

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
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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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, MARCH 29, 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

Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan has called Robert F. Scarpa, a member of our parish, to the Order of Deacon. The church rejoices in the commitment to ministry which Robert F. Scarpa has made and we announce it to you with great joy. The ordination is to take place at 10:30 am on May 2, 2015 at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish (Our Lady of Lourdes Church) in Glassboro, New Jersey.

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.



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 caramelized 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.

Collection amounts for March 22, 2015

\$9,222.00

199 envelopes were used

\$ 1822.00 Online giving

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

Palm Sunday—Stewardship Opportunities

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they shouted again, 'Crucify him.'" Mark 15: 12-13

Jesus told us, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me."

Every day Stewards are presented with opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the courage to stand up for those in need of our help.



Schedule of Services for Holy Week



Holy Week

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 29

Masses– Saturday, 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

Chrism 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
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4

12 noon Blessing of bread and food baskets

Easter Vigil, April 4

8:00 pm

(This is the only Mass on Holy Saturday)

Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses

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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for APRIL 2, 3, 4, 5, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	B. Scarpa, J. DeMichele, E. Beckman, T. Petrone, M. Santilago	J. Vecchiola	A., M., & W. Quay C. & J. McFadden
Good Friday 3:00 p.m.	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	P. & N. Kirincic J. Mohan	P. Lachnicht	J. & P. Wachman T. Kenny, B. Scarpa
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.	Father Johnson	Small Group/Becca Julie	J. Mohan, B. Massey S. Mohan	P. Lachnicht	M. & T. Ciccotta B. Scarpa
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Father	Alyssa Rich	B. Lento, J. Singson	D. Miller	B. Scarpa A. Rzepski
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir/Celine Julie	J. Galati, J. DeMichele K. Glover, D. Gould	L. Galati	M. & T. Dautle N. Samson
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	Small Group/Celine Julie	M. Dwyer, L. Levin, A. Thompson	J. Arnold	A. & I. Witting S. Russo

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Stations of the Cross will be held on Tuesday, March 31, at 4:15 pm for students in grades 1-4 and again at 7:00 pm for students in grades 5-8.

During the months of April and May, the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

There will be a special **Retreat for Confirmation II** class on **Saturday, April 11th, from 12:30 to 5:30 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall**. All eighth grade students must attend. Parents are invited if they wish to attend.

There will be **NO Parish Religious Education Classes on Tuesday, April 7th**, due to Easter Break.

There will be **NO Liturgy of the Word for children on Easter Sunday, April 5th**.

Wishing you God's blessings during this Holy Season of Easter.

Sr. Bozena, PCL, 424-3212 ex. 106

Our Community Book of Prayers



The special intentions that have been written in the **Book of Prayer Requests** on the lectern on in the back of the Chapel during the past year, will be burned before

the Easter Vigil Mass, symbolizing our total surrender to the greatness of God.



Holy Week Schedules and Easter Flower offering envelopes are available **at the doors of the Church**. Your offering will be used for altar flowers, lilies for the shut-ins and church decorations.

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

\$ 73,628 from **174 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.

Attention Married Couples. **A Worldwide Marriage**

Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together!

The next weekends are April 17th –19th

and May 29th—31st. For more information,

call 609-742-4035 or email

applications@wwme-southjersey.org.





Mass Intentions for the Week

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...



SATURDAY—MARCH 28

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

SUNDAY—MARCH 29

8:30 am Jerry Lachnicht 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

MONDAY—MARCH 30

6:45 am Rev. Laurence Bourget, OCSO
 r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Leona Novak
 r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento & Monday Night Prayer Group

TUESDAY—MARCH 31

6:45 am Rev. Laurence Bourget, OCSO
 r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 1

6:45 am Rev. Laurence Bourget, OCSO
 r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Peter & Bernie Kapischke
 r/b Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY—APRIL 2— HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY—APRIL 3— GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 pm Passion

