdao 751-6320
Ch. Art Environment Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Eucharistic Ministers Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Lectors Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
Linen Committee Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Sacristans Dom Sacca
Pat Maggart 424-3212
Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
Frank Krenslak 309-1999

Ushers

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 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

COURTYARD ROSARY



To honor Our Lady
Thursday, May 22
7:30 p.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Please join us.

Come pray the rosary,
in the courtyard.

(In Chapel if raining)

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

Sponsored by the
St. Thomas More Women’s Club

Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? This invitation is open to those who are not baptized as well as those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation. The RCIA process would prepare you for these sacraments.

Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 - ext. 104, to receive more information about the RCIA classes.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Give Encouragement

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

1 PETER 2:7b

Everyone is given unique gifts. *Stewards* recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills.

PARISH COLLECTION

May 11, 2014

\$9,142.75 - 292 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 40)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

Dignity and Destiny (part two)

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).

Original Dignity

The uniqueness of the human person, our unique *human* dignity, is declared on the first page of Holy Scripture. The human creature, male and female, is created *in the image of God, after the likeness of God* (Cf. Gen. 1:26-27). The God-likeness can be described from several perspectives: rationality, dominance over the non-human creation, creativity, the capacity for self-giving love, the gift of articulate speech, etc. But all such human qualities tend toward this astounding claim—that the human being is created for communion with the eternal God. For the human being, to be alive is to have been assigned a *destiny*: fellowship with God. In fact, it is not wrong to say that the whole of the created order (“all things, visible and invisible”) shares in this destiny, albeit through and for the sake of the human creature.

Creation In and Through Christ . . .

There is another way to speak of this mystery. When we read the Old Testament creation narrative through the “lens” of Christian faith (which is the way Christians read the whole of Scripture) we confess that it is *through Christ* that “all things were made”. For he himself *is* the creating Word of God (Jn. 1: 1ff). He himself is the *eternal* Image and Likeness of God, as a son is the image of his father. It is in union with Christ, in Christ-likeness, that we may grow into the image and likeness of the Eternal God.

A Lost Destiny . . .?

But those first pages of Genesis do not speak only of the creation, they describe also a “fall” from the created dignity and destiny of the human creation. What is sin? Sin is not simply the violation of a moral rule; it is the violation of communion with the living God. Sin is not simply the refusal to do one's duty; it is a refusal of one's promised destiny, and the loss of a God-bestowed dignity. Original sin is the loss of original destiny.

Only if we begin to comprehend the utter *disaster of this fall from dignity* can we begin to comprehend the wonder of how our dignity is restored and our destiny reclaimed in Christ.

(to be continued)

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Blessings and congratulations to all who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they live with the knowledge that God's Spirit dwells within them.

CONFIRMANDI - 2014

*Jesse Sebastian Barbera
Olivia Noelle Bauer
Isabella Patricia Cammisa
Christian Anthony Capaldi
Ryan Christopher Caton
Veronica Rose Consalvi
Austin Francis Cornaglia*

*Ava Nicole Cosenza
Madison Cecilia Dautle
Michelle Veronica DiLullo
Alexander Sebastian Erlam
Maureen Ann Garafano
Georgia Ann Gray
David David Ha*

*Casey Clare Kelly
Erin Elizabeth Quay
Kathryn Marie Quay
Hope Monica Rosenblatt
Amanda Teresa Summers
Catherine Marie Venturini
Zachary Gregory Young*

PARI SH COUNCIL MEETING
THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 7:00 p.m.
In the St. Thomas More Hall

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 Pociеча, REC, 424-3212 - ext. 106



Congratulations to Amanda Keating who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 10.

Women's Club Year-ending Gala
Wed., May 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Cherry Hill High School East Quartet will perform a sure-to-please Broadway Medley!
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.

