

# 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  
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### *Administration*

House of Charity Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212  
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 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 Bob Scarpa

## 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



## 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.**

## Thanksgiving Mass

**Please join us in giving thanks to God for all His goodness to us throughout the year.**

**9 a.m., Thursday, November 27**

## SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

**We have 13 small communities that begin this Monday, November 24. If you are interested please call Sister Ann (424-3212).**



**Investiture of the new Altar Servers was last Sunday at the 11:30 Mass. Thank you for your service!**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**The Appeal continues to meet with great success. We have heard from 94 families, representing a combined weekly increase of \$472.91. Please respond to Father Johnson's letter by this week. Your response will be acknowledged immediately.**

## PARISH COLLECTION

**November 16, 2014**

**\$9,264.00 - 189 Envelopes Online Giving: \$327.00**

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



## Stewardship Talk---Bob Scarpa---November 16, 2014

### Good Morning

MONEY! That is one of the topics that some people shy away from talking about. I have no such qualms. With my financial background, I talk about money all the time.

As a lifelong Catholic, I have heard various Pastors give the “money talk”. I’ve lived through many a capital campaign.

**My favorite was when a Pastor, let’s call him Father Mike, spoke to the congregation and told the people “I come to you today to tell you that we are in need of a new roof, our furnace needs to be replaced, all of the bathrooms need upgrades and the parish hall needs to be expanded. This will cost a lot of money. But, I have good news and I have bad news. The good news is that we have all the money needed to do all of these projects. The bad news is that the money is in your wallets and your purses.”**

Fortunately, we do not have these problems at St. Thomas More. Our roof is fine, the air conditioning and heat work fine, we have a beautiful church, and our grounds are beyond compare.

However, we all know at some level that our weekly collections are what supports our church. We have no outside income. What we put in the collection basket each week is what pays the bills.

**Now I always hear that we are a very generous parish and I have no reason to doubt that. However, this campaign is an increased giving campaign. If you have been giving the same amount for a number of years, your money isn’t going as far as it used to.**

**The annual average inflation rate is 3%. If you have been giving the same amount for the last 10 years, your contribution is only worth 74% today.**

So what did my wife and I decide to do when we heard about this year’s campaign at Sunday Mass?

As soon as we got in the car we turned to each other and admitted that we were guilty. We have not increased our contribution in quite awhile. We knew that we needed to increase our weekly amount. But, how much? We asked each other at the same time “How much should we give?”

Well we narrowed it down to two amounts. This much or this much.

We could give a flat amount. We could give a percent of our income. We could look at our other bills – the cable bill, the utility bills, our grocery bills and compare their value to this value.

**I’ve learned in the past few years that if I didn’t know how to decide on something, I brought it to God. I prayed on it. And as always, the answer came to me as clearly as if I figured it out on my own.**

**I discussed it with my wife the next morning and she agreed.**

The very next week, our envelope contained a check for the new amount. More importantly, my wife and I committed to reviewing our giving every year.

And then, I started reflecting on why I give. Of course, to support the church but then I thought about the poor widow in Luke’s Gospel. The one who put 2 small coins into the treasury. Jesus said “I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest.” (Luke 21:4)

**My weekly contribution is a sacrificial offering – a type of prayer. I give because I love my church, I love God. We, as a parish, are asked to give our time, talent, and treasure. This talk, today, has been about our treasure.**

**No one can tell you how much to give. But today, I ask you to think about it, pray on your decision, and do what you can. Thank You.**

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### Ministry Schedule for November 29, and 30, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	R. Allen J. Linn	Sr. Sophla, D. Kreal G. Tyrrell	T. Andraka	A., K. & W. Quay
8:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	Sr. Pepita J. Linn	A. Del Campo-O'Brien Sr. Rosaria, P. Rossi	M. Maggart	J. Pol, A. Rzepski B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir/M. Kramer J. Linn	K. Glover D. & L. Lyon	F. Egges	N. Brown, S. Russo N. Samson
11:30 a.m.	Monsignor Graham	D. Kreal B. Casey	M. Dwyer, M Garber H. Protzman	J. Arnold	A. & J. Zieba

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

### *Women's Club News* **Happy Thanksgiving!**



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

*Sponsored by the Women's Club*

### **STM youth**

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

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

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

Sun., Dec. 7 - Toy, Food, etc. Collection for Children in Camden after all Masses

Tues., Dec. 9 - Wrapping gifts for children in Camden

Sun., Dec. 14 - Christmas Party for Children in Camden

Tues., Dec. 16 - Sr. High Gathering, Christmas Party

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

**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. Email Katie Witts, [youth-group@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youth-group@stthomasmorenj.org). Thank you for all your generosity, support and prayers of STM Youth!

