

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 Faiths Formation
Sister Bozena, LSIC, Religious Education Coordinator
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Kathleen Witts, Youth Coordinator
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 Katie Witts 424-3212

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 424-3212
Pat Maggart 428-2412
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

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION THIS

WEEKEND for the most affected areas (West Africa, Liberia & Sierra Leone) from the outbreak of Ebola. The Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God is having great difficulty getting needed resources as well as financial assistance that will allow the Brothers to continue to serve the sick in those impoverished areas. Please help the Brothers with your donation. Thank you!

NEXT WEEKEND:

The Peter’s Pence Collection will be taken up at all Masses. It provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. Proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Please be as generous as possible.

Saint Thomas More is pleased to introduce
 “Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic
 Funds Transfer”.
 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 Seek God’s Values

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this *Stewardship* wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

PARISH COLLECTION

August 24, 2014

\$6,332.50 - 187 Envelopes

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

From Fr. Johnson . . .

The formation of our children in Catholic faith and life is one of the most urgent ministries in a parish. This formation begins with the baptism of the child. It continues in the Christian nurturing provided by parents, godparents, and other family members. Church education and formation programs cannot really substitute for parents, who remain the first and most effective teachers throughout their child's formative years. But parish education and youth ministries can provide a lot of help and encouragement to parents and children—enriching their spiritual experience, deepening their religious understanding, challenging them to serve others, giving them the chance to form Christian friendships and a sense of Catholic belonging. With these thoughts in mind, I am very glad to introduce to you two new parish staff members.

Sr. Bozena Tyborowska, LSIC

Coordinator of Religious and Sacramental Education for Children

Many of our parents and children already know and love Sr. Bozena as a teacher at the nearby Blessed Edmund Early Childhood Education Center and as a catechist in our parish religious education program. Her educational and catechetical work began 15 years ago at St. Ann Parish in Jersey City. She now takes over from Sr. Katharine as our Religious Education Coordinator.

Sr. Bozena was born and raised in Poland. However, it was while living in the United States that she became a novice of the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. After her initial formation in the religious life back in Poland, she returned to the U.S. for her first vows, and eventually made her perpetual profession at the order's provincial house in Cherry Hill. Along with her responsibilities in her religious community and her service in our parish, Sr. Bozena is furthering her own religious education as a graduate student at St. Borromeo Seminary.

Kathleen Witts

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

After graduating from Rowan University, Kathleen Witt spent several years as a high school math teacher and swimming coach. But she found her true vocation in Christian ministry to young Catholics. For several years she served as Pastoral Associate to Youth and Young Adult Ministry at the Church of St. Andrew the Apostle (Diocese of Camden). I am truly pleased to announce that, as of September 1, she will be joining our pastoral staff (part time) to lead and coordinate our youth ministry (ages 13-18). Along with her professional experience and formal training (certified by the Center for Ministry Development-Youth Ministry Studies) Kathleen brings a deep awareness of the spiritual struggles of children and teenagers. Her passion for helping them grow in the Catholic Faith is hard to miss. Kathleen and her husband, Christopher, live in Voorhees with their four sons, ages six months to six years. With your prayers, with your kindness, and with your practical support, please welcome Katie and her family into our community of Faith.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for September 6, and 7, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Graham	C. Malatino B. Casey	R. Crawford N. & P. Kirincic	J. Cepeda	C. Cepeda, I Fulton B. Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R. Kapschke J. Linn	J. & L. Duffy Sr. Rosaria	P. Lachnicht	J. Pol B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	R. Allen J. Linn	E. Beckman, G. Gadren J. Mazzagatti	K. McFadden	R. Caton C. & J. McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	J. Garafano B. Casey	M. Ciccotta, M. Gorlin A. Thompson	R. Ciccotta	W. Quay A. & I. Witting

Women's Club News

Board Meeting: Tuesday., Sept. 2, 1:30 p.m.
Please note date and time change.

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

***Women in the
New Testament***

September 22 – November 3

Time: Mondays after 9 AM Mass

Place: Parish Hall

To Register: Call Sister Ann
(424-3212) by September 3



***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***

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.**



“Stump the Priest”

Are there questions about the Catholic Faith you always wanted to ask?

Come to this session and see if you can stump **Father Johnson** with your wonderings. All are invited!

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 - 7 PM
in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall

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 PARISH PICNIC

ALL ARE INVITED

Catechetical Sunday



September 21, 2014

12:30 – 3:00 PM

Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share

IMPORTANT — Volunteers are needed for Set-Up on Saturday, 9/20/14 at 10:00 AM and Volunteers are needed to help clean-up after picnic. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time. Call Gary Gadren at 856-428-6830 to volunteer.

