

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

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John Mohan 424-3212
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Knights of Columbus David Galloway 770-1270
Marriage Formation Bob/Liz Scarpa 795-1160
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Prayer Shawls Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Respect Life Al Mac Elrath 779-7130
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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

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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

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Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
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Funsters (over 50 club) Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
Parish Festival Women's Club Lorraine Kennedy 489-0031

Administration

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Parish Finance Council Robert Crawford 424-3212
Parish Pastoral Council Marie Enny 751-8893

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 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.

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

Worship Opportunities for the Lenten and Easter Seasons

Regional Penance Service

Holy Eucharist Parish

7:30 pm March 23

Lenten Taize Prayer

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

Confession

Saturday, March 28

9:30—10:30 am; 3:00—4:00pm

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 29

Masses— Saturday, 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

Chrim Mass

3:00 pm Tuesday, March 31

Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Agnes Church, Blackwood

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at the Repository in the Chapel until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3

(A day of fast and abstinence)

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 4

12 noon Blessing of bread and food baskets

Easter Vigil

8:00 pm April 4

Please note: This is the only Mass on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses

8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am

Please take advantage of these opportunities to deepen your experience of the Love of God in Christ and His Sacrifice on the Cross resulting in His Triumphant Resurrection .

Collection amounts for March 15, 2015

\$9,392

213 envelopes were used

\$571 Online giving

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent—Stewards of God's Gifts

"I will be their God and they shall be My people." Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we



recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't 'owners' of anything, we are merely 'stewards' of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the

world, just as God cares for us.

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 58)

Fr. Phillip M. Johnson

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

“Were You There . . . ?

Those who read the Gospels carefully notice something striking about the narrative strategy of the authors. About one-third of the way through, Jesus is already entering what the Church calls Holy Week. St. Mark, for example, gives us almost the whole of Jesus' public ministry in a few pages, while the final week takes up about two-thirds of his Gospel. We find the same strategy in Matthew, Luke, and John.

As the Biblical scholars like to say, the Gospels are made up of an extended introduction followed by the Passion-Resurrection narrative—a slight exaggeration, but useful. In other words, when the Gospels' story approaches our Lord's passion and resurrection, the story slows down, the attention to detail intensifies, the pace is more meditative, the focus is sharper.

The shape of the Gospel story determines the shape of the Holy Eucharist. No matter what the Scripture readings are on any given day of the week, no matter what liturgical season it is, every mass is a celebration of Christ's Passion and Resurrection. Every Sunday is Passion Sunday; every Sunday is a “little Easter”. This Gospel narrative strategy is especially vivid in Holy Week. The liturgical pace slows down, matching more perfectly the pace and structure of the Gospels.

There is a simple (but theologically rich) African-American spiritual that asks the question: *Were you there when they crucified my Lord . . . were you there when they laid him in tomb Were you then when he rose to live again?* Our faith answers “yes”. As the saving death and resurrection of Christ are made available for us in the Holy Eucharist, we are called to be available to Jesus. We are called to watch and wait with Jesus in the garden, to accompany him in his time of trial, to stand with Mary and the “beloved disciple” at the foot of the Cross—and finally to proclaim his victory over death in his resurrection. The liturgies are long, but let's try not to complain; it was a very long week for Jesus.

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

*The blessing of the palms – the palm procession –
the reading of the passion story by several voices – the first Eucharist of Holy Week.*

The Easter Triduum (The Great Three Days)

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00 p.m.)

*With the washing of feet, the transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament,
silent adoration, the stripping of the altar.*

Good Friday, Adoration of the Cross (3:00 pm)

*The reading of the Passion According to St. John in several voices, the solemn intercessions,
the placing of the large wooden cross, the adoration of the cross, Holy Communion.*

The Great Vigil of Easter (8:00 pm)

*The New Fire in the front courtyard, the blessing of the Pascal Candle,
the candle light procession into the dark church, the sung Easter Proclamation,
the Readings of God's saving acts in history, the renewal of baptismal vows,
the first Eucharist of Easter.*

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ (8:30, 10:00, 11:30)

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for March 28/29, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Carmen Len	T. Petrone, Sr. Sophia R. Crawford	T. Andraka	D. Ha, J. Pol B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita Rich	R. Vanderweilen B. Massey, J. Singson	M. Maggart	A. & J. Zieba B. Scarpa
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Choir/Celine Julie	M. Santiago J. & L. Duffy	D. Mayfield	N. Samson, N. Brown, T. Kenney
11:30 am	Father Rossi	Celine Julie	B. Haughwout, M. Garber J. Kuchler	J. Arnold	G. & M. Gray S. Russo

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, constantly stresses the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation! The Religious Education Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held during the Religious Ed. Class time on March 24, 2015 in the Chapel. Parents, please help your child prepare for the Sacrament of reconciliation.

