

# 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 581-4206  
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

**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.

**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**

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088  
Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



The Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council extend our heartfelt gratitude to our parish friends and Council members for supporting our recent

**Dining for Dollars** night at the **Outback Restaurant in Marlton**. We had a great turnout, the food was superb, everyone enjoyed the evening and **your generous support helps us to maintain our charitable works such as supporting seminarians and helping to feed the poor.**

David Galloway—Grand Knight  
Gerald McMenamin & Joseph Centonze—Event Coordinators.



**Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan** will give a presentation on **THE LORD’S PRAYER** **Monday, March 16, 2015 7:00—8:30pm** **St Mary Church, Cherry Hill, NJ**

The LORD’S PRAYER is the great prayer of the Church. This prayer attacks the six most basic negative emotions that infect our spiritual lives; our personal lives; our interpersonal lives; our marital lives; our work lives.

These negative emotions are:

- feelings of inferiority; feelings of depression;
- feelings of anxiety; feelings of guilt; feelings of resentment; feelings of fear.

*Come, experience the Lord’s healing through the very prayer Jesus Himself gave to us.*

**A Communion Breakfast for Healthcare Workers**, will be held **Sunday, March 22nd at 9:00am at Lourdes Medical Center Chapel, 1600 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ**. Rev. Robert E. Hughes will be the celebrant. Breakfast will be served immediately following Mass. **Rev. Msgr. Richard LaVerghetta will be speaking on: “Reaching Out to Our Youth in 2015”.**

For more information or to RSVP, call Katherine Boyer at 856-342-4125 or email [Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org)

**Collection amounts for March 1, 2015**

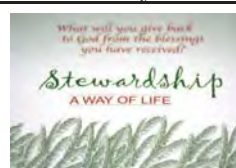
**\$12, 530.50**

**236 envelopes** were used

**\$380.97** Online giving

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

**Third Sunday in Lent—Stewardship Challenges**



*“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything.” Exodus 20:4a*

How many ‘gods’ do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times idols take the form of things that challenge our Stewardship and are much harder to spot—pride, power, ego, comfort or health.

# Parish Mission

***“Our Lenten Journey into Beauty, Truth  
and Goodness with Pope Francis.”***



## **Presenter: Father Daniel Joyce, SJ**

The Reverend Daniel R. J. Joyce of the Society of Jesus serves at Saint Joseph's University as the Executive Director of Mission Programs. He is also the Director of the ACESJU Education Fellows Program and an Adjunct Professor of Theology. He offers courses and programs in Ignatian spirituality and pedagogy.

**Dates:** Monday thru Wednesday, March 9-10-11

**Time:** Evening—7:00PM

**Place:** Saint Thomas More Church





## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE for March 14/15, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	Jerry Len	P. & N. Kirincic I. Rellosa	F. Egges	I. & C. Fulton B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father Fritz	Sr. Pepita Rich	J. Singson, J. Kenney A. Pajic	M. Maggart	M. & G. Gray B. Scarpa
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Choir/Becca Julie	J. Mazzagatti, P. Rossi K. Glover	D. Mayfield	N. Samson, A. & A. Cammisa
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Becca Julie	G. Gadren, J. Kuchler H. Protzman	R. Ciccotta	A. & J. Zieba S. Russo

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

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The seventh Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held on Sunday, March 8th from 11:00am—12:30 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend as well as the 10:00am Mass.

There will be NO Parish Religious Education Program classes on Tuesday, March 10th for students from the evening classes (grades 5-8).

All parents are invited to attend and encouraged to attend the Parish Mission.

*Sr. Bozena Tyborowska, REC, 424-3212– ext. 106*

#### Complete Surveys– Diocese seeks input

The Faith & Family Life Formation Office is gathering input through surveys from parishes on **Family Life, Marriage & Parenting**. The gathering of input is part of the **worldwide preparation for the world Synod of Bishops to be held Oct. 4th-15th at the Vatican**.

