

# 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  
Hospital Visitors Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212  
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  
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*

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Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008  
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June Garafano 229-7461  
Lin Lyon 795-4396  
Career Ministry Committee 424-3212  
Funsters (over 50 club) Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323  
Parish Festival 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 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.

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

**Options for Women Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive Begins this weekend and runs through February 7th/8th, 2015**



Baby Bottles may be picked up at the doors as you leave church today. Please take one per family. Leave it in a prominent place in your home, fill it with silver coins, paper money and/or checks made payable to Options for Women. Return it to Mass February 7th /8th . If you prefer to take an envelope, your gift can be mailed directly to Options.

Please remember to return the bottles as they are costly to replace.

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

**Collection amounts for January 4, 2015**

\$8,264.50; \$957.00 online giving

198 envelopes were used

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



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

**Workshop for SCC Facilitators: Saturday, January 24th from 10:00 am to 12 noon in the St. Thomas More Hall. Sr. Donna Ciangio will speak about the**



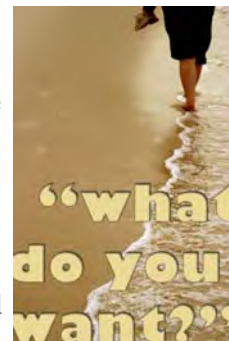
elements of SCC and share the flourishing of SCC in different parts of the world. Sister is the chairperson of the North American Forum for SCC and

has presented on this topic throughout the US and internationally. All facilitators are encouraged to attend! Contact Sr. Ann (424-3213) if you have any questions

**Office of Stewardship– Stewards Looking for God  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them., ‘What are you looking for?’”* John 1: 38a

What are **Stewards** looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.





**Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015 as the**

**“Year of Consecrated Life.”**

In making his announcement he challenged religious to “Wake up the World.” He says, “The Church must be attractive. Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of acting, of living.”

**On Sunday February 8 at the 10AM Mass** Religious Sisters in the Parish will renew their vows and receive a special blessing. **All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend and to pray for all the religious in our parish.**

## **Upcoming Events at St. Thomas More Parish**

**Monday, January 19th—February 23rd—Scripture Study 9:30 am—St. Thomas More Hall**

**Saturday, January 24th—10:00am– 12 noon SCC Facilitators’ Workshop– St. Thomas More Hall  
10:00 am –First reconciliation– Chapel**

**Sunday, January 25th—30th Catholic Schools Week— Open House 12:30—2pm  
St. John Paul II School, other activities scheduled during the week**

**Wednesday, January 28th—12 noon– Women’s Club Soup and Game Day—St. Thomas More Hall**

**Saturday/Sunday, January 31st/ Feb, 1st—Souper Bowl of Caring following all Masses  
SCC sign up for Lent at all Masses**

**Saturday/ Sunday, February 7th/8th– Options for Women Baby Bottle Return**

**Sunday February 8th, 10AM Mass - World Day of Consecrated Life  
Religious Sisters renew their Vows**

**Begin the week of February 16 - Small Christian Communities  
14 SCC meet during the Lenten Season**

**Tuesday February 24th 7:00PM - Vocation Panel  
Religious Ed Students & Parents—Chapel**

**Monday thru Wednesday March 9th—11th - 7:00PM —Parish Mission - Father Dan Joyce, SJ-Church**

**Wednesday March 25th - 7:00PM Lenten Taize Prayer Sponsored by Women’s Club - Chapel**

**Take advantage of any or all of these opportunities as your schedule allows.**

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Ministry Schedule for & Jan 24/25, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Carmen Julie	R. Crawford, Sr. Sophla, D. Kreal	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father Johnson	June Betty	J. Kenney, Sr. Rosarla B. Lento	D. Miller	B. Scarpa J. Pol
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Choir/Becca Julie	E. Beckman, G. Gadren J. Mazzagatti	K. McFadden	T. Kenny C. & J. McFadden
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Becca Julie	M. Ciccotta, J. Kuchler A. Thompson	R. Ciccotta	N. Brown M. & T. Dautle

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

**Thank You**

Sr. Claire Sullivan sends her “profound gratitude and thanks to the parishioners and Small Christian Communities of St.

