

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: 7:30 pm

Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm
or any time by appointment

Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Morgan, Pastor
Rev. George Donkor Tang, In Residence
Rev. Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
Sr. Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate
Deacon John Harrington

Pat Maggart, Coordinator of Religious Education
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees
Gary Gadren 424-3212
Pat Lachnicht 424-3212

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Friday Adoration Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
Hospital Visitors Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212
Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Knights of Columbus Dick Haughwout 429-8598
Marriage Formation Bob/Liz Scarpa 795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog. Pat Maggart 429-6948
Pastoral Counselor Claire Spence 428-8325
Prayer Shawls Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Respect Life Al Mac Elvath 779-7130
Rite of Ch. Dnit. Adults Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Jim Vecchiola 424-9555

Rosary Ministry Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
Small Christian Comm. Ann Marie/Bob Lento 424-4759
Spiritual Direction Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Spiritual Retreats John Galati 428-7073
Denise Radziwoill 424-0494
St. Vincent de Paul Frank Nicoletti 424-3212

Worship

Altar Servers Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Church Environment Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Antonina Niedao 751-6320
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Tom Petrilli 751-1367
Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
Frank Krenslak 309-1999
Roger Pisani, Director 609-702-7858
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Len Kolojechick 346-4078
June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461

Social Development Bridge Groups

Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
Bob Lento 424-4759
Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Committee 424-3212
Eileen Withers 751-6838

Administration House of Charity

Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212

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 office if you or a family member will be admitted to the hospital. Anointing of the sick is available for those who are confined to home for a period of time. For emergencies, please call the parish office any time.

BAPTISM

Arrangements for Baptism can be made in advance by calling the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a class in preparation for this Sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry must attend a marriage preparation program offered by the diocese. One-year notification of the marriage date is recommended.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of instruction for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments. For more information please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Jim Vecchiola

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.

Retreat Weekend

at St. Joseph in the Hill, Malvern, PA
March 18-20

John Galati (207-1111), Mike Maggart (429-6948), Dick Haughwout (429-8598) and Gary Gadren (428-6830) invite you to join them. All men from the parish as well as those from outside our own community are invited to join us. Retreat starts after dinner on Friday, March 18 and finishes after Sunday Mass, March 20.

Please consider spending some time this lent for some personal prayer and reflection in this very peaceful setting. Please contact one of the parishioners above for more information.

St. Thomas More

TENTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE

**PROGRESSIVE
DINNER** 

Sunday, April 10 5:30-9:30 p.m.

at Caffé Aldo Lamberti, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill

To make a reservation for this popular event that is full of FUN & FELLOWSHIP, call:

Mary Lou Thomas, 429-1379 or
Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323

Cost is \$48 per person which includes
Butlered Hot & Cold Hors d'oeuvres

Salad: Caesar or Mesculin

*Entrée: Chicken Saltimbocca, Veal Marsala or
Herb Crusted White Fish (catch of day)*

*Dessert: Cheesecake, Key Lime Pie or Chocolate
Frangelica Mousse Torte*

*Soft drinks, Coffee or tea, Red & white wine
provided by the Women's Club*

Office of Communications — Diocese of Camden

The diocese urges anyone who is in need of assistance with counseling and/or support services, or who is aware of past or present cases of sexual abuse of minors, to contact Barbara Gondek (LCSW) at 1-800-964-6588.

Last week's collection

February 13, 2011

\$9,595.29 - 241 Envelopes

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

Our Children are a Cherished and Precious Gift from God

The media has brought to our attention the issue of child sexual abuse by priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Grand Jury claims that priest abusers were not dealt with appropriately by Church Administration.

This discovery is surely another time for me to join with all the good bishops, good priests and good religious of our church in expressing my profound sorrow that some of our priests were responsible for this abuse of minors. For I understand that your children are your most precious gift.

Your children are your gift from God. And so, we continue to apologize to the victims. We continue to apologize to their parents and loved ones. Indeed, we profoundly apologize for this egregious moral failure on the part of a small number of our emotionally disturbed priests.

We will continue to grieve for a long time for all those who were molested by priests. We will continue to grieve for their families. We will continue to grieve for the whole Catholic community. And we will continue to grieve because the reality of child sexual abuse by some emotionally disturbed priests is a most painful truth.

This painful truth is that children have been harmed. Children have been robbed of their youth. Child sexual abuse is a grave offense. Child sexual abuse is a crime. Child sexual abuse is immoral. Child sexual abuse is a sin. Faith and trust have been shattered.

