

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 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 Bozena 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
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 PARISH PICNIC
All Are Invited
Catechetical Sunday



NEXT 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, call
Marianne Gorin at 346-1811.

IMPORTANT — Volunteers are needed for Set-Up on Saturday, 9/20/14 at 10:00 AM and needed to help clean-up after the picnic.

Call Gary Gadren at 856-428-6830 to volunteer.

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 are Thankful

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...."
 JOHN 3:16a

God gave us the gift of His son so we can enjoy eternal salvation. Of all our gifts, our life, is the most precious. We belong to God. This is why as **Stewards** we must take time every day to ask Him how He wants us to use the life He has given us.

PARISH COLLECTION

September 7, 2014

\$9,317.50 - 199 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 49)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

Fasting at the Feast?

I give thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, Who have been pleased to nourish me, a sinner and your unworthy servant, with the Precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: this through no merits of mine, but due solely to the graciousness of your mercy. And I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for me an offense to be punished, but a saving plea for forgiveness (St. Thomas Aquinas).

Why would the great saint and doctor of the Church be concerned that the reception of Holy Communion could possibly be “an offense” before God, rather than a “saving plea for forgiveness”? Is not Holy Communion always God's gift of mercy—always the crucified and risen Body and Blood of Christ? Yes, certainly, the Sacrament is always Christ's bodily presence and gift. But in our reception of the gift, there are two possibilities (and only two): saving grace or judgment.

Is it not the case that the gift of love may always be received in one of two ways—either with true awareness, gratitude, and reciprocal love, or with ingratitude and a presumptive lack of appreciation? It is not our faith and gratitude that makes the Sacrament what it is. However, it is only by faith and gratitude that it is received to our eternal good. As St Paul wrote: “Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord.” Therefore a person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself” (1 Cor. 11:27-29).

In concern for the integrity of our faith, the law of the Church teaches us that there are circumstances when it is right to refrain from receiving Christ's sacramental Body and Blood. That is, there are circumstances in which we exercise our faith and show our respect for the Sacrament by fasting rather than feasting. One who has neglected the Mass, or committed grave sins, or grown casual about the faith, presuming upon God's grace—then it is the Sacrament of Reconciliation that calls. It is in the confessional that the Catholic Christian “examines himself” in order to truly “discern the body of Christ” and so to “eat the bread and drink the cup” worthily.

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THE PRIEST NIGHT: AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH FR. JOHNSON ABOUT CATHOLIC FAITH AND LIFE

ALL ARE INVITED to a “Stump the Priest” session, this Wednesday evening, September 17, starting at 7 p.m. with refreshments. Fr. Johnson will be responding to your written questions about Holy Scripture, prayer, the Liturgy, Church doctrine or moral teaching — any question you have about Catholic faith and life. Questions may be submitted on the same night. Or, you will find a “Stump the Priest” question box in the gathering space after Mass today. Questioners need not include their names.

Whether or not you submit a question, please join us for an evening of learning and fellowship.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Ministry Schedule for September 20, and 21, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C. Rivera J. Linn	Sr. Sophia, D. Kreal G. Tyrrell	T. Andraka	M. & T. Dautle B. Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	R. Kapischke L. Kolojehchick	A. Del Campo-O'Brien Sr. Rosaria, P. Rossi	J. Vecchlola	J. Pol, A. Rzepski B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Yetman	R. Allen J. Linn	K. Glover D. & L. Lyon	F. Egges	S. Russo, N. Samson L. Smith
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	C. Capriotti J. Linn	M. Dwyer, M. Garber H. Protzman	J. Arnold	O. Reganata A. & J. Zieba

Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

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

House of Charity Employee Giving Campaign

Many businesses will begin their Employee Giving Campaigns this month and continue to solicit donations through the fall months. Employee Giving/United Way campaigns give us an opportunity to direct our donations to the charities that best represents our beliefs and social concerns.

If you donate through Payroll Deduction designate the House of Charity in the Donor Choice Section. ASK TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED - This allows the House of Charity to receive the gift information. Donors should NOT include their parish name on the form when making House of Charity donations as it is confusing to the agencies. The only way the parish will receive credit is if the donor designates: "House of Charity".

Women's Club News

Membership Brunch: Sunday, September 28 after the 11:30 Mass.

ALL women's club members and **ALL** women of the parish are invited. New members are always welcome. Dues are \$10. RSVP by Sept. 23—call Helen Hawksley, 424-3334 or Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323.

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

For those who registered for SCRIPTURE STUDY "Women in the New Testament" - You are asked to please pick up your texts in the parish office, included are your reading assignments. Class begins on Mon., September 22.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ATTENTION First Graders & New Parishioners

If your child is not yet registered, please obtain a registration form from the gathering space or online at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>.