The final Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held this Sunday, March 22nd, from 11:00 am—12:30 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 am Mass as well.

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

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 \$ 65,403.00 from 163 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. **If you haven't made your contribution or pledge yet, there is still time for you to do so. Pledge cards are available at the entrances of the Church.**

O, Merciful God,

*You are the provider of all that we are and all that we have.
You open wide Your hand to provide for the needs of every living creature.*

Make us always grateful for Your loving Mercy and grant that we may be faithful stewards of Your gifts;

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns
One God forever and ever.
Amen*



Forget your envelope? We can help you with that! St. Thomas More is pleased to offer “Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer”.

To get started, log on to: <http://www.stthomasmore.org/>, click on the

Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps. One and done!

STM YOUTH

Walking With Jesus Retreat! Last weekend Holy Eucharist and St Thomas More youth spent 24 hours together for prayer, reflection, service and fun! The students and Youth Ministers had a great Retreat! We hope to have another retreat in the fall with even more Students!



Youth SCC—Only one more meeting March 26 @ 7 pm in Room 8. Hope to see you!

Youth and Family Day Trip

Info went home through Religious Ed this week. Katie is working on a Youth Group Youth and Family Day in Philly on April 8th. We will visit the **Cathedral**

Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, have lunch, then go to the Franklin Institute for the **The Franklin Institute for ‘The Art of the Brick’**—the world's largest gallery of LEGO® art. The estimated cost for the day is \$35, possibility of a bus trip or just carpool. Email Katie if interested so she can make final plans!

Please email/call if you would like to attend any of the activities above. Katie Witts, youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org or call 856-305-2914.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—MARCH 21

9:00am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm William Wislocky r/b Wislocky family

SUNDAY—MARCH 22

8:30 am intentions of Nicholas Di Paolo family
r/b Paul & Lorraine Rossi

10:00am Maryann Bartolozzi
r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
Jerry Lachnight r/b Gary Gadren
Leona Novak r/b Jane & Joe Kenney

11:30 am Ellen & Jack Hoffman
r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

MONDAY—MARCH 23

6:45 am Benny Sterling r/b Boxley family

9:00 am Jerry Lachnight
r/b Mary Ann & Craig Smith

TUESDAY—MARCH 24

6:45 am intentions of Grant McKeon
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am Jerry Lachnight r/b Gail & Ron Bizzoso

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 25

6:45 am intentions of Grant Mckeon
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am Jerry Lachnight r/b Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY—MARCH 26

6:45 am intentions of Grant McKeon
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am Fedora DeJulius r/b Florianna Gilden
Douglas Thomas r/b Carol Koelsch

FRIDAY—MARCH 27

6:45 am intentions of Rachel Wright
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am Jerry Lachnight r/b John Fallon

SATURDAY—MARCH 28

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
Jerry Lachnight r/b Lynn Casa
4:30 pm MaryAnn Bartolozzi
r/b Marie Fitzpatrick Flowers

SUNDAY—MARCH 29

8:30 am Jerry Lachnight r/b Pat & Mike Maggart

10:00 am Lino Gomes r/b Lynn Ellinger
Margaret Ann Russell
r/b Bob & Jessica Lune
Douglas Thomas r/b John & Sheila Mohan

11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

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	Pat Brink
Francesca Capra	Frank Cappetta	Elva Clark
Frank Colbert	Jean Colbert	Joseph Console
Marie Corcoran	Geralyn Coticone	Mary Cowan
Margaret Crawford	Vince DeMasi	Bryan Dietrich
Angelo DiGiacomo	Pasquale DiFronzo	
Santino Fiorelli	George Gadren	Harry Gindele
Sue Hagan	Thomas Houston	Helen Kane
Michael Kapischke	John B. Kennedy	Stan Kochanek
Don Kreal	Julia Lepre	Mary Ellen Lepre
Leila Lore	Chase Lupica	Marie Manalo
Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Jerry McMenamin	Mena Ravena
Ed Rivero	Pauline Rosberg	Barbara Salpas
Carlos Santiago	Yun Yun Shen	Teddy Shaffer
Frank Sines	Maria Storms	Michael Suralik



THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

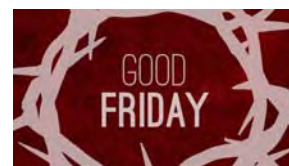
SSgt Samuel Brough, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino,
Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco,
SSgt John P. DeYoung,
Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison,
1Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa,
and Lt. Col. Karl Rohr.



Holy Thursday
Collection for the Poor and Needy of the area will be taken up at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm, Holy Thursday, April 2nd.

April 3rd: Good Friday—Holy Land Collection

For 800 years, the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. With your support the Holy Land Franciscans will continue to nourish Christians in the Holy Land with



presence, care and service. The contributions you make through the Good Friday Collection make possible the programs that support Christians in the Holy Land. Our sisters and brothers there depend on your generosity. This year, more than ever, we ask that you pledge your assistance to the people living there and those ministering in the land Jesus made holy.



Children's Home Clothing Drive, weekend of April 10th & 11th.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 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 Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015 - Mark 14:1—15:47

"While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many..." {pause} "While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about..." {pause} Pilate questioned Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said to him in reply, "You say so."

Commentary:

Apostles, who should know who Jesus is, betray, deny, and flee. Ironically, it is from enemies and foreigners that we come to understand who Jesus is: the religious leaders ask Jesus if he is "the Christ, the son of the Blessed One"; Pilate condemns him as the "king of the Jews"; the Roman centurion confesses that "Truly this man is the Son of God." As we stand this day at the foot of the Cross, Whom do we see?

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?

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Youth and Family Services and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call
1-800-964-6588

성폭행 신고 접수

사제, 수도자, 종업원, 혹은 자원 봉사자 등에 의한 성폭행 사례 신고자들을 지원하기 위하여 무료 상담 전화가 캄든 교구에 설치되었습니다. 통화는 전문 상담 치료사에 의해서 신중히 처리됩니다. 뉴저지 법률에 의거, 어린이 성폭행 사례들은 뉴저지 청소년 및 가정 지원 담당 부서, 그리고 법집행 관련 부서로 신고접수됩니다.

상담과 지원 서비스에 대한 기타 자세한 정보나 문의 전화는,
1-800-964-6588

Denuncie el Abuso Sexual

Un número telefónico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Diócesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manejadas por un trabajador social clínico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la División de Servicios a Jóvenes y Familias y a la policía.

Para más información o para obtener servicios de consejería llame al:
1-800-964-6588.

BẢO CÁO LẠM DỤNG TÌNH DỤC

Địa Phận Camden có đặt để biệt lập một điện thoại miễn phí để cho những ai bị các linh mục, các thầy, sư, nhân viên hay tình nguyện trong giáo xứ lạm dụng tình dục trẻ em. Sẽ có nhân viên có bằng cấp làm việc xã hội và đáng tin cậy để nhận phôn và lắng nghe. Luật tiểu bang buộc phải báo cáo những trường hợp dưới vị thành niên bị lạm dụng tình dục tới cơ quan chức trách.

Nếu muốn biết thêm chi tiết về hướng dẫn hay giúp đỡ xin gọi số điện thoại:
1(800) 964-6588



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.

Menu selections are:

Butlered hot & cold hors d'oeuvres

Mescaline salad with pears, candied walnuts and gorgonzola cheese OR Caesar salad

Main course:

Zucchini crab cake: pure crabmeat crab cake between 2 layers of carmelized zucchini **OR**

Chicken Maximo: tomatoes, mushrooms, sherry wine, asparagus, mozzarella **OR**

Spring Stuffed Pork Loin with broccoli rabe, peppers and provolone cheese.

All entrees served with vegetable medley and diced red bliss rosemary potatoes.

Dessert selections:

Tartufo OR

Chocolate Frangelico Mousse Torte OR

Key Lime Pie

Red and white wine provided by the Women's Club.

For reservations and to make menu selections, call Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323 or Joyce DeMichele 424-4008 or mail reservations and menu choices with check to Barbara Cerquitella 1503 Chalet Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.