Thomas More for the kind donations of gift cards, checks, socks and warm clothes for our Camden brothers and sisters. Your generosity had provided a more pleasant Christmas Season for many. Blessings and a ‘double dose’ of joy for the New Year.’



The parish family of St. Thomas More sends **condolences to Reverend Thomas S. Donio on the loss of his mother, Sue (Santa) Donio on January 7, 2015.** Please remember the family in your

prayers. Cards may be sent to:

Reverend Thomas S. Donio  
St. Mary of Mt. Carmel  
226 French Street  
Hammonton, N 08037

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fifth Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held this Sunday, January 18th, from 11:00 am—12:00 noon in the St. Thomas More Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend that class as well as the 10 am Mass.



Children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will receive this sacrament on Saturday, January 24th at 10:00 am. All parents and their family members in attendance will also have the opportunity to have their own confessions heard. Please keep these 18 children and their families in your prayers as they celebrate God’s love and forgiveness.

**Married Couples—want to give a gift that keeps on giving? Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend—** it’s the best gift you will ever give to each other and your marriage! **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb 6-8 and Apr 17-19.** Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-742-4035 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org)

### MISSION MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

Next weekend, January 24th/25th, a second collection will be taken to help support worldwide missions; you can help to provide the financial resources to assist priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists as they minister, and bring help and hope to those in need. Thank you for your support.

**Psalms for All Seasons: beginning**

Tomorrow, January 19 after the 9:00am Mass.

**\*Remember to pick up class materials in the Parish**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** “We cannot truly be disciples of Christ unless we, too, wait to hear God’s call and respond by transforming our lives, evidenced in the simple willingness to be obedient to God’s will. This means more than keeping the commandments, it means that our whole lives are directed to waiting and listening for God’s self-revelation. Sometimes this revelation comes through others—perhaps in their cry for help. Sometimes the revelation comes through prayer in which we take some time to listen to God. However, when the revelation or call comes, if we respond, we will be transformed. And Jesus will turn and ask us, ‘What are you looking for?’”(Living Liturgy, p.42)

**Members of the SVDP Society will be at the doors of the church to receive your donations of food or funds. Thank you for your help.**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY—JANUARY 17

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish  
Jim Bones r/b Teri & family

4:30 pm Frank Shicatanò  
r/b daughter, Marie Glaviano

### SUNDAY—JANUARY 18

8:30 am Raymond Meillier

10:00 am Patti Kenney r/b Gullo family  
Intentions of Nicholas DiPaolo family  
r/b Teri Bones

11:30 am C. Brooks Oakford r/b Joseph Kuchler

### MONDAY - JANUARY 19

6:45 am Nicholas Von Baillou r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am Salvatore Marchese r/b Joseph H. Kenney

### TUESDAY - JANUARY 20

6:45 am Brother Albert Gerard James OCSO  
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am William Bedford r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

### WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 21

6:45 am Brother Albert Gerard James OCSO  
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00am intentions of the family of  
Nicholas DiPaolo r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

6:45 am Brother Albert Gerard James OCSO  
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am Frank Komorowski r/b Donna Pisera

### FRIDAY - JANUARY 23

6:45 am Rev. Henry Herbert Scarborough, Jr. OCSO  
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am intentions of the family of  
Nicholas DiPaolo r/b Fred & Tina Petron

### SATURDAY—JANUARY 24

9:00 am living & deceased of the parish

4:30 pm Richard Groh r/b Kics Eggleston

### SUNDAY—JANUARY 25

8:30 am Edward O'Halloran r/b Chris, Chrissy  
& Jake Alexander

10:00 am Intentions of the family of Nicholas DiPaolo  
r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley  
r/b Mary Ellen & Lisa Emmett