This fresh revelation by the Grand Jury of crime, sin and scandal in the church is a great source of pain and hurt for all Catholics throughout this region, our country and our world. At times our own emotional state may best be described as one in which we experience tremendous embarrassment, shame and guilt.

The current revelation by the Grand Jury of alleged cover up in our church signals the need for a greater openness on the part of church leadership. Otherwise, the church will repeat past mistakes and past sins.

Without in-depth reflection and ownership, the church will commit the same crimes and sins and make new mistakes in the future. Otherwise, our precious children will not be safe. And, as all of us know, the safety of children is our ultimate concern.

Today, around the country, it is the nationally adopted church policy that any priest with a substantial allegation of child molestation is being dismissed from any form of ministry. This is certainly the policy in our own Diocese of Camden. It is believed to be the safest action for the church and for the well-being of our society.

Further, as of this date all our priests and religious as well as all our teachers in our schools and catechists in our Religious Education Programs within our Diocese have had background checks and have been fingerprinted to ensure safer environments for all our children in all parishes throughout our Diocese. Background checks are also carried out on all our youth ministry advisors and anyone dealing with our children.

This is a time for prayer. We pray for our children who have been abused. We pray for their families. We pray for their loved ones. We pray for the whole church.

Blessings,

Monsignor Morgan

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for February 26 and 27, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	Choir B Casey	J DeMichele, B Massey N Pro, D Staton	D Miller	J/P/S Wachman
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer L Kolojechick	A Del Campo-O'Brien, J Neff Sr. Dianna, M Gorln	M Maggart	I Zebrowski J Fabricius
10:00 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	M Sullivan E Zerone	K Glover, J Mazzagatti D/ML Thomas	T Smith	A/E/Ma Quay
11:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	M Sullivan E Zerone	T Conway, M Santiago B/AM Lento	R Clcottta	M/T Clcottta

Women's Club News

- **General Meeting:** Wed., March 23, 7:30 p.m. — Lenten Speaker
- **Women's Day of Reflection: *Awakening the Spirit Within*, SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 12**

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fifth Confirmation II class will be held next Sunday, February 27, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 Mass prior to class.

Pat Maggart, CRE, 424-3212 - ext. 106

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Upcoming Event(s):

- **Youth Gathering** - (this Monday evening, 2/21/11) at St. Mary's Parish Hall (Rm. 102), 6:30-8 p.m. A welcoming atmosphere for teens to hang out. Open to 7th-12th graders.
- **March 1** (Tuesday evening) - **Vocation Panel** at 7:30 in the Chapel, meet and listen to those in various Church Vocations.

Ronald McDonald House
of Southern New Jersey



- **March 12** (Saturday morning) - **Ronald McDonald House Breakfast:** The Youth Group along with the Women's Club & St. Vincent de Paul Society will make and serve breakfast for families of children receiving medical care.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

'FUNSTER NEWS'



There will be a Funster meeting at 1 p.m. on Wed., March 2 in the St. Thomas More Hall. All going to see **MARY POPPINS** on March 12 are to attend. Also anyone wanting input on a trip this spring along with details on a fall trip to the British Isles should attend. Call Bob Lento (424-4759) with any questions.

Vocation Panel

There are a number of vocations that men and women have committed themselves to in the Catholic Church. On Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Chapel six men and women will give us a deeper insight into the Life Vocation that they live. **COME, MEET, LISTEN and SHARE** with Deacon Maletesta, Seminarian Kevin Mohan, Sr. Elizabeth, LSIC, Father Mike Romano, Sr. Ann Kapler, RSM, and Brother Tom Osorio.

Small Christian Communities: There will be 14 Small Christian Communities meeting during the Lenten Season beginning the week of March 7. Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212, for more information about your participation.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 19

9:00 am Rose Marciuliano r/b Janice Caliri & Family Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 20

8:30 am Margaret O'Leary r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
10:00 am Mary Sobieski r/b the Rossi's Patrick & Roseann McMenamin r/b Family Denise Langlois r/b Ann & Don Sullivan
11:30 am Alex Meloni r/b Jaime Swan & Kris Rubin

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 21

6:45 am Special Intention of Mother Mariola Karas
9:00 am Rose Ann Kerns r/b Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 22

6:45 am Harry Hoey r/b Matilda Sacca
9:00 am Mary Lou Hoeflinger r/b John & Sheila Mohan

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 23

6:45 am Solomon and Kojo r/b Sheila Moore
9:00 am Daniel A. Buckley r/b Dick & Claire Spence

