

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
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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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 5, 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



Saint Thomas More is pleased to offer "Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer." We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners.

To get started log onto our website

www.stthomasmorenj.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo. It is simple, secure and convenient..



Thank You!

To all who gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Easter celebrations so joyous and memorable.

Thank you: for providing flowers; cleaning: decorating: preparing the Altar; making the music so special at all the Masses; ushering during Mass and serving at the altar: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist; Lectors, and Altar

PERSONAL HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have a difficult time hearing at Mass. They are simple to use. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices at Mass, please see an usher before Mass and they will assist you. **To assure that these hearing devices are available for all in need, it is important that you return them after Mass.** Thank you for your cooperation.

NEXT WEEKEND!

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!

Easter Sunday—Stewards Fulfill His Plan

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Mark Colossians 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, Who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Stewards pray daily and listen for God's response on how we should use our gifts to fulfill His plan.



The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion (no 59)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

Previous articles in the series can be found on our parish website: stthomasmorenj.org.

The Resurrection: Not a Problem, Not a Riddle, But a Mystery

What's the difference between a problem and a mystery? A famous Catholic philosopher once explained it this way. A problem is to be solved; a riddle is to be worked out. A *mystery* – not as in a “whodunit” plot, but in a spiritual sense—is never solved. A mystery is entered into, explored, meditated upon, lived. We can indeed understand something of a mystery, we can understand it more and more as we live in the mystery. But we never fully *comprehend* it. The mystery keeps showing us ever new depths and dimensions. We never “get to the bottom of it”. As we “know” the mystery, we know that there is more to know.

After being tortured and executed on the cross, then buried in a tomb, Jesus of Nazareth was seen to be alive by many who had known and loved him in his earthly life and ministry. They conversed with him, shared meals with him, were taught by him, then commissioned by him. These encounters took place over a period of forty days. Then, at what turned out to be the final encounter, his closest followers saw him “ascend”, exit, disappear into the heavens.

The mystery of Easter is at the foundations of the Christian Faith. There are many aspects or “doors of entry” through which we contemplate the mystery. I can but point to a few here. Through the Easter season (50 days!), I hope we can deepen our faith in the mysteries of Easter.

The “Who” of the Resurrection: It would not necessarily be good news if just *somebody* was raised from dead. We would shake with horror, not with wonder, if Hitler were raised from the dead. The good news is that the *Crucified One* is raised—the one who healed and called us to love and taught us to pray “our Father”. If it is Jesus who is raised up, then sacrificial love has been raised up as the key to all existence.

Not just Resuscitation but Resurrection: The Scriptures give us several resurrection stories. Lazarus was brought back to life, as was the little daughter of the high official (Luke 8:40-42, 49-56). But they were raised to resume their old life; they would once again face death. But Jesus did not simply resume his life. He was raised above the power of death itself. “Death has no more dominion over him,” as St. Paul says. That is, he was raised up into Life Eternal, as the Crucified victor over death itself. Only so can he grant us such Life.

Reunion: As the risen Christ, Jesus appeared not to all, but to those who had come to know him and love him, to Peter and John and all the apostles, to Mary and “five hundred at one time” (1 Cor. 15:1 ff). Why did he not simply appear to all, everywhere in the world, *compelling belief*? Because knowledge of his Lordship can be real only through Love, not through sheer power. Until he comes again, the Easter mystery must be proclaimed and believed in this humble human way – from faith to faith, from love to love.

The Resurrection of the Body: We profess this aspect of the mystery in the Apostles' Creed. St. Luke tells us that when Jesus suddenly appeared to them the disciples thought they had seen a ghost. But Jesus showed them his hands and feet, his wounded side. And Jesus *ate* with them (Lk. 21, John 26)! The risen Jesus is no ghost, no disembodied spirit, but a fully human life—body, soul, and spirit. For he came to redeem us body, soul, and spirit. And so heaven will be no mere fellowship of spirits, but the “redemption of our bodies” (Rom. 8). Certainly the resurrected body of Jesus was newly empowered by the Spirit, a “spiritual body” St. Paul calls it (1 Cor. 15). But in the resurrection, Jesus has prepared a place for the whole of the human person to enjoy eternal life in God .

