

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
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

Saint Thomas More *is pleased to introduce* “Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer”. We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners.

• **It’s Simple!**

- Log on to the Saint Thomas More website (<http://www.stthomasmorenj.org>) & click on the Parish Giving Logo & follow easy registration instructions.

• **It’s Secure!**

- Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available.

• **It’s Convenient!**

- No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine.
- Flexible scheduling for recurring contributions.

To get started log on to:

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship is Life Changing

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.: Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities and anxieties that you have no time for God? Good Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It effects all the decisions we make. It is not just the time we spend at Mass every Sunday.

PARISH COLLECTION

June 29, 2014

July 6, 2014

\$6821.50- 156 Envelopes \$ 7760.50– 173 Envelopes

Online Giving \$280.00

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

Remember that summer offers a parish no break from its bills. We count on your continued support.

Enjoy your **Summer Vacation**

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 44)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

Summer Vacation

For almost all of us the coming of summer means a change of pace. For many, it brings the gift of leisure. The summer vacation has for generations been a middle and upper class institution in Europe and America. And since the mid-Twentieth Century, the less well-to-do have been able to join in the fun. While living in England I never met a butcher or plumber or green grocer who did not once a year shut down the shop and head for Greece or some other sunny shore.

I want to comment on just one aspect of this happy recreational habit. For a good number of self-described Christians, the vacation tradition temporarily trumps the church-going tradition. Being “on vacation” means taking a break from the public worship of God. My strong impression is that this has been more the case for Protestant Christians than for Catholics. But Catholics are catching up.

To a fairly large number of vacationing Catholics, it would seem that being in the pews on Sunday falls in the class of obligation, like showing up for work and going to the dentist. While vacation time is all about being free from such matters.

Maybe you think this is only to be expected, but there is a keen irony in the situation worth pondering. Where does the very concept of “recreation” or “vacation” come from? It derives historically from the establishment of *religious festival*. As Josef Pieper explains in his *Leisure as the Basis of Culture*, holy days are the original holidays, pilgrimages are the original sight-seeing tours. For long ages, and not only among Jewish and Christian cultures, the populous would be granted freedom from the normal grind of commerce and labor in order to celebrate holy days or weeks, or sometimes even months.

You see the irony, as self-respecting worshipers of God seem to need a vacation from the original holiday! The irony is a sad one; it signals a danger. At least Joseph Pieper is convinced of it. He thinks that religion, with its awareness of a transcendent order—and particularly the Christian religion with its awareness of life as *gift*—is fundamental to the very concept of leisure. He argues that modern secularist experiments in social engineering or anti-religious regimes inevitably create a “total work” society.

Have you ever felt like you needed to get back home to take a rest from that vacation you so carefully planned? Spiritually speaking, it is of course only our coming home to God that grants us the truest leisure. Sure, being present at the Sunday mass is an obligation, but it is not a “work obligation”. It is rather a *holy obligation*. That is, it is the obligation to one's true humanity, to one's spiritual sanity; it is the obligation to Grace, the obligation of gratitude and love.

“Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). *Vacate et videte quoniam ego sum Deus*. The Latin can be translated: *take a vacation and know that I am God*. Wherever you roam this summer, may you hear God's call and find true stillness and repose before the altar of Christ. And may your travels be safe and your homecoming joyful.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for July 19 and 20 2014

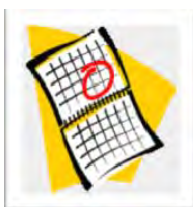
Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Graham	R. Allen J. Linn	G. Tyrrell, I. Rellosa Sr. Sophla	J. Mohan	M. & T. Dautle B. Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R. Kapschke J. Linn	J. Kenney, A. Pajlc P. Rossi	J. Vecchiola	A. Rzepski B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	J. Garafano J. Linn	E. Beckman J. & L. Duffy	V. Marchesani	G. & M. Gray
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	D. Kreal B. Casey	A. Thompson, K. Wislocky H. Protzman	K. Wislocky	E. Thompson O. Reganata

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)

Summertime-Relaxation-Vacation

Remember your responsibility to attend Sunday Mass is an important part of your vacation plans.

A FREE Ministry is offered to Traveling Catholics - for nationwide Mass times and locations go to: www.masstimes.org.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

July - That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth.

Mark your Calendar

Saint Thomas More Parish Picnic

Catechetical Sunday



September 21, 2014

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for our 2014-2015 Religious Education Program continues throughout the summer for first grade students, as well as students who are new to our parish and those who have not reregistered to date.

If your child has not been registered, please do so immediately. Books and supplies need to be ordered and classrooms assigned.

Registration forms are available in the gathering space or on our web site under Religious Education at stthomasmorenj.org.

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



Men & Women Volunteers NEEDED

Join fellow parishioners in packing grocery bags, sorting cans or handing out food at the Food Bank.