Ministry Schedule for May 24, and 25, 2014					
Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Malatino B Casey	N/P Kirincic, Sr. Sophia G Tyrrell	F Egges	I Fulton, D Ha B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	Sr. Pepita J Linn	Sr. Bozena, B Lento R Vanderwellen	P Lachnicht	S Russo B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir/M Kramer J Linn	J Mazzagatti S Mohan	J Mohan	E Barbera N Samson
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	C Capriotti J Linn	M Gorin, B Haughwout L Levin	J Arnold	M Quay A/J Zieba



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY - MAY 19

6:45 am Paul Kelly r/b Pat & Don Brink
9:00 am Special Intention of Robert Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - MAY 20

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Paul Charette r/b Henry & Kathy Glover

WEDNESDAY - MAY 21

6:45 am Mother's Day Intentions
9:00 am Patrick McNulty r/b John & Sheila Mohan

THURSDAY - MAY 22

6:45 am Carol Johnston r/b the McGeady Family
9:00 am Fr. John Byrnes & Michael Mahon r/b Family
Deacon Ed Protzman r/b Family
Forty-eighth Wedding Anniversary of Joe & Grace Sklencar

FRIDAY - MAY 23

6:45 am Mother's Day Intentions
9:00 am Louis Lodovico r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

SATURDAY - MAY 24

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

SUNDAY - MAY 25

8:30 am Virginia Wood r/b Dominic & Denise Pucci
10:00 am Angelo Lamarca r/b Family
Constancia P. Baltazar r/b Grace Cobin
Michael r/b Mom
Bill Ellinger r/b his wife, Lynn
11:30 am Kay Turiano r/b Dick & Claire Spence

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 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. 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, 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

HEARING DEVICE: If you have any questions on the hearing device please call the parish office, 424-3212.

GRADUATES RECOGNIZED:

In June we recognize, in the bulletin, all those graduating in our parish community: *for those in Catholic school, high school, college or graduate school please call the parish office, 424-3212, by May 26 so we can include your name.*



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.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25, 2014 - John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Commentary:

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his disciples that he will not leave them abandoned, defenseless orphans. He will continue to be with them but in a new way, namely, through the presence of the Holy Spirit. The faithful, those with eyes enlightened by faith, will be deeply aware that he is there with them. He will be not only "with" them, but "within" them, a source of inner strength and confidence. Christians are caught up into the very life of God! For us, this means the Spirit will enable us to find Christ in ourselves and each other.

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?

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL EVANGELII GAUDIUM

This is a Diocesan event in the context of this Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis held on **Tuesday, May 27** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sicklerville. A Leadership event from **9 am-3 pm** will focus on practical tools from Evangelii Gaudium to apply to each of our pastoral ministries (cost: \$10, light breakfast & lunch included).

A Revival from 7-8:30 pm is an event open to everyone who wants to renew his/her personal encounter with Jesus (FREE ADMISSION). Call Andres Arango, 856-583-6170, to register.



Pre-born children are the most oppressed people in the world today. In America approximately 3,500 of them are aborted daily. That's 1,300,000 every year. Worldwide 55,000,000 are aborted every year and yet many of us so-called people of God remain silent. Join a pro-life group today.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

please support us

Come *Dine for Dollars*

In support of the Knights of Columbus



Don't forget to bring this ad with you on May 27th!

When you do, Tutti Toscani will donate 20% of your bill to the Knights of Columbus.

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Place: Lamberti's Tutti Toscani, Brace Road, Cherry Hill, 354-1157

Time: 4 - 10 p.m.

Reservations Requested. Please mention this fundraiser when booking.

Your Role in Supporting Us: Cut out and give this ad to your server, when you pay for your meal.

Each member of your party must have their own.

This offer cannot be combined with any other offer. Must dine-in for organization to receive 20%.

An entrée must be purchased in order for the organization to receive 20%. An entrée includes only adult and child entrees.

Valid only if bearer dines at Tutti Toscani on Brace Road on the date listed above.