

# 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  
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 Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
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 Parish Festival Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323  
 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 3, 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



### First Eucharist, Saturday, May 2, 2015

The Parish rejoices with the following children as they received the Body of Christ for the first time Saturday, May 2nd:

**Dylan Barkhammer, Brody Bogos,**

**Lauren Ciccotta, Leah Consalvi, Ava Crawley,**

**Natalie Donahue, Natalie Driscoll, Leah Hutchinson,**

**Vivian Kirk, Kyle McCann, Mia McShane, Rylie Morris,**

**Alana Rellosa, Anabelle Sala, Kevin Sanchirico,**

**Katie Sullivan, Kristin Wieland.**

### 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*

### Parish Collection for April 26, 2015

**\$8159.00 was given and 196 envelopes were used.**

**Online giving: \$522.00 from 6 families.**

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

**Walk with Mary to celebrate motherhood and the great example of Mary.**

**Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28**

**9:45am-10:45am Rain or Shine**

Come to Walk and Pray to the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, Mary. We will walk the grounds of St. Thomas More, around the Manor of St. Mary's and the Village Apartments as we pray the rosary together and share stories of Mary's love and perfect example of Motherhood.

All are welcome to attend. **We especially encourage women and mothers in hopes to build a community of moms to be encouraged through Mary.** Come with or without your children, with children who can walk or be pushed in a stroller. (Katie will have her 1 and 3 year old) Bring your children, grandchildren, your friends.

**To RSVP or If you have any questions, please Call/Text Katie 856-305-2914 or [Katie.Witts@gmail.com](mailto:Katie.Witts@gmail.com)**



### Fifth Sunday of Easter—Stewards Heed His Voice

*“Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth” 1st John 3: 18*



Do you “walk the talk?”. Does your Stewardship reflect what you say? Spend time every day in prayer, give some of your talent to help one of your parish's ministries and give some of your money to support the work of the Church.

# The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion (no 60)

Fr. Phillip M. Johnson

A series of reflections on professing, praying, and living the Faith of the Church.  
Previous articles in the series can be found on our parish website: [stthomasmorenj.org](http://stthomasmorenj.org)

## The Diaconate

As we pray every day for an increase in vocations to the holy ministry and the consecrated religious life, we should not forget to give joyful thanks for those who are answering the call. By the time you read this article, Bob Scarpa—so well known and well loved in our parish—will have been ordained to the diaconate by our Bishop (May 1). It's a good time to reflect upon the nature and dignity of the diaconate.

The diaconate was established by the apostles themselves in the earliest days of the Church. We read in the New Testament scriptures that, in order to assist the apostles in their ministry to the fast-growing Jerusalem church, they picked out “seven men full of the Spirit of wisdom”. St. Luke finds the moment important enough to record the names of the seven. “And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Phillip, and Prochaorus, and Nicanor and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicoaus. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them (see Acts 6:1-6).

Two of these deacons will show up at dramatic moments in St. Luke's narrative in the Acts of the Apostles. Stephen will soon become the first martyr of the Jerusalem church (Acts 6:54-60). Phillip will go far and wide preaching; he will teach and baptize a high ranking officer in the court of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who will take the Faith with him, establishing the Church in his own land (Acts 8:26-40).

In the Catholic and Orthodox Churches of the East, the diaconate has functioned continuously as a distinct order or ministry along with Bishop and Priest. In the West, in the ancient Roman Church, deacons also served as a distinct order. But over time in the West, the diaconate became a preparatory order to the priesthood, rather than a permanent order of ministry. It is still the case that those called to the order of the priesthood are first ordained to the diaconate. However, the Second Vatican Council revived and reestablished it as a permanent order of the holy ministry. So that now we distinguish between a “transitory” deacon (on the way to being ordained a priest) and a permanent deacon.

Married men may be called to the permanent diaconate. Generally, permanent deacons are not taught and formed in a Seminary. They are educated and trained by priests and lay theologians within the diocese under the supervision of the bishop. In the Diocese of Camden, candidates prepare over a period of four years. Most permanent deacons must continue to support themselves and their families. Different policies in different dioceses determine whether or not deacons are to wear clerical attire. Recently, in our diocese, the decision was made that ordained deacons (as members of the third order of the clergy) are to wear gray clerical shirts whenever they are actively involved in their ministry.

What is that ministry? Deacons may preach when so assigned by their priest or bishop. They conduct weddings and funerals (but not in the case of nuptial or funeral masses). They are authorized to baptize. But at the very heart of their liturgical ministry is the proclamation of the gospel and the assisting of the priest or bishop in the Eucharistic celebration, especially in the distribution of Holy Communion.

The word *deacon* is a transliteration of the Greek word *diakonos*. The word is translated as *servant* or *minister*. So it is that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches: “Deacons share in Christ's mission and grace in a special way. The sacrament of Holy Orders marks them with an *imprint* (“character”) which cannot be removed and which configures them to Christ, who made himself the 'deacon' or servant of all.”

