

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
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 Lectors Pat Lachnicht 581-4206
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 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
 Career Ministry Lin Lyon 795-4396
 Funsters (over 50 club) Committee 424-3212
 Parish Festival Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
 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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, FEBRUARY 22, 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

Diocese of Camden

New Evangelization Training

Guest speaker: **Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP**

Pastors, Parish Staff, Evangelization Teams and All Parishioners are invited to attend this training

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at St. Charles Borromeo

176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ

From 9:00am—3:00 pm. Cost is \$10 per person—
continental breakfast and lunch are included.

Deadline for registration is Thursday, February 26, 2015

Sponsored by the Office of Evangelization.

Please contact us for registration of more information before
February 26, 2015. at 856-583- 6170 or

norma.guzman@camdendiocese.org



Seeking Sandwich Makers

All are welcome to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen

**Wednesday, February 25, 2015 after
9:00 Mass in St. Thomas More Hall**

See you then, *thank you!*

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924



Collection amounts for February 14, 2015

\$7266.00

151 envelopes were used

Online giving \$702.00

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

First Sunday in Lent—Stewards Trust God Completely

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God.” Mark 1:14

Do you ever think how difficult it must have been for Jesus to



come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming? It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of Stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give

us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 56)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

Catholic Non-Negotiables: The Five Precepts of the Church

If I am a Catholic Christian, what are the bare necessities, the absolutes of my religious practice, the clear marks of my Catholic identity? You don't have to guess. They are listed in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (par. 2041-2043), and in a good many Catholic devotional guides, as the “the Precepts of the Church”. A precept is a positive command, a “you must” command. The precepts are decreed by the highest pastoral authority of the Church. As the *Catechism* says, “the obligatory character” of the precepts “is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor.” The Church does not leave us ignorant of our most basic spiritual responsibilities.

The Catechism lists them as five. Sometimes you will find a list of six, but the content is the same. They have their origin in the New Testament. Here, then, are the Precepts of the Church.

“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.” The Lord's people are at the Lord's altar on the Lord's Day, and on other special designated feast days of the Lord or which honor his mother or other saints. Unless it is simply impossible, we are also to honor these days by simplifying and focusing our lives by hospitality, learning, and family fellowship.

You shall confess your sins at least once a year. Certainly a minimum! If you confess but once a year, it should probably be during Lent, as Easter approaches. You will see why in the next precept.

You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. Note that the first precept above concerns mandatory *presence* and participation at mass, *not reception* of the body and blood of Christ. If I show up at mass with unforgiven grave sins on my conscience, I must honor the sacrament by abstaining. But I must *always* be present, listening to God's Word and joining in the praise and prayers of God's people. But since I *must* commune at least at Easter, I must also confess in preparation.

You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church. Every Friday is a penitential day—traditionally a day of abstinence from meat. However, now you may choose from many forms of penance, such as reading Scripture for 30 minutes, giving to the poor, visiting those sick or in prison, spending more time in prayer, or all of the above. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are mandatory days of abstinence from meat *and* fasting.

You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church. Every single Catholic has the duty of giving of their money, time, and talent for the material needs of the Church—as the Catechism says, “each according to his abilities” (par 2043).

I tend to think that the “necessary minimum” may not be the best principle on which to shape a holy life. On the other hand, one who conscientiously and humbly obeys the “minimum” may very well find himself—to his own great surprise—longing for the more and yet more that that Christ desires to give .

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for February 28/March 1, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Carmen Len	I. Rellosa, T. Petrone Sr. Sophia	T. Andraka	L. & Z. Smith B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Rob Betty	R. Vanderweilen J. Kenney, Sr. Rosaria	J. Vecchiola	M. & T. Dautle B. Scarpa
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Choir/Becca	P. Rossi, M. Santiago D. Staton	D. Mayfield	K. & K. Johnson S. Russo
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Becca Julie	M. Gorin, B. Haughwout H. Protzman	R. Ciccotta	N. Brown A. & J. Zieba

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday, the **special** sixth Confirmation II preparatory class for **both eighth grade students AND their parents** will be held from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall. Sponsors are welcome. Attend as well. Both eighth grade students and their parents are encouraged to attend the 10:00 am Mass prior to class.

House of Charity 2015 – *We Are Called*

Our 2015 House of Charity Parish goal is 112,200.00. Thus far in the Campaign we have collected \$20,560 from 51 families. We thank you for your generosity and our prayer is that with God's help and your generous sacrificial gift we will make and exceed our parish goal.

Women's Club News

- **Rescheduled Game Day: Wed., Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. *Please note the time change***
If you're here for Cathedral Kitchen sandwich making, you can just stay to enjoy game day. Please bring your own soup mug and any games you would enjoy.
If snow, this event will be cancelled.
- **Board Meeting: Wed., March 4 at 1:30 p.m.**
- **Book Group: Tues., March 10 at 1:30 p.m. at Mary Lou Thomas' home.** We are reading "*You Before Me*"
Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323 & Lorraine Kennedy, 489-0031, Co-Presidents

Save
the
Date!

