

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 David Galloway 424-3212
 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

**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!

**LAST CHANCE TO GET A RAFFLE TICKET
TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES**

**CHILDREN'S HOME FALL CLOTHING DRIVE
NEXT WEEKEND, 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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards of God's Gifts

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.."

MATTHEW 22:21B

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "**Stewards**" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of **Stewardship**. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

PARISH COLLECTION

October 12, 2014

\$7,493.50 - 186 Envelopes Online Giving: \$790.00

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

Mary was Searching for Belonging and for God

Mary was looking for something more from our parish. She would come to Mass on Sunday, but never really connected with any of the hundreds of people in the congregation. She just came and sometimes left early on Sunday mornings.

Mary wanted to find a way to feel like she belonged to someone or something. She wanted to be able to connect with people in our parish. She wanted to strengthen and build interpersonal ties. She wanted to change something about the way she lived and worked her life.

When she heard stories about people in small Christian communities that really cared for each other she wanted to know more. She wanted to know more about the people who were developing a reverence for God and for each other.

Mary often saw some of the small Christian community members connecting after Mass. She saw them talking and laughing. She saw them connecting and caring. She was attracted to the interpersonal ties they seemed to have cultivated.

Mary was hesitant to join a group. She did not know what was required. But she joined anyway. She discovered that the only requirement was simply to be herself. She could say as much or as little as she wished. At least she could always listen to others.

Mary discovered that there was an atmosphere of trust, openness and freedom. The group talked about and reflected on the sacred scriptures. The groups seemed to be bringing the Mass to life. The group was making connections with their faith and their lives. They were making connections and meaningful ties.

Mary grew to know and to reverence the members of her Small Christian Community. She grew to know the Lord on a more personal level. She definitely found the sense of belonging and bonding that she was looking for.

If you would like to join a Small Christian Community and satisfy your quest for belonging and for God, please call Sister Ann at 424-3212 ext. 104.



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

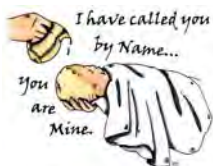
Ministry Schedule for October 25, and 26, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Graham	C. Malatino J. Linn	J. DeMichele N. & P. Kirincic	D. Miller	I. Fulton, D. Ha B. Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R. Kapischke J. Linn	A. Del Campo-O'Brien B. Lento R. Vanderwellen	P. Lachnicht	M. & T. Dautle B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir/C. Capriotti J. Linn	E. Beckman, J. Galati J. Mazzagatti	L. Galati	N. Samson J. & P. Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	J. Garafano B. Casey	G. Gadren, B. Haughwout H. Protzman	S. Kane	S. Russo A. & J. Zleba

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

THE PARISH REJOICES

with the families of *Lorenzo Edward Vasile, Gianna Marie Galindo, Skylar Jean Galindo and Jackson Peter Hayden* all of whom were recently received into the Church, through the waters of Baptism.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The first Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held this Sunday, October 19, at 11 am in the St. Thomas More Hall. *All eighth grade students are expected to attend.*

THINK FIRST & STAY SAFE, a safe environment program for the religious education programs in the Camden Diocese, will be presented to all students this 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

Women's Club News

THURSDAY, October 23, 1 pm: "Chocolate Lover Tour" is a *carpool field trip* in West Berlin, 20 person limit, \$19.00 pp.

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

Good News!!! 'APPLE PIES & MORE' bake sale In November (more details in next week's bulletin).

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Women's Club

STM youth

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

Is God Calling You? STM Youth is looking for all 5th-12th grade students (and Parents)!

STM Youth is connecting the youth to the church and the church to the youth! You are an important part of the parish and we want to hear from you. Please email your name, cell phone & grade to *Katie Witts, Youth Group Coordinator*, at youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org. Youth Group does not require 100% participation! Come when you can to things you are CALLED to participate in!!

Schedules, Registration and Permission/Medical Release are located in the Gathering Space.

