

# 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: 3:30-4:00 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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our New Altar Servers who are being installed this weekend at the 11:30 Mass. We are grateful for their generosity in volunteering to serve Saint Thomas More Parish in this important ministry.

**Anna Cammisa  
Ryan Cepeda  
Claudia Fulton**

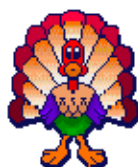
**Timothy Kenny  
Jacqueline Smith**

### SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

We have 13 small communities meeting Mon. thru Sat. in the morning, afternoon and evening starting November 24.

Check the poster in the gathering space with facilitators, days and times listed.

If you are interested please call Sister Ann (424-3212) for more information.



### **NEEDED: FROZEN TURKEYS, HAMS OR CHICKENS**

The St. Thomas More *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will distribute turkeys, hams and chickens to less fortunate families before Thanksgiving. Please drop off at church by Nov. 23 so that we can deliver them and have adequate time to defrost before Thanksgiving. **THANK YOU!**

Gary Gadren, Coordinator

### **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the U.S. by funding organizations that help people help themselves. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

The Increased Offering/Stewardship of Treasure Appeal continues to meet with great success. At this time 50 families have been heard from, representing a combined weekly increase of \$254.52. If you have not yet responded to Father Johnson's letter, please do so this week. Your response will be acknowledged immediately.

### PARISH COLLECTION

November 9, 2014

**\$9,703.00 - 192 Envelopes Online Giving: \$277.00**

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

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 52)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

## A Very Brief Bible Study About the Offering of Money

In the New Testament *Acts of the Apostles* St. Luke gives us several “snap-shots” of the life of the very first Christian Church in Jerusalem. Peter and most of the apostles are still residents in Jerusalem. All of them mention the extraordinary generosity that marked the community of faith. Here is once such portrait.

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own. . . . There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributing to each one according to need (Acts 5:32-35).

Moving forward several years, to around A.D. 55, we have another portrait, this one from St. Paul in his two Letters to the Church in Corinth. Paul appeals to the Corinthian Church to give of their money so that it may be sent to Christians in Jerusalem who are suffering a terrible famine. He writes that “in regard to the collection for the holy ones. . . . On the first day of the week each of you should set aside and save whatever one can afford” (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

Later, in his second letter (chapters 8 and 9) the apostle makes a more lengthy appeal, providing what could be called a brief catechism on the *spiritual meaning* of their money offerings. Here are some of the principles and effects of giving as laid down by St. Paul.

*The offering is a sure testimony of love's reality.* Paul makes the appeal “to test the genuineness of your love by your concern for others” (8:8).

*The offering is an act of grace in response to the Grace of Christ.* “For you know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sake he became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich” (8:9).

*The offering should be proportional.* All are to give generously but those who have much should give much, those who have little will give less. It is a matter of fairness. In this St. Paul invokes the Old Testament teaching regarding “tithing” — purposefully dedicating a percentage of one's income as an offering to God.

*You cannot out-give God.* “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things . . . you may have abundance for every good work” (9:8).

*The act of generous giving is an act of worship and thanksgiving to God, and a profession of faith.* “For this service is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God. . . . You are glorifying God for your obedient confession of the gospel of Christ” (9:12-13). Which is why the collection takes place within the chief liturgy of the Church.

*The act of generous giving is a joyful act.* “Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (9:7).

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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Ministry Schedule for November 22, and 23, 2014**

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C. Malatino B. Casey	S. Mohan, T. Petrone I. Rellosa	J. Mohan	D. Ha K. & K. Johnson
8:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	R. Kapischke L. Kolojechick	J. Kenney, B. Lento R. Vanderwielen	P. Lachnicht	G. & M. Gray B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir J. Linn	J. Galati D. & M.L. Thomas	L. Galati	J. & P. Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	C. Capriotti J. Linn	B. Haughwout L. Levin, K. Wislocky	K. Wislocky	R. Caton

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

*Women's Club News*

**Bake Sale: Next weekend Nov. 22/23**

Please donate a HOMEBAKED baked good, for more info call Marianne, 428-4924.

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

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The second Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held this Sunday, November 16, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend.

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



**'APPLE PIES  
& MORE'**

**NEXT WEEKEND  
NOVEMBER 22/23**



Frozen pies, to be "Home Baked" by you, will be available to pre-order (available by advance order only—Deadline Date to order: Nov. 19). **ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE.**



**HELP WANTED  
FOR APPLE PIE MAKING**

**WHEN: Friday, November 21  
after the 9:00 Mass**

**If you peel apples, you qualify to help!**

Call Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

**STM youth**

Sr. - High School students      Jr. - 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Upcoming Events:

Tues., Nov. 18 - Sr. High Game Night, 7 pm

Sun., Nov. 23 - Youth Gathering following the 10 am Mass, *Help with Food Collection*

Tues., Nov. 25 - Sr. High Gathering, Food Collection and Sorting

Tues., Dec. 2 - Sr. High Gathering, Movie Night

**Any questions or ideas for the youth group call Katie Witts, YG Coordinator, at 305-2914.**

**St. Thomas More ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

*Thank you for your continued support.* Each Thanksgiving we use your monetary donations to purchase 120 Thanksgiving meals for needy families in Camden & locally. We will be at all Masses this weekend to receive your contributions and donations.

