

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

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John Mohan 424-3212
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Youth Ministry Katie Witts 305-2914

Worship

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Church Environment Ann Vigrass 428-7217
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Eucharistic Ministers Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Lectors Pat Lachnicht 581-4206
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Lin Lyon 795-4396
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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
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Parish Pastoral Council Marie Enny 751-8893

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 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.



We of the St. Vincent De Paul Society thank all of our parishioners for their generosity. We are in need of specific items for our food pantry when our members make visits to individuals and families in need. We purchase some items but if you'd like to help

as well here are the items **we need: canned meats and tuna, stews and chunky soups (easy open ones are helpful), peanut butter and small jellies, pasta sauce, cereal and oatmeal, fruit cups and rice mix and any item easy to prepare.** In some instances our clients do not have the ability to cook or heat items. Even one item is a help. So remember us the next time you do your shopping! Thank you, the St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.

Easter Collection

\$ 28, 554.00 was given and 281 envelopes were used. \$647.00 from 8 families through online giving.

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



Theology on Tap Topic for April 14, 2015: 20 & 30 Somethings on Mission in the Dominican Republic.

Guest Presenter, Sr. Lisa Marie

Valentini, MSC, has been accompanying young adults to the Dominican Republic

over the past 10 years. Come hear a dynamic speaker and engage in meaningful conversation in a relaxed atmosphere.

7—9 pm, April 14, 2015, Dubliner Irish Pub and Grill, 325 E. Jimmie Leeds Road, Galloway, NJ .

Second Sunday of Easter—Stewards of God's Gifts

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own." Acts 4: 32A

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents and abilities—these are all gifts from God. We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely **"Stewards"** of the gifts God has blessed us with.





2015 Easter Flower Donations and Memorials



Donor	In Memory of
M/M Michael Accetta	Maureen Bauer, Accetta family
M/M Joseph Andraka	Anthony & Martha Cichan Joseph & Mary Andraka
Linda Marie Ante	Carmen & Marie Ante
M/M Ronald Bizzoso	Bizzoso-Reichmann families
Mr. Jack Boesch	Frances Boesch
Teri Bones	Margaret McNulty
Mrs. F. Bruno	Bruno & Del Vecchio families
Mr. Scott Bushelli	Sharon Bushelli
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M/M William Candeolri	Millie Capuano
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Victor & June D'Ilio	Victor & Rose D'Ilio Louis & Ethel Miller William & Ilena Fauver
M/M John Duffy	Rodolfo Pasion
M/M Henl Eggles	Henry & AnnaMarie Eggles
Marie Flowers	Charles Fitzpatrick William Flowers
M/M Daniel J. Gatti	Stecher & Gatti families
M/M Henry Glover	Deceased family members
M/M Nick Gregorio	Patricia Cammisa Frank Gregorio
Mr. Harry Hill, Jr.	Esther L. Hill
M/M Harry Horlacher	Vincent & Millie Giordano
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M/M Jose P. Ibay	Ibay & Dizon families
Dr. Maria Lourdes Ibay	Ibay & Dizon families
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M/M Stanley Kochanek	Stanley P. & Charlotte Kochanek James & Thelma McIlmail
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M/M Donald Kreal	Victor & Domenica Dezil Michael & Anna Kreal
Mrs. Pat Lachnicht	Lachnicht & Culhane families
Mrs. Tess Librojo	Bienvido Cobin Angeles, Ramona, Ben, Emy & Tony Librojo
M/M Jon Lisitski	Phyllis, Clement, Adelina Regina, Michael, Jean, Bernard, Joan, Doris, Don, Brady, Barney, Bill