### **PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

A Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held during Religious Education Classes at 4:15 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25. Parents are most welcome to attend. All students are asked to bring one or more non-perishable food items which will be collected by members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to the needy of our area.

During the Season of Advent the candles on the Advent Wreath, at all four weekend Masses, will be lit by eighth grade candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred on them in 2015.

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



#### **THANK YOU! Spirit Day Students:**

Jenavieve Consalvi, Nick & John Samson, Anna Kenny, Barbara & Francesca Crawley, Anna Zieba, Josh Pol, Mike Markiewicz, Mike Wheeler, Marc Angelucci, Dylan DeMarco, Nick & Marta Grillo, Michael & Richard Mancuso, Chris & Lauren Betson-Smith, Sarah Pierce, Alyson Armendinger, Josie Williams and Dan Zimba



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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

### MONDAY - NOVEMBER 24

6:45 am All Souls  
9:00 am Robert J. Pearse r/b Bobby Mermer

### TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 25

6:45 am All Souls  
9:00 am Emily & Leonard Antonacci r/b  
daughter, Grace, and Joe Sklencar

### WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 26

6:45 am Michael Roy Manzi r/b the McGeady  
Family  
9:00 am Robert Moore r/b Sheila Moore

### THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 27, Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving  
John Ryan r/b Family

### FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 28

9:00 am Alfred & Marie DiFrank r/b Marchese  
Family

### SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 29

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Anne Krenslak r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak

### SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 30

8:30 am Paul Kelly r/b David, Dawn & Destiny Wiatr  
10:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse  
Helen Dombrowski r/b Paul & Lorraine  
Rossi  
Special Intention of Nina Plenzick &  
Family r/b a Friend  
11:30 am Kay & Joe Turiano r/b Marianne Wilkins

#### **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...**

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	Mena Ravena	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.

### **LECTORS:**

**Your 2015 Workbook is available for pickup in the parish office.**



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

**"Heaven is for Real"**

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



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).

**Saint Thomas More Parish  
2nd Annual Harvest Festival and Dinner Dance**

St Thomas More Parish thanks you profoundly for your support and generosity to our 2nd Annual Harvest Festival and Dinner Dance. Thanks to you and our many sponsors, this event was most enjoyable and successful.

We ask that you patronize the following sponsors and businesses that helped make our event, held at Indian Spring Country Club on October 19, 2014, a huge success.

**TABLE SPONSORS**

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The Chop House, Gibbsboro, NJ		St. Thomas More Women's Club

**Special Donors**

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		Classic Cake
A.J. and Carol Ariani	Dick and Claire Spence	Jerry and Jeannine McMenamin
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Mike and Helen Hawksley	Fred and Tina Petrone	Joe and Chris Torello
		Tom and Arlene Pajic

**Small Christian Community Faith Sharing**

**Excerpt from the Gospel for First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014 - Mark 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

**Commentary:**

Advent literally means "coming." This coming refers to the first coming of Jesus as a baby in Nazareth, his coming into the hearts of faithful Christians throughout the ages and his final coming in glory at the end of the world. Christians in the first century looked for Christ to return soon to establish once and for all God's reign of justice, peace and love. The parable we hear in Mark's Gospel encouraged the early Christians not to grow careless. Advent is a time of joyful expectation. Jesus will come again. He will not forget his own. Keep looking!

**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?

**'FUNSTER NEWS'**

Funster Trips are open to **ALL** Parishioners & Friends



**Next Funster Meeting:** Mon., Dec. 1 at 1 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall. All those going on "**Christmas in Washington**" trip are requested to attend (we will go over details & itinerary).

**We have 8 spaces left for our spring bus trip (Kinky Boots at Forrest Theater) on Wed., May 6, 2015 - note date change.**

**2015 lineup is almost complete:** Baja, CA Cruise (Feb. 19/20 to Feb. 27) then Paddlewheel Riverboat Cruise from Memphis to St. Louis (June 28-July 5) with fireworks display over St. Louis Arch – **Early booking discount of \$250 off per person available if booked & paid in full by Dec. 23.** Call Lin, 795-4396, for prices/details. Flyers on all other 2015 trips at this meeting. Light refreshments.