

# 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  
 Career Ministry Lin Lyon 795-4396  
 Funsters (over 50 club) Committee 424-3212  
 Parish Festival Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323  
 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  
TUESDAYS at 7 pm Beginning SEPT. 30  
**Extend an invitation to Family, Friends, Co-workers, etc. Invite them to call Sister Ann, 424-3212, for more information.**

*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”**.

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 Finish First***

*“Thus, the last will be first and the first will be last”  
MATTHEW 20:16*

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called in **Stewardship** to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Through our gratitude and generosity we help each other get to Heaven!

**PARISH COLLECTION**

September 14, 2014

**\$7,415.50 - 174 Envelopes Online giving: \$145.00**

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

**JOIN US AT THE PARISH PICNIC, THIS SUNDAY, AFTER THE 11:30 MASS - ALL ARE INVITED**



This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday this weekend and will focus on the theme "God's Gift of Forgiveness." Those whom the community has designated to serve as Catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

**Religious Education Program Catechists**

Sister Bozena Tyborowska, LSIC  
Religious Education Coordinator

**Grade 1**

Janet Johnson  
Marianne Wilkins

**Grade 5**

Dana Wheeler  
Sister Sophie Szczepek

**Grade 2**

Pat Kirincic  
Sister Elizabeth Halaj

**Grade 6**

Margaret Cammisa  
Antoinette Del Campo-O'Brien

**Grade 3**

Sister Agnes Tyniec  
Brianna Morris

**Grade 7**

Fran Eggles  
Jenna McCoy

**Grade 4**

Christine Betson-Smith  
Sister Elizabeth Kulesa

**Grade 8**

Janice Quay  
Beth Markiewicz

**Confirmation Catechists**

Scott Campbell, *Gr. 7*      Sister Philomena, *Gr. 8*

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechists**

Carrie Baeckstrom  
Tanya Baeckstrom  
Janet Barbera  
Jesse Barbera  
Denise Barrett

Natalie Frament  
Pamela Huynh  
Julianne Johnson  
Clare Johnson

**Rite of Christian Initiation Team Members**

Sister Ann Byrnes  
John Mohan  
Bob Scarpa

**Youth Ministry**

Katie Witts

**Small Christian Community Facilitators**

Sister Ann Byrnes  
Pat Beaney  
Gail Bizzoso  
Marylee Garber  
Kathy Glover  
Marianne Gorin  
Jean Ho  
Shirley Kane  
Marian Kapischke

Mena Kramer  
Pat Lachnicht  
Ann Marie Lento  
Robert Lento  
Gaye Pino  
Bob Scarpa  
Elizabeth Scarpa  
Claire Spence  
Lois Udicious

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Classes begin this Tues., 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 next Sunday, September 28.***

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



**Altar Server Training:**

All students in grades 4 thru 8 are invited to serve our parish in the ministry of Altar Server. Practices will be held on Religious Education Class days beginning **Tuesday, September 30 at 4 pm for fourth graders and at 7 PM for those in grades 5 thru 8.**

Sister Ann and Mrs. Pat Maggart will instruct the new altar servers.





**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Ministry Schedule for September 27, and 28, 2014**

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Graham	C. Rivera J. Linn	N. & P. Kirlincic T. Petrone	J. Mohan	I. Fulton B. Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Yetman	Sr. Pepita J. Linn	Sr. Bozena, Sr. Rosarla B. Lento	P. Lachnicht	K. & K. Johnson B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	M. Kramer J. Linn	D. Gould, M. Huynh D. Staton	V. Marchesanl	M., K., & W. Quay
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	J. Garafano B. Casey	B. Haughwout M. Gorlin, A. Thompson	D. Haughwout	R. Caton A. & I. Witting

***Women's Club News***

**Membership Brunch: NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 28 after 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*

**STM youth**

Sr. – High School students      Jr. – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades

All 6-12th graders are welcome to participate in the Youth Group. Our Kick off meeting will be Thurs., Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Come for pizza and fun! You will also learn more about what the Youth Group has planned for you this year. Please RSVP to Katie by Sept. 23.

Please find and introduce yourself to Katie during the Parish Festival this Sunday. Katie will also share information with the 6-8th graders during Religious Education Classes on Tuesday. A fall schedule will be coming out soon. If you would like more information or have any questions about the Youth Group email ([youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org)), text or call Katie at 856-305-2914.