Donor	In Memory of
M/M Michael Maggart	Marge Quick & Juliette Maggart
Ms. Ruth Maras	M/M Kotlar
Ms. Maria Marinelli	Evelyn & Frank Gratzik
M/M Ronald Massey, Sr.	Massey-Huber families Emily Elizabeth Ricker
M/M Joseph Mazzagatti	Joe & Marie Mazzagatti
M/M Gerald McMenamin	Rose & Patrick McMenamin Gloria DeSoto
M/M Robert Mele	M/M Edward Roth, M/M Joseph Mele, M/M James Mele, M/M John Slotwinski, Thomas Howlett, Joseph Mele, Michael Rucchio
M/M John O'Breza	Helen & Forman Sherlock Ann & John O'Breza
M/M Anthony Orlando	M/M Eugene Barbieri M/M John Orlando M/M Michael DeVito
M/M Thomas Pajic	Anthony & Carmella Mauri Michael & Agnes Pajic
M/M Nicholas Pedone	Pinto-Pedone family
Dr. & Mrs. Fred Petrone	Buttacavoli & Petrone family
Joe & Selin Pottackal	Deceased parents
Sarah Pricoli	Andrew Pricoli
Ms. Evelyn Protano	Mary & Ralph Protano Marion & William Dulis
Helen Protzman	Mahoney- Protzman family
Mrs. Eleanor Regan	Dick Regan
Rossi family	Mary & Stanley Sobieski
Phyllis Schadt	Robert Schadt Wuchter & McColgan families
Patricia Shefler	Walter Shefler
M/M Joseph Sklencar	Sklencar & Antonacci families
M/M Raymond Smith	Jack & Elizabeth Betson
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Spence	Catharine & William Degnan Emma & William Spence
Judith Such	Theresa Such
M/M Michael Suralik	Sophie & Stephen Popek Helen & Julius Suralik
M/M Stanley Thompson	Thompson & Cristiano families
M/M Ralph Udicious	Louis & Clare Hoffner Frank & Catherine Udicious
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M/M William Vigrass	Michael Vigrass Catherine & Charles Lindos Joseph & Isabelle Vigrass
Dr. John A. Vivone	John A. Vivone
Mary E. Ward	Francis & Helen Ward
Ms. Martha C. Whiting	Mother
Ms. Melissa Williams	Elizabeth Coviello, Rudolph Kristoff Catherine Torterello
M/M Chris Witting, Sr.	Ret. Col. Vernon Peebles USMC
Mrs. Cynthia Zielinski	Novak family Leona & Jim Novak

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER– DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for APRIL 18/19, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	Choir/Mena Julie	P. & N. Kirincic K. Wislocky	J. Mohan	C. & I. Fulton B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita Rich	J. Singson, J. Kenney, B. Massey	J. Vecchiola	A. Rzepski, T. Kenny B. Scarpa
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Jerry Julie	D. & ML Thomas D. Gould	D. Mayfield	J. & P. Wachman
11:30 am	Msgr. Graham	Carmen Julie	G. Gadren, M. Dwyer, M. Gorin	K. Wislocky	K. & K. Johnson

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

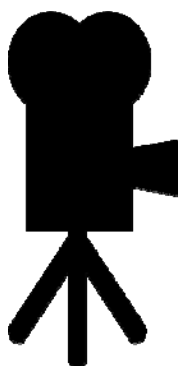
During the months of April and May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

Individual ten-minute interviews for all Confirmation II students and their parents, with either Fr. Phillip Johnson, Sr. Ann Byrnes, Sr. Philomena Nowicki, Katie Witts or Sr. Bozena Tyborowska will be held this Sunday, April 12th, following the 11:30 am Mass.

The final Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held this Sunday, April 12th, from 11:00 am 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 .

There will be a special retreat for all First Communicants on Saturday, April 18th from 9:30 am– to 12:30 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall. Parents are invited to participate.

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



Movie Night - 6:30 pm Saturday, April 25, 2015

“Clare and Francis”

Together they inspired countless others to follow their radical call to live the Gospel, a heritage that continues to this day!

All are invited! Call Marianne 856-346-1811 or Joe 856-986-7990 or email

joecent@gmail.com.

Snacks welcomed! There will be an intermission.

Easter Flower Donations without memorials

Judith Bianco
M/M Louis Borella, Jr.
M/M Ciccotta
Mr. Vincent Corso
M/M Ernest Del Duke
M/M Raynal Desrochers
Roger & Natalie Frament
M/M Michael Hawksley
Ms. Joan E. Hubler
M/M Stephen Jander
M/M James Kennedy
Maria Elena Lyons
M/M David Mayfield
Paul & Barbara McNerney
Claudia Ariani McShane
Carol Parent
Mr. Rich Schweitzer
William & Janice Smith
Mrs. Joanne Wachman
M/M Michael F. Wallace
M/M David Weinstein



We are grateful for your memorial donations in memory of living or deceased relatives and/or friends. We apologize for any omissions or misspellings. If your memorial donation was left out of this list, and you would like it to be listed in next week's bulletin, please call the office at 424-3212.

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

April 12, 2015



Mass Intentions for the Week

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...



