

# 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

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Bereavement Staff 424-3212  
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Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
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Spiritual Retreats John Galati 428-7073  
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### *Worship*

Altar Servers Sister Ann Byrnes 424-3212  
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Antonina Nicdao 751-6320  
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Sacristans Dom Sacca  
Pat Maggart 424-3212  
Greta Tyrrell 428-2412  
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Lin Lyon 795-4396  
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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

**Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:**

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

**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!**

**It’s Secure!**

**It’s Convenient!**

To get started log on to:  
<http://www.stthomasmorenj.org/>  
**and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*Stewards Give First Fruits*

*“Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what does not satisfy?”*

ISAIAH 55:2A

**Of all the ways we are asked to be generous, giving our money can be the most challenging. God understands this. Remember though that we are called to be generous with all our gifts, including our money. In *Stewardship* we are called to give from our “first fruits” and not from what is “leftover”.**

**PARISH COLLECTION**

**July 27, 2014**

**\$6,256.50 - 184 Envelopes**

**Online Giving: \$180.00**

*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**

A **FREE Ministry** is offered to **Traveling Catholics** - for nationwide Mass times and locations go to: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

## The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

*“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord . . . and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.”* (James 5:14-15)

We ought to think of the seven sacraments, not so much in terms of a list, but rather as a seven-fold outpouring of God's saving grace, flowing from the self-offering of Christ. For each sacrament upholds, interprets, and fulfills the others. For example, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, citing the Scripture passage above, treats the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick under a single title: “The Sacraments of Healing” (CCC par. 1420 ff.). For “the Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health [Mark 2:1-12] has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation, even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing . . .”.

In Holy Scripture sickness serves as a kind of *parable* of sin, and Christ's power to heal announces his power to forgive. His healing miracles prophesy our final healing in the resurrection of the *body*—a healing won for us by the grace of God's forgiveness of our sins. This inexplicable, but real, relation of sin and sickness helps us to understand why it is that, for better or for worse, serious illness so readily raises the question of faith.

Illness and suffering have always been among the greatest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death. Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God. It can also make a person more mature, helping him discern in his life what is not essential so that he can turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him (CCC par. 1500-1501).

Through the Sacrament of Anointing, the threat of serious illness is transformed into the awareness of God's saving presence, as we learn the meaning of St. Paul's claim: “When I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10).

The practice of anointing the sick with blessed oils goes back to the time of the apostles. Through the centuries it was conferred more and more upon those who were at the point of death. This explains the term familiar to previous generations, “Extreme Unction”. But in recent years the Church has revived the most ancient practice. Following the Second Vatican Council, Pope VI formally declared that the anointing of the sick “is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death,” so that “as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived” (quoted in CCC par. 1514). In an extended illness, or in recurring serious illnesses, the sacrament may be repeated, and preparation for surgery is also an especially appropriate time for anointing (CCC par. 1515).

During a healing mass or in a hospital room, at a bedside at home, or in a private meeting with a priest—with the reading of the Word and with prayers for forgiveness and the laying of hands—the sacrament may be administered. “*Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.*” And healing will be granted, perhaps dramatically, perhaps less so, perhaps in hidden graces, perhaps in new strength to endure. Healing will be granted.       + + +

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Ministry Schedule for August 9, and 10, 2014</b>					
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Presider</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Monsignor Graham</b>	<b>C. Malatino J. Linn</b>	<b>I. Rellosa, T. Petrone G. Tyrrell</b>	<b>F. Egges</b>	<b>K. &amp; K. Johnson B. Scarpa</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Father Johnson</b>	<b>R. Kapschke J. Linn</b>	<b>J. &amp; L. Duffy J Kenney</b>	<b>J. Vecchiola</b>	<b>M. &amp; T. Dautle B. Scarpa</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Father Johnson</b>	<b>M. Kramer J. Linn</b>	<b>P. Rossi, M. Santiago D. Staton</b>	<b>J. Mohan</b>	<b>M. &amp; N. Ronan L. Smith</b>
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Father Johnson</b>	<b>D. Kreal B. Casey</b>	<b>M. Ciccotta, G. Gadren L. Levin</b>	<b>R. Ciccotta</b>	<b>A. &amp; W. Quay O. Reganata</b>



Eric Thompson, Melissa Brown and Meaghan Quay were recognized and blessed last Sunday, July 27, for their faithful service to St. Thomas More Parish as Altar Servers. Our parish Knights of Columbus presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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](http://stthomasmorenj.org).

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

**SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH PICNIC**  
ALL ARE INVITED  
**Catechetical Sunday**  
**September 21, 2014**  
**12:30 – 3:00 PM**

A Time for Fellowship, Food and Fun!  
 A Time to Connect after the Summer!  
 A Time to Welcome Back our Catechists and Students!  
 A Time to Launch our Religious Education Year!  
 Music! Entertainment for All! Children's Games and Crafts!  
 Pig Roast, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages and More!

Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share

**IMPORTANT — Volunteers are needed for Set-Up on Saturday, 9/20/14 at 10:00 AM**

Volunteers are needed to help clean-up after picnic.  
 Many hands make light work. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time.