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE for May 9/10, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	Carmen Rich	P. & N. Kirincic I. Rellosa	D. Miller	I. & C. Fulton
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Rob Rich	J. Singson, J. Kenney A. Pajic	J. Vecchiola	M. & G. Gray
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Choir/Mena Julie	J. Mazzagatti, P. Rossi M. Huynh	D. Mayfield	N. Samson A. & A. Cammisa
11:30 am	Msgr. Graham	Dolores Julie	G. Gadren, J. Kuchler H. Protzman	R. Ciccotta	J. & A. Zieba S. Russo

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.

Our **Annual May Procession and May Crowning of the statue of Mary** outside will take place on **Sunday, May 3, 2015 following the 10:00 am Mass. Our Parish Religious Education students with their families should be present for this devotional service.**

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

**Parish Religious Education Program registration forms for the 2015-2016 school year were mailed last week** to the homes of all current students. **Please complete and return them with appropriate fee as soon as possible, but no later than June 30th.** Additional forms for first grade students and students who will be new to the program are available in the Gathering Space.

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



Tom Henwood, Dick Haughwout, Mike Maggart, Dominic Gullo, Joe Mazzagatti, Gary Gadren, Henry Glover, and John Galati made their annual retreat at the Malvern Retreat House. Many of them have been attending these trips for many years. John Galati has been attending the for 48 years; some have just made their first retreat. If you see any of the guys in the picture ask about Malvern and their experience at the retreat.

### *STM YOUTH*

The Youth group will be helping the Women's Club with the Ice Cream Social on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm. Please let Katie know if you will be there.

#### 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 NOT get out of the way

#### Scripture

John 14:1-12: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

#### Symbol

Piece of a road map or a compass

#### Reflection

Where are you going? Sometimes we wish God would give us a road map and mark all the turns and detours. It isn't easy following Jesus, there are so many things that tempt us to follow dead end roads. Yet, we are not lost without a GPS system. Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

#### Your challenge this week

What do you need to change in your life to make way for Jesus? Make a sign that says, "Jesus is the Way," and hang it somewhere where you will see it every day.

#### Journal Questions

1. Where do you need direction in your life right now?
2. What are some of the roadblocks to following the ways of Jesus?

Katie Witts [youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org) or call 856-305-2914.



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...**



**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

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

**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

**MONDAY—MAY 4**

**6:45 am Louis and Gloria Levari** r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
**9:00 am Ann Morgan** r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

**TUESDAY—MAY 5**

**6:45 am Dave Rathamel**  
**9:00 am Donn & Rosalie Iezzi**  
 r/b Marian Kapischke

**WEDNESDAY - MAY 6**

**6:45 am Laura Samuels** r/b Dom & Marie  
**9:00 am Joseph, Sr. & Anna Kapischke**  
 r/b Marian Kapischke

**THURSDAY—MAY 7**

**6:45 am Theresa Wigand**  
**9:00 am Douglas Thomas** r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso  
**Fr. William Hart** r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso  
**Helen Lamarca** r/b Greta Tyrrell

**FRIDAY—MAY 8**

**6:45 am Lino Gomes**  
**9:00 am William Harley** r/b Marian Kapischke

**SATURDAY—MAY 9**

**9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish**  
**4:30 pm Bridie Sweeney** r/b John & Sheila Mohan

**SUNDAY—MAY 10**

**8:30 am Elizabeth & Buster Wilson & Madge DeMasi**  
 r/b Beverly & Vincent DeMasi  
**10:00 am Marie D'Ippolito** r/b Radziwill family  
**Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Dave & Lin Lyon  
**Helen Lamarca** r/b Gary Gadren  
**11:30 am Helen Bantivoglio** r/b children

**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.

**THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...**



SSgt Samuel Brough, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, 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.

*Thank you for your prayers: Captain Anthony DeMarco has returned home safely.*

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



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER– MAY 3, 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2015 - John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you... It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you... This I command you: love one another."

#### Commentary:

God's love for us is both free and costly! It is free in that God first loved and chose us; it is costly in that being loved requires us to "love one another as Christ has loved" us and to "lay down our life" for 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?



Abortion and euthanasia are commonplace because too many have done too little for too long. Nothing complicated, we've simply allowed the evil influences to inundate us and we do nothing. We allow our pro-abortion officials to remain in office and, in fact, may have voted for them, voting for our pocketbook instead of voting for life. May we all receive courage from God to change our hearts and work to end 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.sjescamden.org](http://www.sjescamden.org) or call/email Rich Kochanski at 856-966-8177; [rkochanski@sjescamden.org](mailto:rkochanski@sjescamden.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.**

**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\*\*

#### Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm Wednesday, May 6, 2015, St. Thomas More Hall

#### 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.

**Market Day: Order by May 10th; Pick up date May 21st 3-4pm.** Flyers are available in the Gathering Space of the Church. **Place your completed orders with check for payment in the box provided. Please: Checks only, made payable to 'Market Day'**

*Marianne Wilkins, coordinator, 428-4924*



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 this weekend.** 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