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 24

6:45 am Special Intention of Sr. Angela Given
9:00 am Charlotte W. Kochanek r/b Maureen & Stan Kochanek Daniel A. Buckley r/b Joe & Eileen Withers Mary Menna r/b Bob & Anna Marie Lento Richard D'Auria r/b Paul Charette

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 25

6:45 am Mary Menna r/b Nancy Tagland & Family
9:00 am Anthony Gestautas r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 26

9:00 am Terry Kernan r/b Jim & Carolyn McHale Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Anita Goodman r/b Kathleen & Marty Lawler

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 27

8:30 am James Malone r/b the Marchese Family
10:00 am Phyllis Galie r/b Gary & JoAnn Gadren Mary Lou Hoeflinger r/b Phyllis Kolecki Elizabeth Stenz r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
11:30 am Gregory J. Faljean, Sr. r/b Bob & Jude Brennan

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

Devon Sheehan Helen Copperthwaite
Denise Daniels Bob & Claire Boylan
George Sweeten Andrea Buonincontro
Maria Storms Frank Cappetta
Leona Novak Joseph Console
Ruth Suita Michael Kapischke
Ron Massey Betty O'Donnell
Marie Cain Marie Mazzagatti
Frank Colbert Stanley Kochanek
Mary Cowan Pauline Rosberg
Yolanda Burke William Mitchell
Jean Colbert Geralyn Coticone
Mary Flacco Jerry McMenamin
Mary Beuhler Chris Kolodzey
Charlie Kelton Marie DiFrank
Carlos Santiago Joe Pottackal, Sr.
Ralph Stilley Theresa Carozza
Robert Geisel Catherine Zee
Chase Lupica (8 mos. old)



Harry Watson
Danny Perla
Anna McMullen
Olga Mignone
Joanne James
JoAnn Gadren
Gloria Daniels
Dorothy Brink
Alfred DiFrank
Don Kreal
Ed Rivero
Marie Read

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lt. Col. Carl Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Sr. Airman Alyssa Cosentino, Staff Sergeant Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, A1C John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, CDR Katherine (Tobin) McCabe, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Major Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FACILITATORS' MEETING

Wednesday, March 2 - 7:30 p.m.

All facilitators will be meeting with Sister Louise Aff, OSF, who is the Coordinator of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. If you have any questions please call Sister Ann at 424-3212 ext. 104.

Sandwich Makers Wanted

If you would like to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen, please meet in Classroom #1 after the 9 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, February 23. Any questions, please call Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924.



Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

(For use in homes as well as in small groups)

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for the 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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 27, 2011 - Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all things will be given to you as well."

Commentary:

Jesus challenges us to put our trust only in God. Jesus tells his followers, "You cannot give yourself to God and money." The operative words here are "give yourself". To live a responsible life in today's world, we must deal with financial concerns. But when this concern becomes an obsession, money (or a career) becomes one's goal, one's god, one's master. What we are and what we have are gifts from God. Excessive worry indicates a lack of trust in God.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. Share a word or phrase from today's Gospel reading or the commentary that spoke to you.
2. Share one way you will appreciate the life you have this coming week.
3. Relate a period in your life when you felt it necessary to get your priorities straight.



Catholic Partnership Schools

need MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



Gently Used and...Once LOVED (maybe?)

WISH LIST: trumpets, saxophones, flutes, clarinets, violins, cellos, drums, music stands, electric keyboards, amps/P.A.s

Drop-off next weekend, Feb. 26/27, after all Masses.
For more information contact: Chris Baekstrom at 912-6433 or email at cbaekstrom@yahoo.com.



There will be a sweet table to celebrate St. Joseph's Day on Sunday, March 20, after the 11:30 Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall. If you would like to donate a "goodie" in his honor, please contact Eleanor Perrotto, 428-7824.

It's the wearing of the red for this day.

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Women's Club

Celebrate with Us!

50th Anniversary of our presence in the US Franciscan Missionary Sisters will hold their Annual Dinner Dance on March 27 at 4 p.m. at Auletto's Caterers, Almonesson, NJ. To make a dinner reservation or to get more information call: 428-8834, by February 27.

CAR RAFFLE

2011 GMC Terrain 4-door SUV
Cost of ticket: \$100 – to purchase ticket call 428-8834. Date of drawing: April 30. All proceeds will benefit The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Thomas More's 1st Annual



Friday, April 1, 2011

More information to come...