

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

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

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

Stewards of God’s Plan

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purposes.: *Romans 8:28*

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Living Stewardship is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God’s plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God. His plan is always better.

PARISH COLLECTION

July 20, 2014

\$10,215.00 – 192 Envelopes

Online Giving \$90.00

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 

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 45)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

Mystery and Manners

For her stories and novels, Flannery O'Connor won three O'Henry Awards, and her collected writings won the National Book Award. But I've stolen my title from a collection of her non-fiction writings, entitled *Mystery and Manners* (1959). O'Connor was a southerner, so she was mighty interested in manners. And she was a devout Catholic Christian, so she had a deep sensitivity to the mystery of life under the judgement and mercy of God. I feel pretty sure that the late Miss O'Connor (she died in her late 30's in 1964) would not mind my stealing her title to introduce some thoughts about reverence at the mass—particularly about how our actions and behaviors (manners) at mass reflect our awe and wonder at the divine mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

Manners are about how we act in the presence of others. They show our awareness, or lack of awareness, of the presence of others. Manners (good or bad) are deeply seeded in us. It is hard to fake good manners. People who has deep respect for others, who takes the *presence* of the other seriously, do not need to contrive good manners. They just naturally acts in a way that acknowledges the dignity of the other. If I am well-mannered when a V.I.P I is in the room but ill-mannered to the men who collect my garbage, my sense of self must be pretty unstable.

In the mass, the first person with whom we are concerned is Jesus Christ himself. The crucified and risen Christ has chosen to be truly present to us, intimately present, bodily present in the form of bread and wine consecrated by his Word. And then, of course, there are the others around us who have been drawn by faith to be present. In the light of this great Mystery, a living faith will naturally instil in the faithful a deep-seated “holy courtesy” toward Christ and those he has called together.

This point leads me to a few straightforward words about liturgical manners in our Sunday masses.

Arriving on time reflects our respect for the sacred mysteries we celebrate. To be present and seated in the Church before the Liturgy begins is, in a sense our first act of adoration, and of respect for others. Unexpected developments now and then make this impossible. But let's be honest. Too many arrive late.

Present and seated *and praying in the church.* Important moments require inward preparation. The actor about to go on stage, the executive before a crucial meeting, even the the athlete before the game instinctively observe a few moments of silence for “gathering” themselves (the rule on my high school football team was *two hours of silence* before staring warmups!). Many in our parish come early to pray quietly before mass in the church. It is a simple point of respect to refrain from distracting them. Loud laughter, chatting with friends, sharing jokes are all natural and happy human exchanges, but not in the Church as we gather for mass.

Remaining until the mass concludes with the final blessing and exit of the liturgical ministers is good liturgical manners (emergencies and urgent obligations aside). There is an apparent misunderstanding here that needs to be addressed. *The rite of holy communion does not end when the Eucharistic body is reposed in the tabernacle.* If you leave the church at that point, you are leaving *during Holy Communion.* The Communion rite itself ends with the prayer spoken by the celebrant.

Certainly we want to avoid the sort of “minimalism” that regards receiving Christ as an obligation to be dispensed with as efficiently as possible. Holy manners require a little holy leisure for the sake of our holy courtesy to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for August 2/3

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Graham	D. Kreal B. Casey	D. Kreal P. & N. Kirlincic	J. Mohan	I. Fulton, J. Pol B. Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita L. Kolojechlick	B. Lento Sr. Rosario, A. Pajic	M. Maggart	K. & K. Johnson B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	M. Kramer J. Linn	M. Huynh J. Galati, K. Glover	L. Galati	N. & M. Brown J. Samson
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	C. Rivera J. Linn	M. Garber, M. Gorln K. Wislocky	K. Wislocky	M. W. K. Quay

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)



Mark your Calendar

Saint Thomas More Parish Picnic
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

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.

Little Servant Sisters of the
Immaculate Conception
GARDEN FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 6, 2014
10 AM—6 PM

Food, Beverages, Games, entertainment

White elephant Sale -

Donations requested

Clean items only—NO computers, Bedding or large furniture. Call 856-235-1521

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - JULY 26

- 9:00 am Betty Jean Root r/b Kathryn Eclar
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Olga V. Mignone r/b William and Lucy
Nicholson

SUNDAY - JULY 27

- 8:30 am Madge DeMasi & Buster Wilson r/b
DeMasi Family
10:00 am Frances Cerceo r/b Buzz Cirillo
Isabel Margallo r/b Grace Cobin
Fr. William Hart r/b Dudley & Mary
Lou Thomas
11:30 am Concetta Finoccharo r/b Daughter,
Agatha Scotto

MONDAY - JULY 28

- 6:45 am Sr. Prassede Parente r/b Franciscan
Sisters
9:00 am MaryAnn McCullough r/b Sheila Moore