Classes begin September 23.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a celebration of the Sunday readings in a setting and in a language more appropriate to their understanding. This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages four through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed. This special program **begins on Sunday, September 28.**

Sr. Bozena Tyborowska, 424-3212 - ext. 106

STM youth

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 6th through 8th grades

UPCOMING EVENTS!

9-17 7:00 pm **Stump the Priest** (the teens will sit together)

9-20 9:30 am **Set up for the Fall Festival**

9-21 12:30 pm **Fall Festival**, come to help and have fun!

9-25 7:00 pm **Youth Group Kick Off Meeting**

Questions — Call, email or text Katie at 856-305-2914 or youthgroup@stthomasmore.org.

Katie Witts, Youth Group Coordinator - 305-2914

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 4:30 pm Deceased Members of the Glaviano Family r/b Frank & Marie Glaviano

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 14

8:30 am Debbie Kaplan r/b Alfred Buonanno
 10:00 am Lucy Rossi r/b Rossi Family
 Tom Wilkins r/b the Acampora Family
 Fr. William Hart r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
 11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 15

6:45 am Josephine Bach r/b son, Ted
 9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Pat & Mike and Laura Maggart

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 16

6:45 am Nicole Bondi r/b Ann, Michael & Joseph Curtis
 9:00 am George Pisera r/b Gould Family

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 17

6:45 am Bienvenido Cobin, Sr. r/b Grace Cobin & Family
 9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 18

6:45 am Dudley Cannon r/b Ted & Rosanne Bach
 9:00 am Gloria Boyle r/b Sheila Moore Sal & Anna Risorto r/b Vince & Emilia Marchesani
 Special Intention of Tom Gestautas r/b Marian Kapischke

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 19

6:45 am Special Intention of Tina Krail r/b Michael Curtis
 9:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Family

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 am Estelle O'Sullivan r/b E. Catherine Wilson Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 4:30 pm Mary Palzer r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 21

8:30 am Deceased Members of the St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
 10:00 am Msgr. Budney r/b Henry & Kathy Glover Lorraine Saitta r/b Rebecca Silver Paul Kelly r/b Alice & Bob Murphey
 11:30 am Jose Padolina r/b Padolina Family

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	Frank Sines
Anna Bedrick	Margaret Crawford	Ethan Killeen
Pat Brink	Mary Ellen Lepre	Carlos Santiago
Julia Lepre	Nicholas DiPaolo	Barbara Salpas
Ann Vigrass	Marian Kapischke	Michael Suralik
Ted Uhlman	Donna Gould	Bill O'Donnell
		Teddy Shaffer
		Bill Botensten
		Chase Lupica
		Frank Cappetta
		Harry Gindele
		Eleanor Regan
		Pat Suralik
		Bryan Dietrich
		Vince DeMasi
		George Gadren
		Elva Clark

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



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

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of forgiving and loving.

Let's show our love for those in need together - please help the Society by donating food and funds to purchase food **next weekend** after all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

Stan Thompson, President



Married 1 year? Married 40 years?

Fall in love all over again! Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next weekend dates are Oct. 17-19 and Dec. 5-7. Call 609-742-4035 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Website is: wwme-southjersey.org.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

September - That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 21, 2014 - Matt. 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:... When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first. Each received the usual daily wage. When the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them got the same wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.'

'My friend I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?... What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?... Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Commentary:

We all put off to the eleventh hour some piece of work that we have to do with respect with God or each other (e.g. prayer, forgiveness, charity, justice, etc.). If this parable teaches us something about how great God is and how generous, then we are called to this same greatness and generosity. Wouldn't nations be different if debts could be forgiven and those who have were generous to those who have not? Wouldn't families be different if hurtful behavior ceased and was forgiven generously? Wouldn't individuals be different if we measured another only by his or her goodness? God gives generously beyond what we deserve. God gives salvation.

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?



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 for
the year. Please plan to participate.**

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES

Justice for ALL Awards Dinner: Thurs., Sept. 25,
5 pm-tickets are \$95 per person. All proceeds will
be used to provide direct assistance to clients in all
six counties of the diocese. **2014 Event Awards &
Honorees: Organizational ACTION Award;** Knights
of Columbus State of NJ particularly those in the Dio-
cese of Camden-Andy Lipenta, State Deputy and
Individual ACTION Award; Patricia Bivins, Virginia
Brannigan, Kathryn Noble - Volunteers for the Fam-
ily & Community Services Center in Atlantic County
For more info contact Giovina Price at 583-6126.

**16th Annual WHITE MASS for Healthcare Work-
ers & St. Luke's Awards: Sun., Oct. 19, 1 pm in
the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Med. Ctr.,
1600 Haddon Ave., Camden. Keynote speaker: Rev. Terry
Odien – Topic: "Spiritual Issues in End of Life Care". This
year's honorees are: Joseph W. Devine, Reverend James
J. Durkin, and David Haggerty L.C.S.W.
If you'd like to attend call Katherine Boyer, 342-4150.**

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.