

# 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: 3:15-4:00 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 Pociеча, 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 Pociеча 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

### *Ushers*

### *Social Development*

Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008  
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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

### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

**June - That the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity.**

### Icons of Resiliency: An Artist and a Saint

RESILIENCY speaks of rising above pain and challenges. **Most who speak of resiliency attest to a deep spiritual base for this strength.** In two presentations, Sister Suzanne Mayer, IHM, Ph.D., will share the importance of resiliency for growth in all aspects, for healing and for relationships. She will look at its embodiment through the lens of artist Vincent van Gogh and the Franciscan saint and doctor of the church St. Clare of Assisi. For more information call Sister Ann. To register call the parish office at 424-3212. This Adult Faith Formation offering will be held on two evenings; Tuesday and Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the parish hall.

### 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

#### Prayerful Stewardship

*"I pray for them..."*

JOHN 17:9a

Prayer - the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of *Stewardship*. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation. Pray for friends and family and for those that may not treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Also, pray to see what God wants us to do.

### PARISH COLLECTION

May 25, 2014

**\$7,273.50 - 171 Envelopes**

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

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 42)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

## Dignity and Destiny (Part Three: The Moral Life)

Sometimes you hear it said that opposition to abortion is a particularly Catholic concern, or that life-long fidelity in marriage is a distinctively Christian rule. (I choose these issues as they are now so contentious.) As the study of non-Catholic religions and cultures demonstrates, it is not true. In an essay entitled “The *Tao*” (the Chinese word for “the Way”). C. S. Lewis reminds us of the common and foundational moral vision “in all its forms, Platonic, Aristotelian, Stoic, Christian, and Oriental alike”.

This thing which I have called for convenience the *Tao*, and which others may call Natural Law, or Traditional Morality, or the First Principles of Practical Reason, or the First Platitudes, is not one among a series of possible systems of value. It is the sole source of all value judgments. If it is rejected all value is rejected. The effort to refute it and raise a new system of value in its place is self-contradictory. There never has been, and never will be, a radically new judgment of value in the history of the world. What purport to be new systems (or as they now call them) “ideologies” all consists of fragments from the *Tao* itself, arbitrarily wrenched from their context in the whole, and then swollen to madness in their isolation.\*

In fact, the proliferation of “new” value systems is now so familiar to us that there is a danger of taking them for granted, of failing to recognize their cost in human misery. Lewis describes the “rebellion of new ideologies against the *Tao*” as “a rebellion of the branches against the tree. If the rebels could succeed, they would find that they destroyed themselves. The human mind has no more power of inventing a new value than of imagining a new primary color”.

Lewis concludes the essay with a collection of moral precepts from ancient Chinese, Egyptian, Babylonian, Norse, Anglo-Saxon, Hindu and Native American cultures.

Returning to the question “distinctive Catholic value system” . . . Why does the Church call us to life-long fidelity in marriage? Because fidelity is and always has been fundamental to what marriage *is*. Fidelity belongs to the *nature* of married love. The Hindu bride and groom, to take but one example, also pledge life-long fidelity one to another. Because, in all times and places, the lover naturally needs to pledge love forever. Conjugal love, by its nature, *endures*.

But is there nothing distinctive in the Catholic moral vision? Indeed there is. But it is not the foundational values. After all, the Church teaches us that eight of the Ten Commandments are an expression of *natural law* accessible to all people through natural reason. What is distinctive is the depth to which the Christian revelation traces the roots of this universal *human* moral vision to the Love of the eternal God. What is distinctive is the radical application of this ethic of love.

For example, while all cultures have recognized the great good of children and the fundamental obligation of parents, few have recognized the right to life of the *unborn* child or even the new-born infant. It was those who profess that the Eternal Word of God entered the world through the womb that could finally bear witness to the sanctity of the unborn child. This was no “new morality”. It was a very old morality renewed, deepened, and radicalized by the Christian Revelation.

*(to be continued)*

\* Lewis' Essay can be found in his *The Weight of Glory and Other Essays*

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Ministry Schedule for June 7, and 8, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Rivera J Linn	T Petrone, I Rellosa Sr. Sophia	J Cepeda	C Cepeda, D Ha B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kapischke L Kolojchick	A Del Campo-O'Brien Sr. Bozena, R Vanderwielen	P Lachnicht	A/J Zieba B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Jon Thomas	Choir/Mena J Linn	M Santiago D/ML Thomas	V Marchesanl	M/N Ronan N Samson
11:30 a.m.	Father Jon Thomas	C Capriotti J Linn	M Garber B Haughwout, L Levin	J Arnold	G Gray K/K Johnson



*Congratulations  
to  
Veronica Consalvi  
who was  
Confirmed by  
Bishop Sullivan on  
May 15.*

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish Religious Education Program registration forms for the 2014-2015 school year have been mailed out to the homes of all current students. 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*

### Women's Club News

**Board Meeting:** Wed., June 4, 2:30 p.m.

**Book Group:** Tues., June 11 at 1:30 p.m. at Lorraine Kennedy's home. We are reading "The Baker's Daughter" by Sarah McCoy. Please call Lorraine at 489-0031 if you plan to attend.

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

### Brazilian Missions - 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK-

**END:** For over 50 years, the Diocese of Camden has committed itself to the support of mission dioceses in Brazil including the support of our missionary priests & their parishes, schools & seminaries, parish programs & community centers. Your generosity will help sustain this vital mission work.

### 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 June 2 so we can include your name.*



### HOUSE OF CHARITY

*Sincere thanks to all who made a gift or pledge. Pledge cards can still be found at the doors of the Church. Completed cards can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office.*

*May the Lord bless and reward you for your generosity.*

### '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 Castle). 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!**





## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY - MAY 31

- 9:00 am Peig O'Malley r/b Martin O'Malley & Jean Gorman  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Robert Emmett Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan

### SUNDAY - JUNE 1

- 8:30 am Sr. Peter Marie (Joanna) Bottacavoli and Marie Petrone r/b Fred & Tina Petrone  
10:00 am Lauren Kuchler r/b Norma & John Martin  
John & Gloria Galati r/b Galati & Lerro Families  
Marion Bittner & Diana Starr r/b Joan & Jack Hyer  
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

### MONDAY - JUNE 2

- 6:45 am Ray Low r/b Bob & Jessica Lane  
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

### TUESDAY - JUNE 3

- 6:45 am Special Intention of Rev. James Smith  
r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Family

### WEDNESDAY - JUNE 4

- 6:45 am Special Intention of Albert F. McGee, Jr.  
r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Special Intention of Donna Rule r/b  
Marian Kapischke

### THURSDAY - JUNE 5

- 6:45 am Special Intention of Rev. Thomas Sharkey  
r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Eileen Sullivan r/b Friend  
Michele Kade r/b Joseph & Dorothy  
Happy 80th-Birthday Blessings for Joe Ryan  
r/b Joe & Grace Sklencar

### FRIDAY - JUNE 6

- 6:45 am Special Intention of Carmella Quarry  
r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Mary Branciforte r/b Sheila Moore

### SATURDAY - JUNE 7

- 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Pam Sigman r/b the Fulton Family

### SUNDAY - JUNE 8

- 8:30 am Almeda Culhane r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnight  
10:00 am Fred Buonanno r/b Tom & Linda Marino  
Anthony Bruno r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso  
Patrick McNulty r/b Lynn Ellinger  
11:30 am Kay Turiano r/b Janet & Kristina Grimaldi

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

### **THE SICK...**

Don Kreal  
Maria Storms  
Phyllis Schadt  
Ron Massey  
Helen Kane  
Claire Boylan  
Frank Colbert  
Mary Cowan  
Jean Colbert  
Pat Barton  
Leila Lore  
Ed Rivero  
Pat Beaney  
YunYun Shen  
Rose Hession  
Sue Hagan  
Anna Bedrick  
Pat Brink  
Ginny Fritz  
Vince DeMasi

George Sweeten  
John B. Kennedy  
Michael Kapischke  
Chris Kolodzey  
Betty O'Donnell  
Henry Bourgeois  
Stanley Kochanek  
Pauline Rosberg  
Joseph Console  
Geraldyn Coticone  
Jerry McMennamin  
Pasquale DiFronzo  
Dorothy Wolenter  
Angelo DiGiacomo  
Wayne Mauri, Sr.  
Francesca Capra  
Deacon Jim Smith  
Margaret Crawford  
Pauline Montes  
Ann Vigrass



Frank Sines  
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.