*Katie Witts, Youth Group Coordinator - 305-2914*

Diocese of Camden - Office of Communications  
Sexual abuse is a grave wrong that can never be tolerated. For more information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**Be a part of the next campaign!  
September 24-November 2**

Abortion is the leading cause of death in our world today. More lives are lost to abortion than to war, disease, hunger, or any other cause.

Mother Teresa said, "The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion." But what can YOU do to make a difference in the face of such an overwhelming calamity? Join the international 40 Days for Life campaign! Please call Claire Howson at 234-6198 to find out how you can get involved.

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

***Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC  
Saturday, October 11, 2014***

**Thanks to those who responded – Bus if full!**

**REMINDER: We meet in the St. Thomas More parking lot to leave at 7 a.m. We will be stopping for a quick bite during our return for approx. 30-40 mins. - bus returns at 8 p.m.**

**Holy Hour for Vocations**

The Diocesan 'Office of Vocations' sponsors a time of prayer for priestly vocations in each Deanery throughout the year. We are pleased to host this Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m. in our parish chapel to be led by Fr. Michael Romano. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.



Flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary statue have been placed there this weekend in loving memory of Fran Boesch requested by her husband, Jack.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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 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

### MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 22

6:45 am Joey Palombo r/b Mopsy Silvestro  
9:00 am Margaret Mac Elrath r/b Albert Mac Elrath

### TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 23

6:45 am Special Intention of Tina Krail r/b  
Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Carol Koelsch

### WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 24

6:45 am Special Intention of Tina Krail r/b  
Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Sophie & Stanley Zaleski r/b Zaleski Family

### THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 25

6:45 am Special Intention of Albert Sebrolla r/b  
Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Joanne & Donald  
Murphy  
Special Intention of Donna Carol Kapische  
r/b Marian Kapischke

### FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 26

6:45 am Special Intention of Albert Sebrolla r/b  
Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Terri Conway

### SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Deceased Members of St. Vincent de  
Paul Society r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

### SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 am Carmella D'Amico r/b niece, Amelia Silvestro  
10:00 am Deceased Members of Bernauer & Leber  
Families r/b Mildred Leber  
Alfred DiFrank r/b Marie Budroe  
Dudley Cannon r/b Jim & Pat Beaney  
11:30 am Special Intentions of the St. Thomas More  
Women's Club Members

## 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	Donna Gould



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  
George Gadren  
Elva Clark

### **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.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY "Women in the New Testament" begins on Monday, September 22.**

**Annulment & Marriage Issues Workshop**  
*Are you or a loved one considering a Church annulment? Do you have a prior marriage that needs to be annulled? If you were married outside of the Catholic church, would you want your marriage to become a sacrament?*

If 'Yes' to any question above, please consider this workshop on Monday, Oct. 27 - 7-9 p.m. at The Catholic Community of Christ Our Light, Resurrection School Auditorium, 402 Kings Hwy. N., Cherry Hill. Presented by the staff of the Camden Tribunal.

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

**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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 28, 2014 - Matt. 21:28-32

(Jesus relates a story of two sons whose father asks each one to go into the vineyard to work. First son - says "no" but then goes. The second son says "yes" but then does not go. Jesus asks - "Which of the two did his father's will?" Those who were listening to Jesus responded with "the first did his father's will." Jesus responds: "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

### Commentary:

The point of this gospel is not whether we are righteous or sinners (all of us are a little of both!) but that we hear God's call, believe, respond in faith, and change our ways. Our entering the kingdom is not dependent upon a single response but on a pattern of fidelity to God's persistent call - it's as though God's persistence gives us every chance possible to respond - hear, believe, change our minds, be faithful. Ultimately our faithful response depends upon our relationship with Jesus and our ability to hear his message.

### 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**  
*(Must be 21 and over to attend or buy raffle ticket)*

**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

**DINNER MENU:** Hors d'oeuvres - Assorted Cheeses, Crackers and Fruit

Salad - Clubhouse Salad with Chef's Italian Balsamic Dressing

Entrée - Stuffed Shells, Chicken Italiano, Tenderloin Filet Tips with peppers and mushrooms,  
Broiled Salmon in tomato artichoke spinach sauce, Fresh Vegetable & Potatoes, Rolls & Butter

Dessert - Celebration Cake, Cookies and Seasonal Fruit  
Coffee and Tea

**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.**

**DON'T MISS OUT! TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES**