

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 584-4206
 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
 Lin Lyon 795-4396
 Career Ministry Committee 424-3212
 Funsters (over 50 club) Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
 Parish Festival Lorraine Kennedy 489-0031
 Women's Club

Administration

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 25, 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 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



Please remember to return filled baby bottles the weekend of February 7/8.

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 18, 2015

\$7,657.00

\$647.00 online giving

201 envelopes were used

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

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01.01.15 thru 12/31/15) you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary, 25, 50 or 60 years of marriage, please join us in celebrating on April 19th at 3:30 pm Mass in Northfield, at St. Bernadette Church, St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available at all parish offices. Registration deadline is March 27, 2015. For more information, please contact: MaryLou Hughes at 856-583-6132.



Office of Stewardship— Stewards Follow 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." - MARK 1:17B



Jesus' call to "*Follow me*" is a call to all His **Stewards!**

Jesus asks us to help Him build his church on earth by generously sharing all our gifts of prayer, talent and treasure.

Remember, Jesus calls



Funster News— Funster trips are open to ALL parishioners & friends **June 28th—July 5th** Memphis to St.

Louis 4th of July themed Riverboat Cruise is now discounted by 20%. There are only 3 cabins left in our allotment.

Sept. 12th—19th Barcelona, Spain— A leisurely 6 night stay at the same hotel in the beautiful city of Barcelona with an option to visit Montserrat, a spectacular mountaintop monastery where you will see the famous Black Madonna. Book by March 12th for best prices and availability. Only 12 spaces left in allotment.

Please call Lin at 856-795-4396 for prices and detailed itineraries on both trips.

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 55)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

The Communion of the Holy Spirit

I believe in the Holy Spirit. With this confession, the Trinitarian “shape” of our faith is complete. Each of the three parts of the creed confesses faith in God: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit—the One God who is a fellowship of three “persons” or identities.

The Nicene Creed makes sure that the Holy Spirit we believe in is not simply some divine influence or emanation from God but is truly God. In that creed, the Holy Spirit is clearly identified as *the Lord, the giver of Life*. When God gives the Holy Spirit, God gives God. The Holy Spirit is the name of God when God is given as a gift to human creatures.

We know something about this kind of giving; or, at least, we know a distant likeness to it. You know about “giving yourself” to some cause or person. When you give yourself to someone, it does not mean you cease being yourself. Maybe, in fact, by giving yourself you become more and more yourself. But it means that the other person now has your love, your loyalty, your presence when needed. Again, this is only a distant likeness. Our self-giving is severely limited by our nature and by our sins. But God’s self-giving is limited by nothing except his own will to share the Divine Life with us.

To whom does God give himself? The first answer is one of the mysterious surprises of the Christian Faith, and it may at first sound like nonsense. *God gives himself to God!* That is, the Father gives himself to the Son and the Son returns this self-giving without reservation; and this mutual self-giving *is* the Holy Spirit.

Of course, we would not dare speak of God like this, we would know nothing of this mystery, except for Jesus. When the eternal Word of God “became flesh and dwelt among us” as Jesus the Jew (John 1:1-3), this eternal secret of God’s self-giving gets acted out and disclosed in human history. The gospel story is first of all a story of the self-giving love between Jesus and the one he called Father—who is the one who calls Jesus “my Son, my Beloved” (Mark 1:11). The Father gives himself—his loyalty, approval and “backing”—to Jesus. And Jesus returns the gift.

The Son’s loyalty to the Father is not broken even by being given up to a tortuous death. The Father’s loyalty to the Son is stronger than the grave. This mutual Spirit of self-giving is God’s saving power on earth—which is named by the gospel “the Holy Spirit.”

I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe that the power of love and favor between Jesus and his Father has been poured out as a personal force in human history (the Church), “adopting” (Romans 8:15) you and me and all the baptized into that mutual Divine Love. I believe that the Father’s love for Jesus now includes me, because Jesus gives me a share in his own relation to the Father. I believe that this Spirit will shape my life more and more in the image of the Son of God (through prayer, repentance, the forgiveness of sins, and communion with others). I believe that by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we will dwell within the mutual Love of the Father and the Son, now and forever.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for JANUARY 31/ FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Frltz	Choir / Cellne Julie	T. Petrone, S. Mohan, I. Rellosal	J. Mohan	D. Ha K/K Johnson
8:30 am	Father Rossi	Sr. Pepita Julie	B. Lento, J. Kenney, R. Vanderwlelen	M. Maggart	G/M Gray B. Scarpa
10:00 am	Father Yetman	Rob Julie	D/ML Thomas, J. Galati	L. Galati	J/P Wachman
11:30 am	Father Yetman	Dolores Betty	L. Levin, K. Wislocky J. Singson	K. Wislocky	M. & T. Dautle

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



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.