**STM Youth Group & Religious Education Program  
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**Tuesday, November 25** - ALL students are invited to participate in the non-perishable food collection to support the Cathedral Soup Kitchen in Camden. A Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held during Religious Education classes at 4:15 pm & at 7 pm on that day. Parents are most welcome to attend. *Thank you!*

**PARISHIONERS**...On December 14 the Youth Group will be going to Camden to host a Christmas Party for 1st & 2nd graders at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We will bring toys, food, crafts and lots of love and happiness to the children. We would appreciate any donations of toys, food or crafts to help us make this a very special party for the children. Please look for details in the bulletin in the next few weeks or email Katie Witts, [youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org). Thank you for all your generosity, support and prayers of STM Youth!



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 15

- 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
Geri Rice r/b Lynn Marion
- 4:30 pm Deceased Members of St. Thomas More  
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

### SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 16

- 8:30 am Paul Kelly r/b Lorraine Wiatr
- 10:00 am Marion White r/b Wislocky Family  
Dudley Cannon r/b Dudley & Mary Lou  
Thomas  
Elizabeth Philion r/b M/M Robert Luther
- 11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

### MONDAY - NOVEMBER 17

- 6:45 am Dorothy McGurk r/b Michael Curtis
- 9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

### TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 18

- 6:45 am Grace Grande r/b Pat Kirincic
- 9:00 am Robert J. Pearse r/b Christopher Mermer

### WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 19

- 6:45 am Dorothy McGurk r/b Michael Curtis
- 9:00 am George Erickson r/b Family

### THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 20

- 6:45 am Anne McGeady r/b the McGeady Family
- 9:00 am Ray O'Neil r/b Joe & Jane Kenney  
All Souls

### FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 21

- 6:45 am Dorothy McGurk r/b Michael Curtis
- 9:00 am Robert Pearse r/b Marian Kapischke

### SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 22

- 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
All Souls
- 4:30 pm Stanley Sobieski r/b Rossi Family

### SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 23

- 8:30 am John Walsh r/b wife, Charlene
- 10:00 am Raymond White r/b Wislocky Family  
Dudley Cannon r/b Carol & A.J. Ariani  
Helen Dombrowski r/b Bob & Margaret  
Van Brunt
- 11:30 am C. Thomas Manciani r/b Stan & Annette  
Thompson

#### **INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER**

NOVEMBER - That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

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

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

### **LITURGY MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 19 - 7 pm**

### **THANKSGIVING TAIZE PRAYER**

**ALL parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend our Prayer Service on Monday, November 24 at 7 PM in the parish chapel. A Taize worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, and liturgical readings. This Prayer Gathering will give each of us an opportunity to give thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings we have received.**

### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:**

All are welcome to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen...

**Date:** Wednesday, November 19

**Time:** after 9:00 Mass

**Where:** St. Thomas More Hall

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924



### 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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Nov. 23, 2014 - Matt. 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."

#### Commentary:

Today's description of the last judgment goes further than any other. This final judgment determines what counts in the end. It is not success or how perfectly a person has developed. In the end, the judgment is about love for the poorest, the no-accounts, the ones easy to miss. It is not about doing good or charitable things for a cause or out of a sense of duty. What counts is doing real practical good out of genuine love. Jesus tells us that when we do this, we are serving Jesus himself.

#### 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?



Again, this Christmas season we will be helping our brothers and sisters in need in Camden.

Sister Claire will accept gift cards or checks for this purpose. Sister's suggestions for cards are: Walmart, Target and ShopRite. They can be mailed to Sister directly at: Sister Claire Sullivan  
Annunciation BVM Convent  
603 W. Browning Rd.  
Bellmawr, NJ 08031

Or given to Clare DiGiacomo (428-9251) or Lois Udicious (795-1890).



**ALL parishioners are invited!**

**Christmas Music Program**

Wed., December 3 - 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to a Christmas concert and "Sing Along" provided by the Cherry Hill High School East Music Department.

If you plan to attend please bring a finger food or dessert for our refreshment table.

*Sponsored by the Women's Club*

#### Men & Women Volunteers NEEDED

Where: Cherry Hill Food Pantry

When: Tuesday, November 25

9:30 am - 1 pm & 5 - 7:30 pm

Please call Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431.



### St. Thomas More NEW YEAR'S EVE MOVIE NIGHT

*"Heaven is for Real"*

**SAVE THE DATE: Wed., December 31**



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

#### CELTIC TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS

December 6th - 7:30 PM

TD Bank Arts Centre, Sewell, NJ

To purchase tickets, make a donation or sponsor this event visit [www.cbsphilly.com/bishop](http://www.cbsphilly.com/bishop) or call 218-8902.

Proceeds benefit the South Jersey Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for financial assistance to attend Catholic Schools.

*See Flyers and Poster in Gathering Space*

Diocese of Camden Lay Ministry Formation Program  
Mass to be celebrated in gratitude for all Lay people who minister in the Diocese; Thurs., Nov. 20 at 7 pm at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish (St. Isidore the Farmer Church) in Vineland, NJ. Principal Celebrant: Bishop Sullivan RSVP to JoLynn at 583-6116 - Light reception to follow.