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for APRIL 11/12, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	Alyssa Rich	I. Rellosa, T. Petrone D. Kreal	J. Cepeda	R. & C. Cepeda B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Rob Rich	J. & L. Duffy R. Vanderweilen	M. Maggart	A. & A. Cammissa B. Scarpa
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Choir/Becca Julie	M. Hyunk, J. Mazzagatti J. Galati	L. Galati	N. Samson J. Pol
11:30 am	Father Rossi	Becca Julie	J. Kuchler, M. Garber B. Haughwout	D. Haughwout	E., W., K. Quay

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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 Program classes on Tuesday, April 7, 2015** 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 ext. 106



Special Book Group **"The Boy Who Said 'No'"**

By local author, Patti Sheehy on **Tuesday, May 12th** at the home of Lin Lyon. Both the author and the boy, Frank Mederos, who is now a grown man, will be there to answer any questions.

Please RSVP to Lin at 795-4396 no later than April 15th. All are welcome.

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 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.

April 5, 2015



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—APRIL 4— HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 pm People of the Parish

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

MONDAY—APRIL 6

6:45 am Edward Flanagan r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am Rob Moore r/b Mom

TUESDAY—APRIL 7

6:45 am Vita DiGiovanni r/b Judi Roseberg

9:00 am David Rule r/b Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 8

6:45 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Veronica Kapischke
r/b Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY—APRIL 9

6:45 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Jerry Lachnight r/b Jane & Joe Kenney
Douglas Thomas r/b Sheila Moore
Shirley Fitzpatrick
r/b Ralph & Lois Udicious

FRIDAY—APRIL 10

6:45 am Armando Ramos r/b Ertha Torres

9:00 am Sr. Helen Therese r/b Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY—APRIL 11

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish

4:30 pm MaryAnn Bartolozzi
r/b Gregory Wolfe

SUNDAY—APRIL 12

8:30 am Jerry Lachnight
r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella

10:00 am Lino Gomes
r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
Sharon Bushelli
r/b Scott Bushelli

11:30 am Frances Bretz r/b Ken & Kim Wislocky
Helen Bantivoglio r/b children

Intentions of the Holy Father for the month of April, 2015— That people may respect all of creation and care for it as a gift from God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

Pat Beaney	Anna Bedrick	Pat Brink
Maria Bruga	Francesca Capra	Frank Cappetta
Elva Clark	Frank Colbert	Sean 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.



Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council

Volunteers are needed to help at the local food pantry. In Cherry Hill.
Assigned dates for St. Thomas More Parish

April 21 5:30-7 PM and April 23 9:30-1 PM
April 28 5:30-7 and April 30. 9:30-1 PM

Please call parishioner Elaine at 856-428-8431
Thank you for your prayerful consideration to help those in need.

Saint Thomas More Parish Welcomes All

You are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at Saint Thomas More Parish.

New Parishioner Registration and Update

Are you attending Mass here regularly? Are you registered? If not, please fill out information below and return to the parish office. The parish office will contact you for further information.

If you have a **change of address, phone number or email**, please let us know.

Please drop this form in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION APRIL 5, 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 Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2015- John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ... Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. He said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (Jesus appears to them again. This time Thomas is present. Jesus invites Thomas to see his wounds and to believe.) Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Commentary:

Thomas, who was absent when Jesus first appeared to the apostles in the locked upper room, refused to believe that the Lord had risen. Now, Jesus speaks to Thomas and tells him to examine his hands, etc. Thomas moves from unbelief to belief. Thomas saw and believed and new life was given to him. We who have not seen and have believed have also been given new life by God. The Spirit's presence within those who believe testifies that Jesus is the Son of God.

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?



How is it that a government that protects many forms of animal life and some plant life with both fines and/or imprisonment, would turn its back on the most innocent and defenseless of humans, the baby in the womb, and actually fund their death through tax dollar support.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Membership Drive

One of the **Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council** members will be available at the doors of the Church after all Masses the weekend of April 18th /19th to provide information and answer any questions from any man interested in joining this charitable organization.



Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Thursday, April 9th at 9:30 am in the St. Thomas More Hall.

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP sessions for April:

CAP Phase 1: Monday, April 20, 2015 6:30 pm

St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral, Camden, Auditorium

CAP Phase 3: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 6:30 pm

Resurrection Regional School, Cherry Hill, Auditorium

The CAP schedule, locations, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website at www.camdendiocese.org.

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)

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

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



Cathedral Basilica OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

PHILADELPHIA

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.