*Women's Club News*

**Board Meeting: Wed., August 6 at 1:30 pm at Barbara Cerquitella's home.**

PLEASE RSVP *your attendance*. **Call if you need directions, 795-7323.**

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

***Congratulations*** to parishioner Elizabeth Angelucci for winning the BizEd program, a leadership program for high school students, at Rutgers School of Business.





**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**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 Richard Deighan r/b Dick & Claire Spence  
 10:00 am Anna Bruno r/b Bruno Family  
           Joseph Flacco r/b Galati, Flacco & Inverso Families  
           Joan Voltaggio r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas  
 11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

**MONDAY - AUGUST 4**

6:45 am Emilio Bruno r/b Bruno Family  
 9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

**TUESDAY - AUGUST 5**

6:45 am Dudley Cannon r/b Dom & Marie Sacca  
 9:00 am James Walsh r/b Charles & Mary White

**WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 6**

6:45 am Special Intention of Kathleen Harmon  
           r/b Ann Curtis & Michael Curtis  
 9:00 am Genevieve Uroda r/b Ann Marie & Bob Lento

**THURSDAY - AUGUST 7**

6:45 am Special Intention of Kathleen Harmon  
           r/b Ann Curtis & Michael Curtis  
 9:00 am William Willis r/b Robert Pearse  
           Chuck Kapischke r/b wife, Marian

**FRIDAY - AUGUST 8**

6:45 am Special Intention of Kathleen Harmon  
           r/b Ann Curtis & Michael Curtis  
 9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Gary Gadren

**SATURDAY - AUGUST 9**

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
 4:30 pm Patti Kenney r/b the Gullo Family

**SUNDAY - AUGUST 10**

8:30 am Beverly Kruse r/b Mr & Mrs Robert Luther  
 10:00 am Father W. Hart r/b the Bizzoso Family  
           Dennis Crowley r/b Pat & Paul Daly  
           Monsignor Budney r/b Jack Boesch  
 11:30 am Claire Mazzochette r/b Dick & Claire Spence


**INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER**  
**August** - That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
**THE DECEASED... Lena Mandia and Josephine Mitidieri.**

**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	Frank Sines
Ed Rivero	Pasquale DiFronzo	Ethan Killeen
Pat Beaney	Dorothy Wolenter	Carlos Santiago
YunYun Shen	Angelo DiGiacomo	Barbara Salpas
Rose Hession	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Michael Suralik
Sue Hagan	Francesca Capra	Bill O'Donnell
Anna Bedrick	Deacon Jim Smith	Teddy Shaffer
Pat Brink	Margaret Crawford	Bill Botensten
Julia Lepre	Mary Ellen Lepre	Chase Lupica
Ann Vigrass	Nicholas DiPaolo	Frank Cappetta
George Gadren	Marian Kapischke	Harry Gindele
		Eleanor Regan
		Pat Suralik
		Bryan Dietrich
		Vince DeMasi
		Ted Uhlman

**THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...**

 SSgt Samuel Brough, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, 1Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, and Lt. Col. Karl Rohr.



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

**Bus is Restroom equipped/Video capable**  
**\$20 Fee from each participant to defray bus cost**  
**MUST REGISTER at the Parish Office - 856-424-3212 - by Monday, September 8th.**

## 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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 10, 2014 - Matt 14:22-33

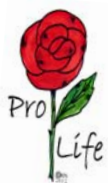
During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

### Commentary:

Part of the purpose for this Gospel passage was to encourage the community. This account was written fifty years after the Resurrection event. Matthew's audience is suffering opposition, rejection, even persecution. They are beginning to worry that the risen Lord has abandoned them as well. Here Jesus reassures his followers, telling them not to be afraid. Matthew gives special attention to Peter's attempt to walk on water. Peter often acted impulsively. He came to realize his weakness and his need to rely on the Lord for help. Matthew hopes his listeners will come to the same recognition.

### 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?



### **What can I do to help stop abortion?**

Donate pro-life books to your local library, schools and churches. Publicize pro-life events. Donate money to pro-life groups. Help run a pro-life booth at a fair. Learn about RU 486 and other abortifacients; use the Internet to spread pro-life thoughts via e-mail and vote only for pro-life candidates.

*Pro-Life Corner, Stephenson County Right to Life*

*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*



### **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](mailto:jlinn@typescast.com).**

**MARRIAGE HELP** - Retrouvaille is a Catholic-based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. 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.



**Married 1 year? Married 40 years? Fall in love all over again!** Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next weekend date is Oct. 17-19. Call 609-742-4035 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org).

Website is: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

### **Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician** **Cherry Hill Fire District # 13 - 1100 Marlkrass Rd.**

Applications for this position are being accepted. Must be eligible to be hired between 21 years of age and on or before 35th birthday (must be 19 years of age at date of the written test).

Interested candidates should follow the process outlined on the CHFD website: [www.cherryhillfire.org](http://www.cherryhillfire.org) - select Career/Volunteer Opportunities link & then Fire Employment Opportunities OR obtain application in person from Central Command: 10 am-3 pm, Mon., Wed., or Fri. during month of August.

### **Submit application by 4 pm on August 29, 2014.**

Must bring a valid driver's license, photo ID, and money order (\$25.00) made payable to *Cherry Hill District 13* at time of written exam. No other form of payment will be accepted.