11:30 am Betty Kuchler r/b Joseph Kuchler

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	Carlos Santiago
Claire Boylan	Jerry McMenamin	Barbara Salpas
Frank Colbert	Joseph Console	Michael Suralik
Don Kreal	Geralyn Coticone	Bill O'Donnell
Jean Colbert	George Sweeten	Frank Sines
Pat Barton	Pasquale DiFronzo	Teddy Shaffer
Leila Lore	Angelo DiGiacomo	Ethan Killeen
Ed Rivero	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Bill Botensten
Pat Beaney	Francesca Capra	Chase Lupica
YunYun Shen	Deacon Jim Smith	Frank Cappetta
Rose Hession	Margaret Crawford	Harry Gindele
Sue Hagan	Mary Ellen Lepre	Eleanor Regan
Anna Bedrick	Pat Suralik	Elva Clark
Pat Brink	Marian Kapischke	Bryan Dietrich
Julia Lepre	Donna Gould	Vince DeMasi
Ann Vigrass	Martha Whiting	GeorgeGadren
Ted Uhlman	Thomas Houston	Marie Manalo
Rick Linn	Mena Ravena	



Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
Maryann Bartolozzi.



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.

### Picturing Mary, 60

masterworks of Renaissance and Baroque artists, are brought together from museums, churches and private collections in Europe and the United States and presented by the National Museum of Women in the Arts. The exhibition presents images of Mary as a daughter, cousin and wife; the mother of an infant, a bereaved parent; the protagonist in a rich life story; a link between heaven and earth; and an active participant in the lives of those who revere her. **The exhibit runs through April 12, 2015. For more information go to [www.nmwa.org](http://www.nmwa.org) or call 202-783-5000**



## 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 22, 2012 - Mark 1:14-20

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

### Commentary:

Repent and believe...what do these words really mean? Repent actually is a call to change, a willingness to change my thoughts and ways to those of God. Sometimes change is radical as we see with the disciples who leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus. More often than not, modest changes are more likely, that is, turning our little everyday behaviors, such as impatience, disrespect, gossiping or losing my temper to the more God-like behaviors of patience, respect, holding my tongue and my outbursts. These changes, radical or modest, are evidence of my belief in the Gospel of God, where the final answer is "love" and the gift I receive is God's presence, with me, for me and through me.

### 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?

The Catholic Bishops of the United States have designated **January 22nd as a special day of prayer and penance in reparation** for the massive killing that has



resulted from the *Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision* (handed down January 22nd, 1973) which permitted abortion throughout pregnancy. Please join us in the prayer which is available at [PrayerCampaign.org](http://PrayerCampaign.org).

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Please join Bishop Dennis Sullivan and Christian leaders representing other denominations, clergy from our area, your friends and neighbors for **an afternoon prayer and praise, 3pm**



**Sunday, January 18th, 2015, at St. Mary Church, Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ.**

Refreshments will follow in the

Gathering Space.

Do not miss this opportunity to experience and express our Christian faith in diverse ways.

**Camden Catholic High School Admissions Information Session, Thursday, January 29th from 7—9 pm.** Please complete the online Registration Form at [www.candencatholic.org/infosession](http://www.candencatholic.org/infosession). If you have questions call, call the Admissions Office at 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or email [janet.delicato@camdencatholic.org](mailto:janet.delicato@camdencatholic.org).

## STM YOUTH

**High School Youth Group**  
**Tuesday Night Meetings 7:15—8:15 pm!**  
\*Games\* Faith Discussions\* Snack\*  
\* Bring Friends\*

All 9th—12th graders invited wherever you are on your faith journey

### **STM YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS**

All students 5th—12th grade are welcome to attend the following:

#### **Jan 18 MLK Service Day**

We will be going to CH East to participate in Cherry Hill Township MLK Service Day. Pick up permission slip in the gathering space or email youth group at [stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:stthomasmorenj.org)

#### **Jan 23 Open Gym Night at Holy Eucharist**

**Feb 1 Souper Bowl of Caring Collection** following all masses. For more information and permission forms, email Katie at [youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org).

#### **January 25th—30th Catholic Schools Week.**

Celebrate with St. John Paul II School at the following activities:  
**January 25th: 9:30 am Mass at St. Lawrence** followed by coffee and breakfast treats in the St. Lawrence School building ; refreshments with **Open House following the 11:30 am Mass in JP II School.**

**January 28th Mass and Flag Ceremony at 9am, St. Luke Church,** honoring all who have served and currently serve our country. Reception following for all veterans, military and first responders.