**Twelfth ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE
Progressive dinner** **SAVE THE DATE!**
Sunday, April 19



The Diocese of Camden launches the **Second Annual faithFULL Food Drive, Sunday, March 1**. We will be participating in the **faithFULL Food Drive** with parishes and schools across the Diocese of Camden. Our goal is to help our neighbors in need. Donations may include canned goods and other non-perishable food items. Thank you in advance for your generosity to others.

This year, your generous donations here will be delivered to the Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council. Bags listing items needed will be available after all Masses this weekend. We ask that you fill the bag and return it to church on March 1st.

Vocation Panel: A special vocation panel will be held on **Tuesday February 24 at 7:00PM** in the Parish Chapel. This panel is being offered for our Religious Education students in **Grades 5 through 8 and for all those in Youth Ministry.**

Panel participants include: Father John Rossi, Sister Elizabeth Halaj, LSIC, Sister Anne Kappler, RSM, Brother Tom Osorio, Deacon Anthony Maletesta, and Seminarian Adam Cichoski.



All parishioners are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!!



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 21

9:00am Living & deceased members of the parish Intentions of Lachnicht family r/b Gail Dwyer
4:30 pm Douglas S. Hansen r/b Ron & Angela Panna

SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 22

8:30 am Alfred Buonanno r/b Marchese family
10:00am Joe Zielinski r/b Cindy & family
 Lino Gomes r/b Ray & Gloria Desrochers
 Maryann Bartolozzi r/b M?M Norman Wolfe
11:30 am Teresa Kelly r/b Joseph J. Kuchler

MONDAY—FEBRUARY 23

6:45 am Julio Suarez, Jr. r/b Emelita Suarez
9:00 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa

TUESDAY—FEBRUARY 24

6:45 am for the parish
9:00 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 25

6:45 am for the parish
9:00 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Sheila Moore

THURSDAY—FEBRUARY 26

6:45 am George & Elizabeth Edapatt r/b Pottackal family
9:00 am Alfred Buonanno r/b Marianne Gorin
 Jerry Lachnicht r/b A.J. & Carol Ariani

FRIDAY—FEBRUARY 27

6:45 am M. Barbara McCalla r/b Gary Gadren
9:00 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Carol Koelsch

SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 28

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Rev. William Hart r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak

SUNDAY—March 1

8:30 am Maryann Bartolozzi r/b Dick & Claire Spence
10:00 am Maryann Bartolozzi r/b Teri Bones
 Intentions of Nicholas DiPaolo family r/b Ray & Gloria Desrochers
 Alice & Joseph Pottackal r/b Pottackal 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	StanleyKochanek		
Carlos Santiago	Mena Ravena		Rick Linn
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 Killen
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	
	infant Santino Fiorelli		



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.

**GIVE BACK WITH
 OUTBACK**

We invite you to join us at the Marlton Outback Steakhouse for the
Knights of Columbus 6173
"Dining For Dollars"

Tell your friends and family to come on out and support your knights. Just present this coupon to your server and your donation will be handled.

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015
 Time: 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM

20% of all sales generated for this event will be donated to the charity.

Route 73 South

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, February 22, 2015

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 Second Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2015 - Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them...Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus...Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.' As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant."

Commentary:

Throughout Mark's Gospel, we hear the question "Who is Jesus?" In the Transfiguration, we hear the clearest answer. But this foreshadowing of the Resurrection comes between two predictions of suffering and rejection. Even Jesus' closest apostles fail to understand what Jesus means by "rising from the dead," and they do not want to hear his predictions of his Passion. But Mark makes it clear to his audience that resurrection can only be understood in the mystery of suffering and dying.

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?



We can be tolerant of many things; however we must not tolerate evil. To tolerate evil is permissiveness. We live in a permissive society in which the evil of abortion runs rampant throughout the nation. Tolerant? Yes.

Per- missive? No.

Al Mac Elrath, *Respect Life Coordinator* - 779-7130

Stations of the Cross are being held on **Fridays at 7:00 pm in the Chapel during Lent.** All are encouraged to attend.



Our Lenten Parish Mission will take place **Monday, March 9th, Tuesday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 pm.** All sessions will take place **in the Church. Fr. Dan Joyce is our Mission Presenter.** Fr. Joyce ministers at St. Joseph University where he is the assistant to the Vice President for Mission and Identity.



Regional Penance Service, 7:30 pm
Monday, March 23rd to be held at **Holy Eucharist, Kresson Road, Cherry Hill.**

Lenten Taize Prayer

7:00 pm Wednesday, March 25th in the Chapel. Taize



Prayer includes simple chants sung repeatedly, rich silence, scripture readings, prayer around the cross during Lent and prayers of praise and intercession.

Sponsored by St. Thomas More

Women's Club. Light refreshments after the service.

STM YOUTH

Thank You to all who helped with the Ronald McDonald House Breakfast on Valentine's Day! It was a wonderful morning!



JOIN THE YOUTH SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY!

Are you in 7th-12th grade?
Are you looking to do a little more for Lent this year?
Try out the Small Christian Community for YOUTH!
Thursdays @ 7 at St. Thomas More

Call the office or email Katie:
youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org

Get STM Youth Alerts either by email or phone....sign up at <https://www.remind.com/join/stmvo>

Are you on Facebook? Please like STM YOUTH <https://www.facebook.com/stmyouthnj>

Please email/call if you would like to attend any of the activities above.

Katie Witts, youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org 856-305-2914