

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
 Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
 Ch. Art Environment Dolores Kreal 988-0271
 Eucharistic Ministers Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
 Lectors Ann Vigrass 428-7217
 Linen Committee Dom Sacca
 Sacristans 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 Lorraine Kennedy 489-0031
 Women's Club

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



**2nd Annual
Saint Thomas More Parish**



**Harvest Festival and Raffle Drawing
NEXT 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

MENU: Hors d'oeuvres-Assorted Cheeses, Crackers & 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, and 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! WHY NOT SHARE A
RAFFLE TICKET WITH A FRIEND
TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

on WORLD MISSION SUNDAY — Let us reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Give generously to this collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

PARISH COLLECTION - October 5, 2014

**\$9,041.50-188 Envelopes Respect Life: \$1,763.00
Online Giving: \$180.00**

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 50)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

“We Dare to Say. *Our Father*”

“The Lord's Prayer is truly the most perfect of prayers” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2773, 2774). As Christ is the perfection of humanity, so the *Our Father* is the perfection of prayer.

Our Father We may tend to think that “Father” is a universal way of addressing God. However, “the expression God the Father had never been revealed to anyone” (Tertullian, cf. CCC 2779). For Jesus to address God by so intimate a title as *abba*, was entirely new. We dare to say, “Our Father” only because the *only begotten Son* of the Father has come to share with us his own relationship with his Father. This is the meaning of the traditional expression, “The Lord's Prayer”. It is his prayer before it is ours. As St. Paul wrote, “The Father sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “*Abba! Father!*” (Galatians 4:6).

Hallowed be thy Name It is the first of the seven petitions. We pray that God will hallow his name in our hearts, in the Church, in the world. For only God can rightly hallow the name of God. Only God the Son can rightly hallow the name of God the Father.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven The second and third petitions pray that we might live our lives not according to our self will, not according to the old world of selfishness and sin (which we mistakenly call the “real world”), but in the new world to come. We pray that we might live in and toward our heavenly future. To give up our will for God's will is to be granted a foretaste of heaven on earth.

Give us this day our daily bread To truly address God as our father, to pray that we might abandon self-will for God's will, leads us to a childlike trust. We live in his *today*. We pray for our daily physical needs, we pray for the daily bread of love—enough courage, enough patience, enough faith, enough wisdom for today. The prayer evokes the miracle of the daily manna from heaven that kept God's people alive in the wilderness. If the people hoarded the manna, storing it away for tomorrow, they found it had spoiled during the night (Exodus 16). The prayer for bread also “contextualizes” the Lord's Prayer in the Holy Eucharist, where the *Our Father* becomes the table prayer of the Church.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us The fifth petition dramatically and unmistakably binds our prayer to the prayer of Jesus, who prayed from the Cross: *Father, forgive them*. The one who joins in the Son's *filial* prayer to the Father, lives each day by the “bread of forgiveness—forgiveness received and forgiveness given. Because the grace that forgives is the same grace that enables us to forgive.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil Here, temptation means especially all that would tempt us to abandon our child-like trust in the Father. For this would mean to deny our faith in Christ who has imparted to us his own sonship, his own relationship to his Father. This, after all is the hidden threat within any and every evil from which we cry to be delivered—the betrayal of our Father in heaven who has been revealed to us by his Son our Savior.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for October 18, and 19, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	Choir J. Linn	Sr. Sophla T. Petrone, I. Rellosa	F. Eggles	K. & K. Johnson B. Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	Sr. Pepita B. Casey	J. & L. Duffy J. Kenney	D. Miller	M. & T. Dautle B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Rossi	R. Allen J. Linn	P. Rossi M. Santiago, D. Staton	D. Mayfield	R. Caton M. & N. Ronan
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	D. Kreal J. Linn	M. Ciccotta S. Kane, A. Thompson	R. Ciccotta	N. Brown L. Smith

The Ministry Schedule can be found at the St. Thomas More website: <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>.

Women's Club News

Wed., October 23, 1 pm: "Chocolate Lover Tour" is a carpool field trip in West Berlin, 20 person limit, \$19.00. **PLEASE NOTE: This October 23 gathering takes the place of our regular general meeting.**

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The first Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held next Sunday, October 19, at 11 am in the St. Thomas More Hall.

THINK FIRST & STAY SAFE, a safe environment program for the religious education programs in the Camden Diocese, will be presented to all students on Tuesday, October 21, during regular class hours. For grades one through four the session will be presented by each Catechist. Katie Witts, Youth Group Coordinator will present the session for grades five through eight. The sessions for grades five through eight will take place in the St. Thomas More Chapel. Parents are invited if they wish to attend.

Liturgy of the Word for Children - This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages 3 through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed.

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

STM youth

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 5th through 8th grades

ALL 5-12th graders are welcome and encouraged to participate in the STM Youth Group. The fall is filled with Faith, Friends and Fun!

Come try it out and come when you can...no requirements!

If you are in 5th-12th grade (or a parent): Please email your name, grade and phone number to youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org.

Upcoming Events:

Sun., 10-12 STM Youth Gathering following the 10 am Mass

Fri., 10-17 Hayride & Campfire at Springdale Farms at 7:30 pm. Cost: \$15 per person. Permission Forms and money must be returned by Tues., Oct. 14. (Forms are on the table in the gathering space.)

