

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 • Marylee Garber, 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
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Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Knights of Columbus David Galloway 770-1270
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 305-2914

Worship

Altar Servers Sister Ann Byrnes 424-3212
Pat Maggart 424-3212
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Antonina Nicdao 751-6320
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Dom Sacca 424-3212
Pat Maggart 428-2412
Greta Tyrrell 309-1999
Frank Krenslak

Ushers

Social Development

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June Garafano 229-7461
Lin Lyon 795-4396
Committee 424-3212
Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
Lorraine Kennedy 489-0031

Administration

House of Charity Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212
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Parish Pastoral Council Marie Enny 751-8893

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 4, 2015

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.

High School Youth Group Tuesday 7:15—8:15 pm

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

St. Thomas More is pleased to offer "Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer." It's Simple, Secure, Convenient. The parish benefits from stable monthly contributions. For more information or to get started log on to:

<http://www.stthomasmorenj.org>

and click on the Parish Giving Logo to follow the easy registration steps.

Options for Women Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive

Begins the weekend of January 17/18th and runs through February 7th, 2015

In 2014, over 230 babies were born to women who might otherwise have chosen to terminate their pregnancies. They found a way through grace and kindness to choose life at Options Pregnancy Center. Through this Baby Bottle Drive, you will enable Options to continue to help the least of these. God bless you

Options deeply appreciates your support of this life affirming ministry for the woman, the child, for life...

Collection amounts for December 21, 2014

\$9982 given

213 envelopes used

\$400 online giving

As always, thank you for your continuing generosity to your parish.

Get Involved

2015 World Meeting of Families

Many local families and individuals have inquired about how they can get involved with the WMF2015 in Philadelphia next September. More information on preparing, as a family, volunteering or hosting visitors from abroad may be found at the official website for the event,

www.worldmeeting2015.org.

The site also lets you register to participate in the many conferences offered. **Registering does not include access to any papal events that will be scheduled.**



Stewardship Reflection— Epiphany of the Lord Stewards Offer Their Treasures

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11b

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, as good stewards, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Will Our Children have Faith?

Presenters: Fr. Phillip Johnson & Janet R. Johnson



Parental, educational, pastoral, and practical reflections on the spiritual lives of children and how we can help to nourish their faith. This workshop is for parents of young children (infants through 6th graders).

Date: *Saturday January 10, 2015—9:30AM to 12*

Time: *9:30AM—Registration & Coffee*
10AM—12Noon Presentation & Sharing

Place: *St. Thomas More Parish*
1439 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill
Child Care Provided

Call the Parish Office to Register (856-424-3212)

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Ministry Schedule for & Jan 10/11 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father	Carmen Betty	T. Petrone, G. Tyrrell D. Kreal	T. Andraka	J. & P. Wachman B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father	June Betty	J. Kenney, B. Massey B. Lento	M. Maggart	B. Scarpa A. Rzepski
10:00 am	Father	Choir/Mena Julle	D/L Lyon E. Beckman	K. McFadden	C. & J. McFadden
11:30 am	Father	Alyssa Julle	M. Gorlin, L. Levin K. Wislocky	K. Wislocky	A. & J. Zleba S. Russo

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

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Abuse Prevention) sessions. CAP is a safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

The following sessions will be offered in January:

Tuesday, Jan. 20th: 1:00pm, Paul VI High School, Haddon Township, Auditorium
7pm, St. Simon Stock, Berlin

Thursday, Jan. 29th : 7:00pm, St. Mary, Cherry Hill

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On the threshold of the New Year 2015, I wish you the Grace and blessings of God in good health and joy.

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

The fourth Confirmation preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held next Sunday, January 11th, from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend that class as well as the 10:00 am Mass.

All children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on January 24th are expected to attend the special preparation retreat on Saturday morning, January 17th from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Join the conversation—

Katie's Coffeeshouse Event

**Drexel Hall, Church of St. Katherine Drexel,
6075 W. Jersey Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ
Sunday, January 11, 2015
2 sessions available: 7:00– 8:00 pm or 8:00—9:00 pm**

We invite all young adults 18—39 years old. We want to hear from you.

Share your ideas, hopes and dreams for the future....
because we value what you have to say.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Christmas celebrations so joyous and memorable.



From those who provided flowers, cleaned, decorated, prepared the altar, made the music so special at all the Masses, ushered during Mass and served at the altar; Altar

Servers, Cantors, Choir, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Musicians

Theology on Tap presents
Why Catholic?

