

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 26, 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

From the Diocese of Camden Delegate for Women Religious:

In the name of all the religious women of the Diocese of Camden, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to you and all of your parishioners for your generous response to the Retirement for Religious Appeal... As we continue to celebrate this Year of Consecrated Life, your generosity surely helps religious women address the many challenges they face as they age....Our commitment to the ministry of our communities, our prayers and spiritual life testify to the faithfulness we promised, Your commitment to us is deeply appreciated....May God bless you as only He can!

Sr. Mary J. McGarrity

Delegate for Women Religious

Planning ahead! **Sandwich making** dates are: **Wednesdays, April 29th, May 20th, August 19th, and October 21st after the 9:00 am Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.** All are welcome to come and make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen.



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.

Parish Collection for April 19, 2015

\$8439.00 was given and 199 envelopes were used.

\$312.00 from 5 families through online giving.

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

House of Charity– Bishop's Annual Appeal continues. We are still working to make our goal of \$112,000. It is not too late for you to make your contribution to this appeal. 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. **Pledge cards are at all entrances to the Church for your convenience.**If you made your contribution online or directly to the Diocese of Camden, please notify the St. Thomas More Office so we can adjust our accounting to reflect your donation****

Fourth Sunday of Easter—Stewards Heed His Voice

"I am the Good Shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice" John 10: 14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants you to do? **Stewards** ask and listen for the response. The answer is usually in "quiet whispers." Take time in silent, daily prayer to hear His answer.





I Scream! You Scream! We all scream for Ice Cream!



**Come to the Parish Wide Ice Cream Social
May 5, from 5-7 pm**

Celebrate Spring and Cinco De Mayo with a bowl of ice cream with toppings!

Tickets: Children \$2 Adults \$3

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekend of April 26th and May 3rd. For planning purposes, tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold on the night of the Ice Cream Social.

Sponsored by The Women's Club.

**ALL St. Thomas More Youth, Young Adults and Families are invited to the
20th Annual New Jersey Catholic Youth Rally @ Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ
Sunday, May 17, 2015**

\$45 per person includes return ticket! (children under 2 are free)



A carpool will leave St. Thomas More Sunday, May 17th at 9am and return before 9pm.

You may also pick up your parking pass and tickets from Katie before and go on your own.

7th-12th grade may attend without a parent, 6th grade and younger must have a parent/guardian over 21.

Any questions contact Katie: Call 856-305-2914 or email youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org

Please return form below and payment to Katie or Parish office before Tuesday April 28th.

St. Thomas More Youth and Young Adult Ministry –Catholic Youth Rally, Six Flags

Name (Family Name)_____

Participant Cell Phone_____

Address_____

Email_____

Emergency Cell Phone_____

I _____ will chaperone, please call me at_____.

Ticket Type	Rate	# of Tickets	=	Total
Ticket	\$45	_____	=	_____
For Season Pass Holders Meal Ticket	\$20	_____	=	_____
Parking Pass	Free	_____		
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for May 2/3, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Choir/Becca	G. Tyrrell, K. K. Wislocky, R. Crawford	J. Cepeda	R. & C. Cepeda B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita Rich	J. Singson, B. Lento, B. Massey	M. Maggart	E., K. & W. Quay
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Celine Julie	D. & L. Lyon J. Galati	L. Galati	J. & P. Wachman T. Kenny
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Celine Julie	A. Thompson, M. Garber, J. Kuchler	V. Marchesani	A. & I. Witting

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The final Parish Religious Education Program classes for the 2014-2015 year will be May 5th.

18 children from our Religious Education Program will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 1:30 pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

Rehearsal for First Communion will be held this Wednesday, April 29th, from 4:30—6:00 pm and this Thursday, April 30th, from 4:30—6:00 pm. Attendance by all First Communicants is expected.

The Annual May Procession and Crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother will be next Sunday, May 3rd, following the 10:00 am Mass.

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

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



Come out for **SJPII Family Carnival** **May 6-9!** Please call 856-783-3088 for more information.

Market Day is back! Order by May 10th; Pick up date May 21st 3-4pm. Flyers are available in the Gathering Space of the Church. If you have ordered before, be sure to tell others about the wonderful quality of Market Day products.
Marianne Wilkins, coordinator, 428-4924

STM YOUTH

REMINDER RETURN MONEY FOR SIX FLAGS TRIP BY Tuesday 4-28.

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 Follow

Scripture

John 10:1-10 or 11-18 or 27-30: Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Symbol

Shepherd's staff

Reflection

Jesus tells us he will be there for us, our shepherd to guide us and take care of us. But we are not just a bunch of anonymous sheep in a big flock. Our shepherd knows each one of us – and died for each one of us. But it isn't easy to listen to his voice. There is so much noise around. It isn't easy to follow where he leads. There are too many distractions around.