Sat., 10-25 Service Activity and 4:30 Mass

If you would like more information or have any questions or ideas for the Youth Group email (youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org), text or call **Katie Witts, YG Coordinator, at 856-305-2914.**

SCC Facilitators' Meeting

All Small Christian Community Facilitators are asked to attend our first semester training session on Saturday, October 18, 10 am-12 noon in the St. Thomas More Hall. Sister Donna Ciangio, OP will be the presenter.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th. Any questions call Sister Ann at 424-3212.

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 11

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Mary DeVito r/b Ron & Angela Panna

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 12

8:30 am Father William Hart r/b Teri Bones
10:00 am Juan & Rosa Irizarry r/b Marta Santiago & Family
Alma York r/b Bob Sorrentino
Richard Heine r/b Charles Walsh
11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

MONDAY - OCTOBER 13

6:45 am Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council #6173 r/b Cherry Hill Knights of Columbus
9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 14

6:45 am For Recovery of Elizabeth Johnston r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am John Gregory r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 15

6:45 am Peggy O'Malley r/b the McGeady Family
9:00 am Martin Darcy r/b John & Sheila Mohan

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 16

6:45 am Rev. Msgr. Thomas H. Sharkey r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Special Intention of Donna Rule r/b Marian Kapischke
Robert Pearse r/b Greta Tyrrell
Rev. James G. O'Malley r/b Joe & Grace Sklencar

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 17

6:45 am Frank Acito r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 18

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Rob Moore r/b Sheila Moore

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 19

8:30 am Monsignor Budney r/b Amelia Silvestro
10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
Robert Schadt r/b wife, Phyllis, & Family
Richard LaCasse r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse
Dudley Cannon r/b Lynn Ellinger
11:30 am Bridie Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED...Ray O'Neil, father of parishioner Kathy Chesbro.

THE SICK...

Maria Storms	Betty O'Donnell
Helen Kane	John B. Kennedy
Phyllis Schadt	Michael Kapischke
Ron Massey	Chris Kolodzey
Mary Cowan	Pauline Rosberg
Claire Boylan	Henry Bourgeois
Frank Colbert	Stanley Kochanek
Don Kreal	Jerry McMenamin
Jean Colbert	Joseph Console
Pat Barton	Geralyn Coticone
Leila Lore	George Sweeten
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
Rick Linn	Martha Whiting



Carlos Santiago
Barbara Salpas
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Frank Sines
Teddy Shaffer
Ethan Killeen
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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

October 15 - 7 pm in our Parish Hall

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

A member of the Knights will be in the gathering space, this weekend, after all Masses. **OPEN HOUSE** on Monday, October 13, in our Parish Hall at 7 pm.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHERRY HILL COUNCIL 6173

Honors our patrons this Columbus Day with two Masses held for our *Deceased Brother Knights*. Widows, family, friends and our fellow knights are invited to join us on Monday, October 13 either at:
6:45 am at Saint Thomas More Church or
8:00 am at The Church of Saint Mary
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration following St. Mary's Mass.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

October - That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.

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 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 19, 2014 - Matt. 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Commentary:

Conflict and sarcasm are part of the conversation between Jesus and the Pharisees. Both conflict and sarcasm can be difficult to deal with, yet Jesus does not shy away from either. Ironically, it is the sarcasm that speaks the greatest truth: Jesus is unwaveringly truthful and he addressed the conflict head-on. He has clarity about what is central - God and his kingdom - living a good and holy life - and so he is able to give to God what belongs to God: his very self. Would that we have clarity about our life and duties as Jesus portrays in the gospel! So, keeping our eyes on Jesus, we gain clarity, giving to Caesar (government) what is due, as Jesus did, and giving to God, our very selves, living Gospel lives, loving, truthful, good and honest lives, for God's greater honor and glory.

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?



Mass to Celebrate New Life in honor of St. Gerard Majella, patron saint of mothers, babies and those trying to conceive, will take place on Thurs., Oct. 16 at 7 pm at St. Bridget Parish in Glassboro.

If you know of anyone who is trying to conceive, who is pregnant, or who is trying to adopt, please encourage them to attend.

Babies born in the last year will receive a special blessing. Babies & children are most welcome at this Mass!

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

For Our FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS

Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council thanks you and invites you to a light supper on FRI., OCTOBER 24 ~ 6-8 pm at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 327 Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, 08002. Please RSVP by calling Elaine Beckman, 428-8431.

Fr. Ed Lyons' **Christmas Trip** to NYC, Thurs., Dec. 11, Radio City Music Hall: Includes Breakfast, R.T. Motor Coach, Show Ticket, St. Patrick's, Shopping Opportunities, Elegant Dinner, Free Gift! Call 609-927-1669.

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society:
In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

To give thanks for all that God has chosen to give you, have you considered answering the call to help the poor? We will be collecting food and funds to purchase food, next weekend, after all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

Stan Thompson, President

CHILDREN'S HOME FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

OCTOBER 25/26

A truck from *The Children's Home* will be in the church parking lot, collecting gently used clothing (**children's & adults**), used small appliances and athletic gear. Thank you for your support.

Gary Gadren, Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Joseph's Prep OPEN HOUSE on Sun., Nov. 2, 10 am-2 pm. You are invited to Mass at 8:45 am in the Church of the Gesu (on campus). Scholarship/Entrance Exam on Sat., Nov. 15 or Nov. 16 at 8:30 am (student must be applicant). For more information please call 215-978-1954.