

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
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

Happy Father's Day

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; Tues. and Wed., **June 17th & 18th at 7 pm in the parish hall.**

Saint Thomas More

is pleased to introduce

“Enhancing Stewardship Through Electronic Funds Transfer”.

It's Simple!

It's Secure!

It's Convenient!

To get started log on to:

<http://www.stthomasmorenj.org/>
and click on the Parish Giving Logo

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship Love is Unconditional

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...”

JOHN 3:16A

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love? Are you the kind of Steward who is generous with your time, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it's convenient for you?

PARISH COLLECTION

June 8, 2014

\$8,583.50 - 192 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 43)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

Ordinary Time

With the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday behind us, we enter the liturgical season called Ordinary Time. Or rather, we re-enter it. The first weeks of Ordinary time began just after the Epiphany of our Lord, bringing an end to the Christmas season. Then, after Pentecost (the end of the Easter Season) begins the long stretch of Ordinary Time that will last until Ash Wednesday. This is why, after Pentecost, we do not start with the first Monday of Ordinary Time but (this year) with the tenth (the first nine having been celebrated after Epiphany and before Ash Wednesday). Depending on which day of the week Christmas falls on, and on the date of Easter Sunday, there can be as many as thirty-four weeks in Ordinary Time, by far the longest of the liturgical seasons.

What's "Ordinary" About Ordinary Time?

The first definition of "ordinary" given in any dictionary will be something like "*having no special or distinctive features*" and will provide synonyms such as "*uninteresting*" and "*commonplace*". That will hardly do in the liturgical context. However common place and uninteresting the priest may be, it would be blasphemy plain and simple to refer to what happens in the Mass as commonplace.

If you read beyond the first definition, you will see that "ordinary" is not so ordinary a word. We don't have space here to ponder the etymology and the more technical definitions. The short-hand explanation is that *Ordinary* Time marks those weeks outside the seasons that have a distinct name (Advent, Christmas, Lent, etc.). The majority of days in the Church's calendar are *ordered* simply by counting. In fact, a good many of the days in this longest of seasons do indeed have very special and distinctive themes. For example, the two Sundays in Ordinary Time immediately following Pentecost are Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi. And remember, all Sundays in all seasons are Solemnities and Holy Days of Obligation.

Ordinary Time, Ordinary Lives?

If there is a theme that holds together the Sundays and weekdays of Ordinary time, it would be *living out the Christian life, responding to the Grace poured out upon the baptized, practicing the Christian faith*. In this time the readings of Scripture and the prayers of the Mass urge us to follow Christ, to fight the spiritual battle against our sins, to pray ceaselessly, to give generously, to love sacrificially.

We may notice a sad irony here. This re-entry into Ordinary Time corresponds to the summer season—a season in which, for many, it is indeed commonplace and ordinary to neglect the most basic practices of a faithful Catholic Christian. It *can be* a time when leisure takes the form of spiritual forgetfulness, when "vacations" entail vacations from the Mass. That is one sort of "ordinary" life and it is tempting to sink comfortably into the evasion: "this is just the way normal people spend their summers."

But there is a way of life that is ordinary in a truly extraordinary way — a life truly *ordered* by our identity as Catholic Christians.

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ministry Schedule for June 21, and 22, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Graham	C Rivera J Linn	S Mohan, T Petrone I Rellosa	J Mohan	D Ha, K Quay B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	R Kapschke B Casey	J/L Duffy R Vanderwellen	J Vecchlola	G/M Gray B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Rossi	Choir/M Kramer J Linn	K Glover D/ML Thomas	F Eggles	J/P Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Odlen	C Capriotti J Linn	L Levin, B Massey K Wislocky	K Wislocky	M/N Ronan

Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? 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.

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

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to ALL Parishioners & Friends

Our next Funsters meeting will be on Thursday, June 26 at 1 pm: Anyone going on the "Trains of Colorado" trip is requested to attend. **ALSO**, deposits or full payment for the *Finger Lakes* trip, Sept. 8-11, 2014, will be due at this time. *There are still a few spaces left!*

Our Christmastime bus trip this year will be *Christmas in Washington* on Thursday, December 4. We will visit Botanical Gardens (part of Smithsonian) beautifully decorated for the holidays. Dinner will be at Tony and Joe's in Washington Harbour, DC. Afterwards we will visit the Mormon Temple with more than 450,000 Christmas lights where we will see a musical group perform a live concert. *This is almost a full trip.*

Please call Lin, 795-4396, to sign up for either trip.



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.

Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

Newly registered Parishioners

Mary, Jeffrey, Amelia & Adam Baron
Jason & Kelly Wright

Victoria Malandro & Marco Fieni

Bob & Jessica Lane

Joan Hubler

Donna Riker



Please remember your **Soap for Hope** donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) and place in the basket in the gathering space. Thank you.



Initiated by St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society
Paul Rossi, Coordinator

ST. THOMAS MORE PRAYER CHAIN: Do you have a special intention for which you are praying? Have others share your need. All requests are kept confidential. Contact the parish office, 424-3212.





Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - JUNE 14

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

SUNDAY - JUNE 15

8:30 am Jerome A. Lachnicht & James Culhane r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
10:00 am Edward D'Ippolito r/b Radziwill Family Tom Wilkins r/b Family Russel Winsett, Sr. r/b Penny Family
11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

MONDAY - JUNE 16

6:45 am Dominic Sacca, Sr. r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am George Pisera r/b Gould Family

TUESDAY - JUNE 17

6:45 am Eucharistic Service - Father's Day Intentions
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 18

6:45 am Eucharistic Service - Father's Day Intentions
9:00 am Mary Branciforte r/b John & Sheila Mohan

THURSDAY - JUNE 19

6:45 am Bonnie R. McMullen r/b McGeedy Family
9:00 am Loretta Cirillo-1st Anniv. r/b Joan Lukens Mary Stewart r/b Ed & Amelia Rivero

FRIDAY - JUNE 20

6:45 am Eucharistic Service - Father's Day Intentions
9:00 am Father William Hart r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

SATURDAY - JUNE 21

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish Father's Day Intentions
4:30 pm Angelo Romeo r/b Pat & Paul Daly

SUNDAY - JUNE 22

8:30 am Kay Turiano r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella
10:00 am Marie Mazzagatti r/b the Gullo Family Anita Osborne Daniels r/b Henry & Kathy Glover Anthony Bruno r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
11:30 am Kay & Joe Turiano r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

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

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	Ann Vigrass
Julia Lepre	Mary Ellen Lepre



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
Vince DeMasi

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



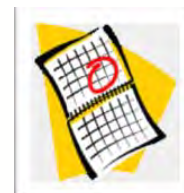
Lt. Col. Allison Agar, SSgt Samuel Brough, Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, and Air Force Major James P. Tobin.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark Your Calendar

2nd Annual

Saint Thomas More Parish
Harvest Festival



Sunday, October 19, 2014

Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton
3-8 PM

Exciting Fundraiser and Social Gathering with Dinner, Dancing, Fellowship and Music provided by D. J. John Negro.

This will be the only Parish Fundraiser for the year. Please plan to participate.

Watch this space over the Summer for more information.

(Eagles Bye Week)

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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 22, 2014 - John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

Commentary:

People objected when Jesus talked about offering his life for the sake of the world. We still hear plenty of objections to this kind of talk. Some of us find the idea of self-sacrifice noble in the realm of soldiers armed with guns. But what if somebody walks into the heart of danger armed only with the truth? What if our children choose religious life over careers in law and medicine? What if a friend decides to work in a crime-filled neighborhood, or to become politically active in an unpopular issue? How do we view these self-sacrificing decisions? With alarm? With unbelief? Until we embrace the spirit of self-sacrifice, we're standing with the crowds who thought the "angel food" talk of Jesus was pure lunacy.

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?



As far as *the right to life* is concerned, we must denounce its widespread violation in our society....Abortion and embryonic experimentation constitute a direct denial of that attitude of acceptance of others which is indispensable for establishing lasting relationships of peace.

Pope Benedict XVI

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

2014 GARDEN FESTIVAL

Sat., September 6 (10 am to 6 pm)

Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill

Available Bus Service, Homemade Polish Food, American Fare & Beverages, Live Entertainment, White Elephant Sale, Variety Booths, Children's Games, 50-50 & Special Prizes

Donations kindly requested:

Clean Household Items, Small Electronics, Books & Recordings, Bric-a-brac, Baskets, Sports Goods, Clothing & Children's Toys

No Computers, Bedding or Large Furniture

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED... Please contact Rosemarie Grabowski, Co-Chairperson; 235-1521 or Little Servant Sisters; 424-1962 or LSIC.PROV@verizon.net



Real home improvement is not about hammers and nails; it's about relationships. Enrich your marriage. Enrich your home. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend.

The next weekend is June 27-29.

Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-742-4035 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille is a

Catholic-based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped countless married couples in all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. Retrouvaille can help your marriage too. The next program will be held at St. Joseph in the Hills Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, PA on **August 8-10, 2014**. All calls are confidential. For more information call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