Where: Cherry Hill Food Pantry

(Chapel Ave., next to St. Michael's Lutheran Church)

When: Tuesdays, July 15 or 22 - 5-7:30 PM

AND Thursdays, July 17 or 24 - 10 AM-1 PM

Please call Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - JULY 12

- 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Intentions of T.J. Sharpe
4:30 pm Larry Cotilla r/b the Tobin Family

SUNDAY - JULY 13

- 8:30 am Alfred Buonanno r/b Aunt Mary Rose &
Uncle Fred & Donna
10:00 am Ernie Fox r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse
Special Intention of Bernadette Johns &
Family r/b Helen
Father W. Hart r/b Kolecki Family
Joseph LaRosa r/b wife, Helen, & Family
11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

MONDAY - JULY 14

- 6:45 am Special Intention of Carmella Quarry
r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Family

TUESDAY - JULY 15

- 6:45 am Special Intention of Rev. James Smith
r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Jim Novak r/b Rick & Elaine Beckman

WEDNESDAY - JULY 16

- 6:45 am Special Intention of Rev. James Smith
r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

THURSDAY - JULY 17

- 6:45 am Special Intention of Albert F. McGee, Jr.
r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Anthony Green, Sr. r/b Jean Del Rossi
Dudley Cannon r/b Lillian Creedon

FRIDAY - JULY 18

- 6:45 am Special Intention of Albert F. McGee, Jr.
r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Frances Pisera r/b Gould Family

SATURDAY - JULY 19

- 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Anthony Crudo r/b Dorothy Cerone

SUNDAY - JULY 20

- 8:30 am Dr. Eugene Principato r/b Dr. & Mrs.
Tomas Manalo
10:00 am Marie Mazzagatti r/b the Gullo Family
David M. Walsh r/b St. Vincent de Paul
Eileen Spence r/b Dick & Claire Spence
11:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: **THE DECEASED... Dudley Cannon.**

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
Ted Uhlman

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, Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, Lt.
Col. Louis J. Papa, and Lt. Col. Karl Rohr.

*Please call the parish office, 424-3212, to retain, add or
remove a person's name from the lists above. Thank you.*



St. Thomas More Music Ministry

If you think that the Lord may be calling you to share your musical gifts with your parish family, please contact Julie Linn: jlinn@typescast.com

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 info call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20, 2014 - Matt 13:24-30

The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.... The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?" No, let both grow together until the harvest.

Commentary:

Weeds apparently resemble wheat in the early stages of growth and, entwined with the wheat, make it difficult to distinguish. As the parable states it is better to wait until harvest time and then separate the two. Since this is a parable about the Kingdom of heaven, there is an important lesson for us to glean from this story. The Kingdom of heaven is here already, planted like a seed in the hearts of those who believe. When we feed the hungry, forgive those who hurt us, act justly, practice charity, we make the kingdom evident. But within all of us, weeds grow. Weeds that produce dissent, alienation, anger and brokenness. God doesn't write us off because of these weeds but gives us ample time to work through them so that hopefully, by the end of our lives, we will have surrendered to the power of grace, expressed our contrition and turned our weeds into a bountiful field of wheat.

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?



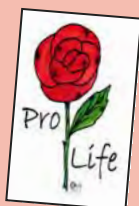
Saint Thomas More Women's Club Special Event

25% of all Sales will benefit the
Women's Club.

Please come join in the FUN!

Place: Accessory Warehouse
2050 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ
Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2014
Time: 6-8 PM (6:30 PM Demonstration by
parishioner Marianne Wilkins)
Refreshments will be served.

The Knights of Columbus Council #6173
Congratulates **Brian Haughwout** on being
awarded the Knight of the Year for 2013/2014.



*Children long for somebody to accept
them, to love them, to praise them.
Let us bring the child back to the center of
our care and concern. This is the only way
the world can survive because our children
are the only hope of the future.*

-Mother Teresa



Saint Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, we hear the story
of the sower and we know that "some
seed fell on rich soil and produce
fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty
fold."

This week by donating to the **Saint Vincent de
Paul Society**, know that together they will pro-
duce fruit a hundred fold.

Senior Respite Short-Term Stay Options

From temporary care after an illness or injury, to providing relief for a family caregiver, we have personalized respite short-term stay options to suit your individual needs!

For need of skilled nursing, we offer:

24 hr. nursing	Rehab & care services
Assistance with activities of daily living	as needed
Medication management	On-site religious services
	Flexible stay schedules

Available at...St. Mary's Catholic Home - 874-5300

For less care needs & assistance, we offer:

Private accommodations	Engaging social activities
Restaurant style dining	Catholic fellowship
Hotel-like amenities	Flexible stay schedules

Available at...The Manor at St. Mary's - 874-5341