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - AUGUST 30

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 4:30 pm Bob Boylan & Dr. S. Cucinotta r/b the Pottackal Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 31

8:30 am Elizabeth Wilson r/b DeMasi Family
 10:00 am Father Bill Hart r/b Jack Boesch
 Irene A. Rimdzius r/b the Reganata Family
 Louis Scharff r/b Jack & Sharon Weinberg
 11:30 am Alfred Buonanno r/b Aunt Eva & Uncle Pete

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 1, Labor Day

9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 2

6:45 am Aubrey Fwli r/b Wujick Family
 9:00 am James Walsh r/b Charles & Mary White

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 3

6:45 am Dr. Stanley Zaleski r/b Family
 9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Joyce & Dick DeMichele

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 4

6:45 am In Thanksgiving r/b Norma
 9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Toni & Joe Andraka
 Veronica Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 5

6:45 am Mary Hale r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
 9:00 am Sophie & Stanley Zaleski r/b Zaleski Family

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 Deborah Schofield r/b Robert & Janet Watson
 4:30 pm Tom Wilkins r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 7

8:30 am Dorothy A. Arbogast r/b Penny Family
 10:00 am Marie Mazzagatti r/b the Gullo Family
 Sadie Fisher r/b Gary Gadren
 Ethan Kuchler r/b Joseph Kuchler
 11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

PLEASE NOTE: On Labor Day (Monday, September 1) we will be celebrating the 9:00 Mass.

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 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	Angelo DiGiacomo	
YunYun Shen	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	
Rose Hession	Francesca Capra	
Sue Hagan	Deacon Jim Smith	
Anna Bedrick	Margaret Crawford	
Pat Brink	Mary Ellen Lepre	
Julia Lepre	Nicholas DiPaolo	
Ann Vigrass	Marian Kapischke	
Ted Uhlman	Robert Pearse	

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.

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to **all** Parishioners & Friends
NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 4 at 1 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All those going on Finger Lakes trip are requested to attend.
Our Christmas in Washington trip is full! If you are still interested call to be put on a waiting list. Please come to this meeting as this is where you have the first opportunity to signup and hear about future trips.
 We will be discussing ideas and listening to suggestions for 2015 air/land packages. We've also begun signups for our spring bus trip to see "Kinky Boots"-the 2013 Tony award musical at the Forrest Theater. I'm only holding 30 spaces & 10 people have already signed up.
Call Lin Lyon, 795-4396, for more information.

OPTIONS for Women: Diamond Dinner Show (Music of Neil Diamond by Tribute Artist) Sat., Oct. 25 - 6 pm, at Marian House, 507 Kings Hwy., Cherry Hill. \$50 ticket includes show, buffet dinner, dessert, soft drink & coffee. Our fall fundraiser will include a silent auction, donations needed. For more information call 795-0166.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 7, 2014 - Matt. 18:15-20

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If your brother sins against you go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ...Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Commentary:

Perhaps the greatest challenge of this Sunday's gospel doesn't lie in the humility it takes to face another or be faced oneself for our sinfulness, but in believing that we truly are all members of the one human family and the one body of Christ. Any reconciliation or forgiveness that comes about rests squarely on this inescapable shared identity. Our being bound together in community makes reconciliation an essential aspect of who we are. Conversely, conflict and separation are more than disruptions in relationships or even community life; they actually eat away at our very identity.

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?

The 2015 MASS BOOK is NOW OPEN for
your Mass Intentions.



2nd Annual Saint Thomas More Parish

Harvest Festival and Raffle Drawing
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton, NJ

3-4 pm Cocktails (cash bar)

4-8 pm Dinner, Dancing and Raffle Drawing

**Exciting Social Gathering with Dinner, Dancing,
Fellowship & Music Provided by D.J. John Negro**

Dinner Ticket \$35.00 per person

Includes Buffet Dinner, Music & Dancing

Raffle Ticket \$100.00 each

Chance to WIN!

1st Prize	\$10,000.00 or 25%
2nd Prize	\$ 6,000.00 or 15%
3rd Prize	\$ 2,000.00 or 5%
4th Prize	\$ 2,000.00 or 5%

Proceeds will be used for

Tables and Chairs for Religious Education Classrooms

Upgrade Church Sound System

Campus Buildings & Grounds Repair & Maintenance

This will be the only Parish Fundraiser.

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is a speaker & discussion series for women and men in their 20s & 30s, married & single. **TOPIC: No Doubt about It, There's Reason to Believe! Exploring the Friendship between Faith and Science.** Guest Presenter: Sr. Rose Bernadette Mulligan, IHM. No cost to attend - Participants are welcome to purchase food & beverages. **Next meeting: Tues., Sept. 9, 7-9 p.m., Dubh Linn Square, 482 E. Evesham Rd., Cherry Hill** For more info call 856-583-6122.

Diocese of Camden - Office of Child & Youth Protection

To attend one of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection, (856) 583-6165 or email Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org to register.

CAP Phase 1 - for new volunteers & employees

Tues., Sept. 9 - 7 pm, St. Clare of Assisi, Swedesboro
Parish Hall

CAP Phase 2 - Bullying Prevention

Thurs., Sept. 18 - 7 pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center

CAP Phase 3 - Cyber Empowerment

Mon., Sept. 29 - 7 pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center

Please register *at least 5 days before* the session you would like to attend.

The CAP schedule, location phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website at www.camdendiocese.org.