Your challenge this week

In a world that tells us to be #1 and rewards us for being in charge, it is often hard to be a follower. Your challenge is to follow the leader. Learn to follow, do not be first; for once let someone else get his or her way. Let go and let God.

Journal Questions

1. What can you do to better listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd?
2. How can you help Jesus take care of the sheep in the flock?

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

April 26, 2015



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—APRIL 25

**9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
Alfred & Marie Di Frank**
r/b Marianne & Stacey

4:30 pm Marion White r/b Wislocky family

SUNDAY—APRIL 26

8:30 am Jerry Lachnicht
r/b John & Letty Duffy & Dags

10:00 am Jerry Lachnicht
r/b Lynn Ellinger

Frances Bretz
r/b Janet & Mike Kolodzey
Mary DiLella r/b Amy Osborn

11:30 am Monica Maggi r/b Donna Burns

MONDAY—APRIL 27

6:45 am intentions of John Henson
r/b Judi Roseberg

9:00 am Claire Capone r/b Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY—APRIL 28

6:45 am Teresa De Cosmo r/b Dom Sacca

9:00 am Joseph & Hedwig Kishkunas
r/b Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 29

6:45 am Hildamarie Foster Crowley r/b Dom Sacca

9:00 am George Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan

THURSDAY—APRIL 30

6:45 am intentions of John Henson, Jr.
r/b Judi Roseberg

9:00 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Don & Dolores Kreal
Helen Lamarca
r/b Ann Marie & Bob Lento

FRIDAY—MAY 1

6:45 am people of the parish

9:00 am Joe Zielinski r/b Cindy & family

SATURDAY—MAY 2

**9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
Jennie P. Hagan** r/b Dom & Marie Sacca

4:30 pm Peter DeFalco
r/b Judy Iacovelli & Henry Zappile

SUNDAY—MAY 3

8:30 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

10:00am Ann Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Jose Martinez
r/b niece Saida & sister-in-law Frances

Rita Siano r/b Gary Gadren
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

Intentions of the Holy Father for the month of May, 2015-
That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

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	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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Rita Rotindo-Taraborelli



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Please mark your calendars for the program "*Spirituality of Aging*" which will be offered **Wednesday, June 3rd and Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.**

Sister Mary Anne Nolan, RSM, will be the presenter.

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: _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- APRIL 26, 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2015 - John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower... Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit because without me you can do nothing."

Commentary:

The demands of being Christ's disciples are evident: we are told five times that we must "bear fruit." There is only one way to do this: by a relationship with Jesus so close and so intimate that we remain in him like a branch on a vine. Only his life in us enables us to bear fruit.

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?



A problem with the slogan: "I don't want to impose my morality on others," is that it is inconsistent with the way we view other issues. We impose our morality on others when we say they cannot steal our car, burn our house or kidnap our child. Certainly we don't allow others the right to make those choices. Why do we allow a different standard for abortion?

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

The Inaugural Msgr. Bob McDermott Golf Outing will be held on Monday, May 18th at Woodcrest Country Club.

For more information and a registration form, visit www.sjscamden.org or call/email Rich Kochanski at 856-966-8177; rkochanski@sjscamden.org. Help us honor the man who founded the St. Joseph's Carpenter Society in 1985. Since that time it has provided over 950 units of housing for the residents of East Camden. **All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph's Carpenter Society.**

The Office of Child and Youth Protection announces CAP sessions for the month of May:

CAP Phase 1: Thursday, May 28, 2015 7:00 pm, Sts. Peter and Paul, Turnersville, Parish Center

CAP Phase 3: Thursday, May 7, 2015 7:30 pm, Christ the King School, Haddonfield, Lower Level Church.

Please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 856-583-6165 or email

Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org to register. Please register at least 5 days prior to the session you would like to attend. **The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ www.camdendiocese.org.**

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS/REMEMBRANCES



During the month of May the parish will remember all the mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased, of our parishioners. If you would like your mother or grandmother remembered in this special manner please

return a Mother's Day envelope sent along with your weekly collection envelopes. Extra envelopes are available in the gathering space or parish office. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar during May. *Mother's Day cards are also available in the gathering space* which can be sent to your mother telling her that she will be remembered at the Masses at St. Thomas More.

COURTYARD ROSARY

To honor Our Lady

Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 pm.

ALL are invited! Please join us.

Light refreshments will be served following the recitation of the rosary.



Sponsored by St. Thomas More Women's Club

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming meetings at St. Thomas More:

May 4th: Women's Club Board– 3:30 pm

May 6th: Parish Council– 7:00 pm

May 12th: Women's Club Book Club– 1:00 pm

May 14th: Prayer Shawl Ministry– 9:30 am