An exciting panel of young adult Catholics who will share their experience of being Catholic and touch upon Mass, Faith, Music and so much more.

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 7:00pm

**Location: Lazy Lanigans, 139 Egg Harbor Rd., Sewell, NJ
Future dates: Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, 2015.**



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—JANUARY 3

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
 4:30 pm Olga V. Mignone r/b Donald
 & Bill Mignone

SUNDAY—JANUARY 4

8:30 am Dorothy Wolenter
 r/b Ron & Barbara Massey
 10:00 am Emilio Bruno & Antonio Del Vecchio
 r/b Bruno family
 Edward North r/b Bob & Jessica Lane
 Family of Nicholas DiPaolo
 11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - JANUARY 5

6:45 am Special Intentions of Sr. Miecica
 r/b Sr. Anna
 9:00 am Sara Centonze r/b son, Joe

TUESDAY - JANUARY 6

6:45 am Frank Burnetto r/b Michael Curtis
 9:00 am Joseph Bouman r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 7

6:45 am Brian Deutsch r/b Fran & Mary Kenny
 9:00am Peter Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY - JANUARY 8

6:45 am Frank Burnetto r/b Michael Curtis
 9:00 am James O'Larnic r/b Dr. & Mrs. Mermer
 Eugene Molyn r/b Sr. Anna

FRIDAY - JANUARY 9

6:45 am Frank Burnetto r/b Michael Curtis
 9:00 am Eugene Molyn r/b Sr. Anna

SATURDAY—JANUARY 10

9:00 am living & deceased of the parish
 4:30 pm Joseph Carrero r/b wife

SUNDAY—JANUARY 11

8:30 am Daniel J. Willard r/b Susan
 & Frank Keller
 10:00 am Raymond O'Neill r/b Dick
 & Claire Spence
 Intentions of the family of
 Nicholas DiPaolo r/b Dudley
 & MaryLou Thomas
 11:30 am Intentions of Pauline Montes r/b friends

Intentions of the Holy Father for the month of January, 2015—That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

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
Anna Bedrick	Pat Suralik
Pat Brink	Marian Kapischke
Julia Lepre	Donna Gould
Ann Vigrass	Martha Whiting
Ted Uhlman	Thomas Houston
Rick Linn	Mena Ravena



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
 Elva Clark
 Bryan Dietrich
 Vince DeMasi
 GeorgeGadren

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.

STM YOUTH

Jan. 10th Service Event—Babysitting
 Jan. 18th MLK Service Day
 Jan. 23rd Open Gym Night



Tuesday Night High School Youth Group Meetings
 7:15 –8:15 pm!



Games Faith Discussions* Games*
 Bring Friends!

We are looking to develop a Teen Choir and a Teen Bible Study!

Email youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org to receive reminders and updates!

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

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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 Epiphany of the Lord, January 4, 2015 - Matthew 2:1-12

(Magi from the east heard of the birth of the King of the Jews (Jesus). They came to Jerusalem in search of this King. Herod heard about this and was anxious to know about this newborn king - for reasons different from the Magi. Herod investigates. The king is in Bethlehem, Herod is told. Herod plots...) "Go and search diligently for the child," Herod says. "When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was... They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Commentary:

The Magi find Jesus because they are open to being led by God who uses a star and a dream. Herod never finds Jesus - his desire is to satisfy his own needs. The astounding events portrayed in this gospel (a star leading strangers from the east, Herod's hypocrisy, warning dreams) indicate to us that God's offer of salvation will be extended to all people and will not be thwarted. The gospel presents a choice to us: do we want to be like Herod or like the Magi?

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?



Albert Einstein defined insanity as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Every day we, as a nation, allow and promote the killing of 3,600 babies, 1.3 million every year, more than 52 million since 1973. Now they are coming for the elderly and infirm. The culture of death truly is insanity.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Report sexual abuse

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call

1-800-964-6588

THANK YOU

Another thank you! To all who helped make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen, November 19th—during that whirlwind week! Better late than never to thank you. You are the best! And I am so thankful. Mark your calendars: the dates for sandwich making in 2015: Feb. 25th, May 20th, Aug. 19th, Nov. 18th.

May you all have a Holy, Healthy and Happy New Year!

Marianne Wilkins