### FATHER'S DAY CARDS/REMEMBRANCES

Ten Masses will be celebrated, in June, in the St. Thomas More chapel in honor of our fathers and grandfathers (living & deceased). Please return a Father's Day envelope that was sent along with your weekly collection envelopes if you'd like him remembered. Extra envelopes and Father's Day cards are available in the gathering space. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar in June.

### **Career Transition Partnership Presents Bowling Night**

**Thursday, June 26** between 7 and 10 p.m. at the Pinnsetter Bar & Bowl, 7111 Maple Ave. in Merchantville - Unlimited Bowling and Buffet for only \$25 pp  
Please go to our website [www.ctpnj.org](http://www.ctpnj.org) to purchase a ticket or make your donation. CTP is the volunteer organization that teaches the unemployed and underemployed of our community, all they need to know to find and secure a job they are qualified for. This fundraiser is desperately needed for us to continue and expand our work.

## Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

### Excerpt from the Gospel for Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014 - John 20:19-23

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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

### Commentary:

Imagine that you're home at night, the door locked, the day's responsibilities safely tucked away until tomorrow. Into the room walks Jesus. You don't know how he got there, but you know it's he. "Peace be with you," he says. As well he might, since you're about ready to jump out of your skin. Then he delivers these not-entirely-comforting operating instructions: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." That's sort of what you were afraid he'd say, to be honest. You've read the book so you already know where the Father sent him. And yes, the book has a happy ending or you wouldn't be standing here having this conversation with the Risen Lord. Do you have enough trust to put your hand in the hand of a man marked deep with sacred wounds? He's waiting for your answer.

### 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?



### **CONGRATULATIONS Albert Mac Elrath**

At the Knights of Columbus Convention, last week, they announced that **they were pleased to honor 21 Pro-Life Warriors with their ACE Wings**

(participation in a minimum of 5 public Pro-Life events are required to qualify), recognizing their hard work for Pro-Life throughout this Columbian Year.

The ACE Wings are 2" wide and 5/8" high and are metallic. The "Precious Feet" are the exact size and shape of an unborn baby's feet at 10 weeks after conception.

### **MANY THANK YOUs**

**Thank you to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Thank you to the Women's Club**

**Thank you to the many parishioners who make the sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen**

**Thank you to the people who drive to the Cathedral**

**Thank you to the many who serve dinner at the Cathedral Kitchen**

**WHAT A BLESSING YOU TRULY ARE,**

**A Fantastic Group of People at St. Thomas More**

**Marianne M. Wilkins**

### **Parish Nurse Council of the Diocese of Camden**

Promoting health ~ body, mind, spirit

The Parish Nurse Council would like to invite Registered Nurses from all parishes throughout the diocese to attend "Foundations of Faith Community Nursing" Course. Please call Katherine Boyer at 342-4176 or 342-4125.

**Have you and your family been impacted by tough economic times? The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills and due to a challenging winter filled with frigid temperatures and frequent snow storms, the State has extended the LIHEAP application period to June 30, 2014. For those with moderate incomes, the TRUE Grant, PAGE Grant and/or New Jersey SHARES programs may provide financial assistance. Call 1-800-510-3102, or visit [pseg.com/help](http://pseg.com/help) to download program applications and find information on how to apply.**

### **CAMDEN COUNTY**

**Camden County Council on Economic Opportunity**

Point Plaza, 5287 Route 70, Pennsauken, NJ 08109 \*

(856) 910-1180 - Mon.-Fri., 9 am - 5 pm

\* Applications must be mailed to this address within the county.

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