The synod will focus with the theme, “The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World.” The diocese will focus on three themes based on the recent synod’s document and **the survey can be found on the following link: [camdendiocese.org/](http://camdendiocese.org/FamilyLife)**

[Family Life](http://camdendiocese.org/FamilyLife)

[Marriage and Parenting](http://camdendiocese.org/MarriageandParenting)

[Families with Special Circumstances](http://camdendiocese.org/FamilieswithSpecialCircumstances)

Thank you in advance for your participation in these surveys.

#### St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society (parish office, 424-3212) so that together we can help the suffering and poor. We’ll be collecting food and funds for food next weekend after all Masses.

### 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 \$56, 115.00 from 122 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.



Vocation Panel February 24 for Religious Ed Classes Grades 5 through 8. Sister Elizabeth Halaj, Brother Tom Osorio, Seminarian Adam Chicosci, Father John Rossi, Sister Ann Kappler, RSM, Deacon Anthony Maletesta.



All those interested in serving at the **Cathedral Kitchen** are to call Marianne Wilkins (428-4294).

**St. Thomas More volunteers are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of every month.** We leave St. Thomas More parking lot at **2:45 pm** and are back by **6:00 pm**.

**Transportation will be provided.**

**Baby Bottle Drive for Options Pregnancy Center**  
St. Thomas More parishioners, you generously contributed \$1864.08 to the Options Baby Bottle Drive. Many lives will be directly affected by your loving participation and donations to this life giving ministry. Thank You!



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**SATURDAY—MARCH 7**

**9:00am Living & deceased members of the parish**

**4:30 pm Laurence Cotilla** r/b Nick & Laura Floyd

**SUNDAY—MARCH 8**

**8:30 am Madge DeMasi & Buster Wilson**  
r/b Beverly & Vincent DeMasi

**10:00am Maureen Sweeney** r/b John & Sheila Mohan

**Dolores \_\_\_** r/b Cindy & family  
**Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Joanne Wachman

**11:30 am Maryann Bartolozzi**  
r/b Gloria, Jean & Phil Esbrandt

**MONDAY—MARCH 9**

**6:45 am Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Ray & Gloria Desrochers

**9:00 am Angeline Buonanno** r/b Marchese family

**TUESDAY—MARCH 10**

**6:45 am Sr. Mary Immaculate Conway**  
r/b Patricia & Walter Kulza

**9:00 am Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Tuesday afternoon SCC

**WEDNESDAY - MARCH 11**

**6:45 am** for the parish

**9:00 am Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

**THURSDAY—MARCH 12**

**6:45 am** for the parish

**9:00 am Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Floriana Gilden  
**Leona Novak** r/b The Spicy Madams  
**Douglas Thomas** r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento & Laurie Gaffney

**FRIDAY—MARCH 13**

**6:45 am Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Joan & Tom Rozanski

**9:00 am Karen Marie Browning** r/b Kolecki Family

**SATURDAY—MARCH 14**

**9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish**

**4:30 pm John A. Vivone** r/b Dr. John Vivone

**SUNDAY—MARCH 15**

**8:30 am Maryann Bartolozzi**  
r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella

**10:00 am Intentions of Nicholas DiPaolo family**  
r/b Mike & Pat Maggart  
**Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Kay & Ted Uhlman  
**Leona Novak** r/b Ladies of the Round Table

**11:30 am John Bantivoglio** r/b children

**Intentions of the Holy Father for the month of March, 2015—** That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole person.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:  
THE SICK...**

Pat Beaney Anna Bedrick  
Francesca Capra Frank Cappetta  
Frank Colbert Jean Colbert  
Geraldyn Coticone Mary Cowan  
Vince DeMasi Bryan Dietrich  
Santino Fiorelli George Gadren  
Sue Hagan Thomas Houston  
Michael Kapischke John B. Kennedy  
Julia Lepre Mary Ellen Lepre  
Chase Lupica Marie Manalo  
Jerry McMenamin Mena Ravana  
Pauline Rosberg Barbara Salpas  
Yun Yun Shen Teddy Shaffer  
Maria Storms Michael Suralik  
George Sweeten Ted Uhlman  
Martha Whiting