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 Lachnicht r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella
10:00 am Lino Gomes r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
Sharon Bushelli r/b Scott Bushelli
Frances Bretz r/b Ken & Kim Wislocky
11:30 am Helen Bantivoglio r/b children

MONDAY—APRIL 13

6:45 am Micaela Toldeo r/b Cipriana Alvarez
9:00 am John Kramer r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

TUESDAY—APRIL 14

6:45 am intentions of Larry McThompson r/b Stacia Strack
9:00 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Marjorie Stilley

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 15

6:45 am Valentino Bielli r/b Dr. John Vivone
9:00 am Leona Novak r/b Ralph & Lois Udicious

THURSDAY—APRIL 16

6:45 am George Gadren, r/b son, Gary
9:00 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Jim & Pat Beaney
Bobbie Fairbanks r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic
intentions of Laura McThompson r/b Stacia Strack

FRIDAY—APRIL 17

6:45 am Joseph Devlin r/b Gary Gadren
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & family

SATURDAY—APRIL 18

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Jerry Lachnicht r/b Tobin family

SUNDAY—APRIL 19

8:30 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Claire & Dick Spence
10:00am intentions of Nicholas DiPaolo's family r/b Men of St. Vincent de Paul
Douglas Thomas r/b Barbara & Charles Cerquitella
11:30 am Raymond White r/b Wislocky family

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.

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 Angelo Di Giacomo
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 Pat Suralik
George Sweeten Ted Uhlman Ann Vigrass



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.

Last Call! Progressive Dinner NEXT Sunday
Caffe Aldo Lamberti.
Call Barbara Cerquitella
795-7323 or Joyce DeMichele 424-4008 to make reservations.



Saint Thomas More Parish Welcomes All.
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: _____

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER– DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY- APRIL 12, 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 Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2015 - Luke 24:35-48

"...Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

Commentary:

In today's Gospel Jesus appears among the disciples. Even though they have heard that he appeared to Simon and to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they think he is a ghost. At Jesus' invitation to touch him, to look at his wounds, they are filled with joy, but they do not completely believe. Only his eating in their presence convinces them that he is indeed the risen Lord. As he had done on the road, he opens their minds to the Scriptures. After he has done this, he sends them to share the Good News with others.

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?



Having sown the seeds of abortion we now reap a harvest of despair; this appears in every area of our culture causing the death of 4000 babies by surgical abortion every day. Let us, as people of God, call upon the Holy Spirit for the wisdom and courage to cease the barbaric practice of abortion.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Funster News

Funster Trips are open to ALL Parishioners & Friends.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 22nd at 1:00 pm. All those going to see Kinky Boots are requested to attend. Please come out to learn all about the upcoming trips for the fall.

Oct. 12th—14th: Visit Frank Lloyd Wright's famous Falling Water, Kentucky Knob and Chapel, guided tour of Compass Inn Museum and Fort Ligonier, Quecreek Mine Rescue Site and more. Includes bus from St. Thomas More, 2 nights accommodations, 2 breakfasts, dinner show and dinner at DeNunzio's Italian Chop House. \$465 dbl and \$560 single. 22 people have signed up, 8 spaces added.

Dec. 7th: Christmas Light Tour of Brooklyn and Dyker Heights, NY. Lunch is included and a stop for dessert. pp/ \$99. Only 20 spaces held. Signups begin at this meeting.

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.**

STM YOUTH

Easter Reflections and Gifts

Throughout the Easter Season, you will find a short Challenge and Reflection of the Gospel Reading. Also a small gift or symbol will be in the Gathering space for the Youth to take on their way out to help remember the message of the week!

The Challenge to Pray for Peace

Symbol

Votive candle

Reflection

Imagine the joy when the disciples saw Jesus for the first time after he rose from the dead. The experience must have been unbelievable, and with his words, he brought peace into their lives again. Poor Thomas, not only was he not in the right place at the right time, he let doubt take over his faith.

Your challenge this week

Look for opportunities to bring the peace of Christ to others. Light your candle and pray for peace in our nation and world.

Journal Questions

1. How can you work for peace at home, school and with your friends?
2. What are some doubts you are struggling with right now? Turn them over to God in prayer.

UPDATES

On April 14, we will go back to Tuesday High School Meetings. 7:15-8:15

April 26 iRace for Vocations at Washington Lake Park

May 17 NJ Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags.

Katie Witts

youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org or call 856-305-2914.