Questions; email, call or text Katie, 305-2914.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE for our Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons on Tuesday, November 4 at 12:05 pm at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 642 Market St., Camden followed by lunch in Cathedral Hall. We will remember in a special way all those who have died this past year including Rev. Msgr. David F. Budney and Rev. William H. Hart. We need a count for Mass and lunch. Please RSVP by Tues., Oct. 28 - call 583-2855 or email spatullo@camdendiocese.org.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY - OCTOBER 20

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Ed Hirata

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 21

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Eucharistic Service

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 22

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Eucharistic Service

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 23

6:45 am Sr. Marcella LoForte r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Anne O'Neill r/b O'Neill Family
Tom Wilkins r/b Family
Robert Pearse r/b Monday SCC Group

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 24

6:45 am Kathleen Haughwout r/b Haughwout Family
9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Don & Dolores Kreal

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 25

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Peggy O'Malley r/b Family
4:30 pm Mary DeVito r/b Tina & Jim Ruocchio

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 26

8:30 am Dr. Thomas Higgins r/b Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa
10:00 am Jim Novak r/b Ladies of the Round Table
Sadie Fisher r/b Ladies of the Round Table
Thomas Boylan r/b Elizabeth & Bob Scarpa
11:30 am Kay Turiano r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: **THE SICK...**

Maria Storms	Betty O'Donnell	
Helen Kane	John B. Kennedy	
Phyllis Schadt	Michael Kapischke	
Ron Massey	Pauline Rosberg	
Mary Cowan	Henry Bourgeois	
Claire Boylan	Stanley Kochanek	
Frank Colbert	Jerry McMenamin	
Don Kreal	Joseph Console	
Jean Colbert	Geralyn Coticone	
Pat Barton	George Sweeten	
Leila Lore	Pasquale DiFronzo	
Ed Rivero	Angelo DiGiacomo	
Pat Beaney	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	
YunYun Shen	Francesca Capra	
Rose Hession	Deacon Jim Smith	Carlos Santiago
Sue Hagan	Margaret Crawford	Barbara Salpas
Anna Bedrick	Mary Ellen Lepre	Michael Suralik
Pat Brink	Nicholas DiPaolo	Bill O'Donnell
Julia Lepre	Marian Kapischke	Frank Sines
Ann Vigrass	Donna Gould	Teddy Shaffer
Ted Uhlman	Martha Whiting	Ethan Killeen
Rick Linn		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.



Congratulations to Richard Cole who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist on Saturday, October 4. He is pictured here with his family and sponsor Carolyn Kaufman.

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.



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

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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 26, 2014 - Matt. 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

Commentary:

Jesus doesn't seem to be phased by the "testing" which is a consequence to the silencing the Pharisees experienced. Jesus seems more intent in connecting with the scholar and responding truthfully. In Jesus' answer, the operative word is "love." Love God, love neighbor, love self. So what does the word love mean? How do I show love of God, self and neighbor in the way I live? From the many possible answers to this question, I like how St. Paul said it: "Love is patient, love is kind, love is not jealous nor does love put on airs, love is not snobbish. Love is never rude, love is not self-seeking, nor is love prone to anger. Love does not brood injuries. Love does not rejoice with what is wrong but love rejoices with the truth... love endures." 1 Cor 13

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?



Hurting from Abortion? The Camden Diocese is offering a confidential retreat weekend for men and women who are suffering from the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion ~ November 21-23 ~ for information contact Margarita, (856)

691-2299 or projectrachel.pjp2rc@verizon.net. All calls and emails are kept CONFIDENTIAL!

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

You are Invited

Holy Name of Camden Ministries is having a "Reaching Out to Those in Need Award" dinner on Tuesday, October 28 - 6-9 pm at the Tavistock Country Club in Haddonfield, NJ. Parishioners Joe and Jane Kenney, as well as the late Gene and Tish Principato, will be honored for their years of faithful service to this ministry. Tickets are \$100.00 per person. Please call 856-365-1001.

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, OCTOBER 27 - 7-9 pm** 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.

CELTIC TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS: Sat., Dec. 6 at 7:30 pm at TD Bank Arts Centre in Sewell, NJ presenting Phil Coulter, Andy Cooney & special guest Geraldine Branagan plus The Irish Pops Orchestra. Tickets on sale, \$39.50 & \$29.50, through ticketmaster.com or 1-800-745-3000 or the TBAC Box Office (218-8902). Special discount for groups, contact Jim Weiner at jweiner@wtps.org. Proceeds benefit the South Jersey Scholarship Fund for Catholic Education.

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.