Pat Brink  
Elva Clark  
Joseph Console  
Margaret Crawford  
Pasquale DiFronzo  
Harry Gindele  
Helen Kane  
Don Kreal  
Leila Lore  
Wayne Mauri, Sr.  
Ed Rivero  
Carlos Santiago  
Frank Sines  
Pat Suralik  
Ann Vigrass



Please pray for the repose of the soul of :

**Margaret Petkus.**



**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.

**“Help Jesus in disguise”**

**‘Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto Me.’**

There will be a **second collection next weekend** for **Catholic Relief Services**. With your help, CRS is able to fund 6 Catholic agencies to help our suffering brothers and sisters around the world with food, water, legal assistance and other humanitarian outreach programs. Please be generous to this worthwhile effort.

**St. John Paul II Regional School News**

**Open House Tuesday, March 24th 9:00am—11:00 am**  
Visit us to learn more about our:

**Full Day Preschool Program**  
**PK—8th grade learning experience with hands-on activities**  
Nurturing and experienced teachers  
Tuition Assistance available for K-8

**Registration for 2015-2016 is taking place now.**  
**RSVP to: Christine Willard, advancement director 783-3088**  
**or [cwillard@jp2rs.org](mailto:cwillard@jp2rs.org)**

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 8, 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2015 - John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life..." Everyone who lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

#### Commentary:

This gospel sets forth the tensions of Christian life in a series of contrasts: believe-not believe, light-darkness, and live in truth because God has loved us and sent his Son to show us the way that we might not perish but have eternal life.

#### 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?

Sometimes, your work to build a culture of life can seem



very frustrating—it might seem that your efforts bear no fruit...Do not give up—trust God...imitate God in His love, His kindness, His patience. –

*Bishop Thomas Wenski, Coadjutor Bishop of Orlando, FL Respect Life Homily, March 14, 2004*

**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.*

**Stations of the Cross** are being held **Fridays at 7:00 pm in the Chapel during Lent.**

All are encouraged to attend.



**St. Thomas More Parish Wide Progressive Dinner**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2015, 5:30 –9:30 pm**  
**Caffe Aldo Lamberti Cost: \$49 per person**  
**RSVP no later than April 12, 2015.**

Call Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323 or Joyce DeMichele 424-4008

Meal includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, salad, choice of entrée, dessert, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Red and white wines provided by the Women's Club.

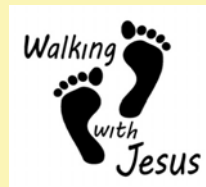
### **STM YOUTH**

#### **St. Thomas More & Holy Eucharist Youth Ministries**

Welcome All Youth 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade to our

**2015 Lenten Overnight Retreat**

**March 13<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 14<sup>th</sup> 5pm**



**Mother Mary Joseph Retreat House, Kresson Road**  
**Faith, Fun and Service**

To Register call or email **Katie Witts**  
**856-305-2914** [youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org) by 3/6

#### **Diocesan Youth Congress**

**Katie is looking for at least 2 teens to attend Service and Leadership Opportunity! Written On Our Hearts!** Teens in grades 8 – 12 are invited to the **Diocesan Youth Congress on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at The Church of St. Charles Borromeo in Sicklerville.** This day-long event provides teens with a chance to make new friends, explore their faith through service and connect more deeply with God. **The schedule includes dynamic service events, inspiring prayer, and national speaker. Begin Holy Week and Easter by discovering how to bring faith alive!** Let Katie know if you would like to attend! Please email/call if you would like to attend any of the activities above. Katie Witts, [youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org) 856-305-2914

**Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting**  
**9:30 am Thursday, March 12th** in the  
St. Thomas More Parish Hall.