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault 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 sessions once every five years.

The following sessions will be offered in February:

CAP Phase 1:

Wednesday, Feb. 4th: 7 pm, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Absecon

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7 pm, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cape May

Monday, Feb. 16th, 7 pm Holy Eucharist, Cherry Hill, Parish Center rm. 108/109

Cap Phase 2—Bullying Prevention

Thursday, Feb. 5, 7 pm St. Teresa Regional School, Runnemede, School Hall

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 856-583-6165 or email

Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org to register. Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend. In case of inclement weather please call the location directly.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Congratulations to the 18 children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend. It was a wonderful celebration and it was nice to see all of the family support and

participation. Our prayers are with you and your families at this very special time in your life. Special thanks to the catechists and parents for helping to prepare the children.

God bless all of you!

**Sign-ups for
Small Christian Communities:**

Beginning the **weekend of Jan. 31/Feb. 1** there will be an opportunity to sign up for a **Lenten Small Christian Community.**

Call Sr. Ann (424-3212) for more information about SCC's and to find a group that fits your schedule.

Plan ahead for this prayerful experience for Lent!

Learning, Creating, Living



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—JANUARY 24

9:00 am living & deceased members 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
 Lawrence Cotilla r/b Renee & Steve Floyd
 11:30 am Betty Kuchler r/b Joseph Kuchler

MONDAY - JANUARY 26

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

9:00 am Lillian Reader r/b Lillian Creedon

TUESDAY - JANUARY 27

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 Ann Marie & Bob Lento & the Monday Night Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 28

6:45 am Luigia Casuccio r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus

9:00am Debbie Fischione r/b Donna Pisera

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

6:45 am John Haverty r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus

9:00 am Donald O'Brien r/b Gary Scarpa
 Intentions of Marie Budroe
 r/b Cindy & family

FRIDAY - JANUARY 30

6:45 am Sr. Norka Mora Menendez
 r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus

9:00 am Donna Hanratty r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SATURDAY—JANUARY 31

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish

4:30 pm Marie Bailey Uricheck
 r/b Kathryn Comperatore

SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 1

8:30 am Peter Buttacaroli r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

10:00 am Lino Gomes r/b John & Sheila Mohan
 Intentions of Nicholas DiPaolo family
 r/b Joyce & Nick DeMichele
 George & Elizabeth Edapatt r/b Pottackal family

11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

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	



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.

Is your marriage tearing you apart?

If there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are frustrated, hurt or angry with each other, if you are considering separation or divorce, Retrouvaille can help. **Retrouvaille is a French word meaning 'rediscovery' and it helps couples to put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. It begins with a weekend experience in which husbands and wives are helped to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.**

The next program will be held at the Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, PA on Feb. 13th-15th. You will be asked to make a donation to cover the expenses of lodging, food and materials, but no couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because they are facing financial difficulties. For more information or to register for the weekend, call 800-470-2230 or visit the website

www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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 fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 1, 2015 - Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to the Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God. Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

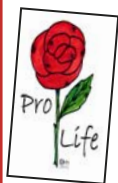
Commentary:

The most important question Mark's Gospel asks is "Who is Jesus?" Jesus taught with authority. Jesus' presence changed situations. Jesus' actions matched his words. The scribes were another story. They knew well the Hebrew Scriptures. They were learned men. However, their words were empty because their actions did not match their words. They did not live what they preached. For us, it is important to live what we preach. Then our teaching will be in accord with God's Will.

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?

Science has determined that at conception, a new individual comes into being, possessing a unique genetic code that has already determined that the individual's sex, fingerprints, hair and eye color, facial features, etc. **It truly is a human life**; therefore, we must end abortion. *Pro-Life Corner*



Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130



Women's Club News



January 28 Soup/Game Day noon meeting in the Parish Hall.

Please bring your soup mug, spoon and favorite card or board game to play.

Camden Catholic High School Admissions Information Session

Thursday, January 29th from 7—9 pm.

Please complete the online Registration Form at www.camdenatholic.org/infosession. If you have questions call, call the Admissions Office at 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or email janet.delicato@camdenatholic.org.

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High School Youth Group

****Tuesday, January 27th, No High School Youth Group****

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Feb 1st Souper Bowl of Caring Collection



The Youth Group will collect Food and Donations for the National Souper Bowl of Caring following all masses. All donations will be given to the St. Vincent DePaul to help local families.

Feb 8th Family Bowling Outing

Feb 14th Ronald McDonald House Pancake Breakfast

Please email Katie if you would like to help with any of the activities above.

youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org