TUESDAY - JULY 29

- 6:45 am Sr. Piera Luisa Zinni r/b Franciscan
Sisters
9:00 am Genevieve Uroda r/b Helen & Mike
Hawksley

WEDNESDAY - JULY 30

- 6:45 am Sr. Elisa Papa r/b Franciscan Sisters
9:00 am Patrick Tracy r/b Father, Bernard

THURSDAY - JULY 31

- 6:45 am Vincent John r/b Greg
9:00 am Rodrigo Garde, MD r/b David & Pat
Garde-Hill
Dudley Cannon r/b Dick & Claire Spence

FRIDAY - August 1

- 6:45 am Dudley Cannon r/b Cona Family
9:00 am Mary and Lou Richmann r/b Bizzoso
Family

SATURDAY - August 2

- 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm John P. McManus r/b John & Sheila
Mohan

SUNDAY - August 3

- 8:30 am Elizabeth Phillion r/b Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Luther
10:00 am Anna Bruno r/b Bruno Family
Joseph Flacco r/b Galati, Flaco & Inverso
Families
Joan Voltaggio r/b Dudley & MaryLou
Thomas
11:30 AM Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Deceased parishioner: Janet Dalonzo

THE SICK...

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| Don Kreal | George Sweeten | |
| Maria Storms | John B. Kennedy | |
| Phyllis Schadt | Michael Kapischke | |
| Ron Massey | Chris Kolodzey | |
| | George Gadren | |
| Helen Kane | Betty O'Donnell | Frank Sines |
| Claire Boylan | Henry Bourgeois | Ethan Killeen |
| Frank Colbert | Stanley Kochanek | Carlos Santiago |
| Mary Cowan | Pauline Rosberg | Barbara Salpas |
| Jean Colbert | Joseph Console | Michael Suralik |
| Pat Barton | Geralyn Coticone | Bill O'Donnell |
| Leila Lore | Jerry McMenamin | Teddy Shaffer |
| Ed Rivero | Pasquale DiFronzo | Bill Botensten |
| Pat Beaney | Dorothy Wolenter | Chase Lupica |
| YunYun Shen | Angelo DiGiacomo | Frank Cappetta |
| Rose Hession | Wayne Mauri, Sr. | Harry Gindele |
| Sue Hagan | Francesca Capra | Eleanor Regan |
| Anna Bedrick | Deacon Jim Smith | Pat Suralik |
| Pat Brink | Margaret Crawford | Bryan Dietrich |
| Ginny Fritz | Ann Vigrass | Vince DeMasi |
| Julia Lepre | Mary Ellen Lepre | Ted Uhlman |



THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

- SSgt Samuel Brough, Lt. Anthony R. Co-sentino, 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 office to retain, add or remove a name from the list.



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.



Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 3, 2014 - Matt. 14: 13-21

When Jesus heard the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said. "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.: (Jesus then blessed the two fish and five loaves of bread they had and fed five thousand people. There were twelve wicker baskets of food left after all had eaten).

Commentary:

Jesus is mourning the death of John the Baptist. But even though he is troubled, Jesus is aware of the needs of those around him. Instead of focusing on his own concerns, Jesus reaches out to heal and to feed a great crowd. Jesus continues to feed the poor and the hungry through the Church. The Christian community is commanded to feed the hungry in its midst. The Eucharist would be an empty ritual if it did not motivate people to do what Jesus did.

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?

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC



***Saturday October 11, 2014
Theme: To honor the Virgin Mary as
Our Lady,
Undoer of Knots***

Tentative Schedule

7:00 AM Departure from St. Thomas More
11:00AM Concert in Upper Church
12:00 Noon Lunch Cafeteria
1:30PM Procession of parishes/Rosary
3:00PM Mass (Bishop Sullivan)
4:30PM Departure from National Shrine
5:30PM Stop for Dinner
8:00PM Arrive at St. Thomas More

Bus is Restroom equipped/Video capable

\$20.00 Fee from each participant to defray cost of bus

**Must register at the parish Office - 856-424-3212
by Monday September 8th**

Altar Server Recognition



This weekend we would like to thank Melissa Brown, Meaghan Quay and Eric Thompson for their many years of faithful service as Altar Servers at St. Thomas More Parish. We wish them much happiness and blessings in their future endeavors.

Thank You

To those who gave a hug, said a kind, consoling word or sent a card, my family and I thank you *So* much. Being a parishioner of St. Thomas More is being a member of a wonderful, caring family. God heals all wounds and over time that will happen and we will get through this sad time in our lives. God bless you all and may Dudley's soul rest in peace.

Pat Cannon

Invitation to a Journey called RCIA

Extend an invitation to Family, Friends, Co-workers, etc. Invite them to call Sr. Ann, 424-3212 for more information.



The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue last weekend were placed there in loving memory of Fran Boesch requested by her husband, Jack.