

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 Faiths 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 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 1, 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 next weekend 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

Collection amounts for January 18, 2015

\$9,600.00

213 envelopes were used

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

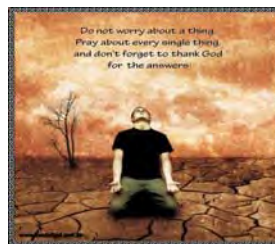
Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

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— Stewardship Prayer 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1st Corinthians 7:32a

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by



constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide His Stewards with everything they need. Try this—use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

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.



Prices begin at \$1839.20 based on dbl occupancy and not including port taxes or airfare.

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. Cost: \$3,349 pp including airfare and land costs. **Please call Lin at 856-795-4396 for detailed itineraries on both trips.**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2014 Annual Report

2014 was another good but challenging year for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. Thanks to you, the generous parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish, our organization was able to address the many needs of the poor and less fortunate in and around our area.

Needy families within St. Thomas More Parish and in our county have unfortunately increased. During 2014, with your support, we collected and distributed 180 bags of food along with generous bread donations from Panera Bread in Marlton and your Soap for Hope contributions. Your contributions of food and small items, like soap and small bottles of shampoo, that can be taken for granted, are greatly appreciated by those who cannot afford them. Overall, we served nearly 6,500 individuals (up from 4,000 last yr). Members made 295 visits to families and individuals in need. Dinners were provided during Easter & Thanksgiving to 120 families at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden and candy gifts were made to the children of Holy Name School. In addition to the monthly food deliveries to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, food supplements were provided to the residents of St. Mary's Village. We continue to support the Senior Citizens United Community Services of Camden County.

Tuition support was provided to two needy children at Sacred Heart School in Camden as well as financial support to the Catholic Partnership (supporting Catholic Schools in Camden). We also donated funds and delivered bakery products to the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden for use in their daily feeding program for the poor. We continued to provide support to the South Jersey Food Bank, Joseph's House and Francis House meal programs. We provided food to the Ronald McDonald House. Infant care products were provided to the Guadalupe Society in Camden and financial assistance to our local Franciscan Sisters.

Finally, we continue to support the lunch program that Immaculate Conception provides to the homeless in Camden. We obtained donated bread from Bimbo Bakeries (more recently we needed to purchase the bread) and purchase cheese that partially assist them to continue their program.

Each year, we continue to expand our outreach due to the generosity of the St. Thomas More parishioners. As the demand for our services by poor and in-need individuals and families continues to increase, we ask for your continued support for our outreaching efforts. You can assist us by your monthly food (even just one can) and/or monetary donations. One hundred percent of all your donations go to helping the poor and needy. Our collection schedule for food and monetary donations is at all Masses on the 3rd weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of each month. Please keep the poor and us in your prayers as you are in ours. We would like to thank you for allowing us to be your stewards in serving our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. We would also like to thank Father Johnson for his support throughout the year and Sister Ann for her support as well. We also appreciate the support from our youth. The St. Thomas More Youth Group generously donates funds raised from their annual Souper Bowl of Caring project. The Religious Education program donates food during their Thanksgiving Food Drive. Below is an accounting of our 2014 Collections and Expenditures:

2014 Collections

Parishioner and Special Collections	\$30,848
St. Vincent de Paul Member Collections	<u>3,550</u>
Total Collections	\$34,398

2014 Expenditures

Immaculate Conception Food Support	\$10,311
Needy Family Assistance	13,198
Cathedral Kitchen /St. Francis Inn Feeding Programs	2,940
Joseph's House	1,360
South Jersey Food Bank	580
St. Mary's Village	1,175
Senior Citizens United Community Services	855
STM Food Closet	813
Guadalupe Society Infant Help Program	523
Francis House	1,600
Sacred Heart School / Catholic Partnership (Tuition)	1,000
Misc. Charitable Donations	415
Misc. Expenses	<u>318</u>
Total Expenditures	\$35,088

Food Bags Collected

180 Bags

Food Bags Distributed

180 Bags

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY 7/8, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Choir / Mena Julie	J. Mohan, R. Crawford S. Mohan	F. Eggles	L. & Z. Smith B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Alyssa Julie	B. Lento, M. Massey, J. Kenney	P. Lachnicht	A. Rzepski B. Scarpa
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Alyssa Julie	E. Beckman, K. Glover D. Gould	K. McFadden	J. & C. McFadden
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Dolores Betty	B. Haughwout, M. Dwyer L. Levin	D. Haughwout	A & I. Witting

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

Saint Thomas More Parish is pleased to take part in "Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer". To get started log on to:

<http://www.stthomasmorenj.org/>

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fifth Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held this Sunday, February 1, from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend as well as the 10:00 am Mass.



First Reconciliation— January 24, 2015

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was received for the first time on Saturday, January 24th by 18 of our St. Thomas More parish children.

Thank you to Sr. Elizabeth Halaj, Pat Kirincic and Sr. Bozena who assisted the children in their preparation for this beautiful Sacrament.



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.

Sign-ups for Small Christian Communities:

This weekend, 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!



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 2

6:45 am Sr. Clara Concetta Quagliano
r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus

9:00 am Maryann Bartolozzi
r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3

6:45 am Elizabeth Ford r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am Bill Kolesch r/b Carol & family

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 4

6:45 am Helen Moore r/b Colon family

9:00am Lino Gomes r/b Marion Kapischke

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:45 am for the end of abortion

9:00 am Santo Donio r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Robert Norris r/b Jean O'Neil
Anna Bandola r/b Leslie Dwarin

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 6

6:45 am for the end of abortion

9:00 am Richard Kolecki r/b Phyllis & family

SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 7

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish

4:30 pm Alfred Buonanno r/b Marchese family

SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 8

8:30 am Deborah Schofield r/b Chris, Chrissy & Jake Alexander

10:00 am Lino Gomes r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele
Julia Bembenek r/b Kolecki family

11:30 am John Stevenson r/b Kolecki family

Intentions of the Holy Father for the month of February, 2015— That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

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 at**

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 8, 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?

"...A human life is precious when someone thinks it is, be it a parent or be it a civil court, and when that life is not deemed to be human or otherwise to be without value, then it is expendable. This kind of gross inconsistency is not questioned in our society, but is taken for granted with serenity, sad to say." Bishop Robert C. Merlino, Apr. 2006 *AI Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator* -



Camden Catholic High School Admissions Information

Session, Thursday, January 29th from 7—9 pm.
Please complete the online Registration Form at www.candencatholic.org/infoessionion. If you have questions call, call the Admissions Office at 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or email janet.delicato@camdencatholic.org

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 17th 5 - 7 pm

\$4 for Adults, \$2.50 Ages 6-12, \$1 Ages 1-5
COME JOIN THE FUN!

Price includes: Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, beverage, dessert & music

Tickets on sale after ALL Masses

Sponsored by St. Thomas More Women's Club



STM YOUTH

High School Youth Group

STM YOUTH

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