SATURDAY—APRIL 4— HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 pm EASTER VIGIL
 This is the only Mass on Holy Saturday

SUNDAY—APRIL 5

8:30 am Emily & Henry Ryszkiewicz r/b family
10:00am Joe Zielinski r/b Cindy & family
William Wislocky r/b Wislocky family
Douglas Thomas r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
11:30 am Dudley Cannon
 r/b Mary Ellen & Bill Carrozza

Pat Beaney	Anna Bedrick	Pat Brink
Maria Bruga	Francesca Capra	Frank Cappetta
Elva Clark	Frank Colbert	Jean Colbert
Joseph Console	Marie Corcoran	Geralyn Coticone
Mary Cowan	Margaret Crawford	Vince DeMasi
Bryan Dietrich	Pasquale DiFronzo	Santino Fiorelli
George Gadre	Harry Gindele	Sue Hagan
Thomas Houston	Helen Kane	Michael Kapischke
John B. Kennedy	Peggy Kiefner	Stan Kochanek
Don Kreal	Julia Lepre	Mary Ellen Lepre
Leila Lore	Chase Lupica	Marie Manalo
Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Jerry McMenamin	Nick Mitidieri
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.

Second Collections in Holy Week

April 2nd: 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

Please be generous with your assistance to the people living in the Holy Land and those ministering in the land Jesus made holy.



Children's Home Clothing Drive, weekend of April 10th & 11th. Accepting New or Gently Used Clothing for all ages and seasons! **Look for the Donations Truck in the parking lot.**

What a great reason for cleaning out the closets!

"NIGHT AT THE RACES"

Saturday, April 18, 2015

St. Mary Church 2001 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ
6:00 PM in the Parish Hall, Tickets \$25 each

Includes: Buffet, wine & beer

Win great prizes: gift baskets, gift cards, & more!

Join us for a fun night, a great social and fundraiser!

Persons under 21 not permitted!

Please contact St. Mary Church (856) 424 -1454 for tickets or email at stmarycherryhill@verizon.net. Thank you and we hope to see you at the Races!

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, MARCH 29, 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 Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015 - John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Commentary:

Even on Easter morning when we are exuberant with the joy of resurrection celebration, the gospel reminds us that the paschal mystery embraces dying as well as rising. This gospel is filled with contradictions, as are our own lives. Like the early disciples, we do "not yet understand." Yet we sing our continuous Alleluias.

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?

When the record of our life is set down, there are three pairs of eyes who see it in a different light.



There is the life as I see it, as others see it, and as God sees it. While there is still time in our life to do the will of God, we must protect all life from conception to natural death.

Al MacErath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Women's Club Board meets Wednesday, April 1st at 1:00 pm.

Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323 & Lorraine Kennedy, 489-0031, Co-Presidents



There will be **Stations of the Cross at 7pm, Friday, April 3rd** in the Chapel. All are encouraged to attend.

Holy Week

Small Christian Communities

Close to 200 parishioners



participated in our **Small Christian Communities** this Lenten Season. We are grateful to our facilitators for planning, preparing and leading their faith groups each week. **Each Small**

Christian Community is a prayerful witness to all of us in St. Thomas More Parish. We thank you for your prayers and witness. Blessings!

STM YOUTH

Youth and Family Day Trip
Most of you are on Easter Break on April 8th--- Please join Sister Bozena and Katie for a fun day in Philadelphia!

Youth and Family Day Trip to Philadelphia
Youth may come alone or with parents, siblings and friends-
All are welcome!

Wednesday, April 8th 9am-4pm

COST: \$35-45

Includes Tickets and Lunch
(we need at least 15 people for group rate)



Cathedral Basilica
OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

PHILADELPHIA

10:00am Cathedral Basilica of SS
Peter and Paul Visit

11:15am Lunch at a restaurant in
the area!

12:30 The Franklin Institute for The
Art of the Brick

Sr. and Katie will be driving, we
may need a few more parents.
Please email/call if you would like
to attend any of the activities above.

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

