

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: 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

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



Women’s Club Year End Gala
6pm May 27th,

St. Thomas More Hall
Call Pat Lachnicht 856-581-4206 or
Bev DeMasi 856-795-7386

to reserve a spot and
volunteer a dish to share: appetizer or dessert!



In conjunction there will be a baby shower to benefit “Options.” Items needed: clothing size newborn to 12 months, diapers, crib sheets, receiving blankets, baby shampoo or lotion, sippy cups, bottles, pacifiers, chunky books. **All items will be packaged and given to new moms by Options!**



Parish Collection for May 17, 2015

\$6799.00 was given and 185 envelopes were used.

Online giving: \$892.00 from 8 families.

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

WALK WITH MARY

This Thursday May 28, 9:45-10:45.

All are welcome, we especially encourage Mothers to come with their young children. **ATTENTION MOMS!** If you have not been able to attend the Walk with Mary but are interested in doing things with other Mothers, Mom and young children or similar please email Ka-tie.witts@gmail.com Thank You



Pentecost Sunday—Stewards Contribute Giftedness



“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” 1st Corinthians 4-6

By giving each one of His **Stewards** different gifts, God made sure that the Church would have the right combination of time, talent and treasure that was needed to do His work. However, if one of us does not utilize our gifts, God’s plan goes unfulfilled. Some important work is left undone.

“The Wisdom Years—A Spirituality of Aging”
Wednesdays June 3 and June 10
7:00PM Parish Hall



In these presentations, we will be reflecting on the value and meaning of our later years as God's gift to us. Foundational to our discussion will be our faith in God and the wealth of living that each of us has accumulated over the years. We will take into account the challenges of our later years with regard to physical diminishment and loss.

Presenter: Sister Mary Anne Nolan, RSM

The presentation will be led by Sister Mary Anne Nolan, RSM. A Sister of Mercy for over fifty years, Sister has ministered to the spiritual needs of adults for more than twenty years. A spiritual director and professor at Gwynedd Mercy University, Sister is presently Co-Director of Mercy Spiritual Ministries, a mobile ministry engaging individuals and groups in prayer, reflection and ongoing spiritual development.

Call the Parish Office to Register: 856-424-3212

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for May 30/31, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	Jerry Julie	G. Tyrrell, I. Rellosa, D. Kreal	V. Marchesani	A., E., & W. Quay
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita Rich	B. Lento, B. Massey Sr. Rosaria	J. Vecchiola	M. & T. Dautle
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Alyssa Julie	P. Rossi, E. Beckman D. Staton	F. Eggles	L. & Z. Smith
11:30 am	Father Rossi	Alyssa Julie	H. Protzman, M. Gorin A. Thompson	R. Ciccotta	K. & K. Johnson

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 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

Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? This invitation is open to those who are not baptized as well as those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation. The RCIA process would prepare you for these sacraments.

Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 - ext. 104, to receive more information about the RCIA classes



Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so too does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship. Make a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend and watch your love for each other grow. The next weekend dates are **May 29-31 and July 31-Aug 2, 2015.** Call 609-742-4035 for information.

STM YOUTH



Remember those who served - All gave some, some gave all.

Memorial Day
Heavenly Father,
On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Looking for all Graduates! Please email Katie where you (or your child) are graduating from and your future plans. We would like to recognize and pray for you throughout June!



TEENS What are you doing this summer? Are you looking for service...let Katie know, she is planning a few service days for the summer!

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

Several parishioners have mentioned giving supplies to Fr.



George for his new parish and parishioners in Africa. As you can imagine, Fr. George is very pleased. **Please bring all donated supplies**— such as clothing, shoes/sandals and other items to the church **from Monday, May 18th—Friday, May 29th.**

For shipping concerns: NO donations will be accepted after May 29th.



Mass Intentions for the Week

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...



SATURDAY—MAY 23

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm John & Helen Bantivoglio r/b children

SUNDAY—MAY 24

8:30 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Red Hat Friends
10:00 am Philip Holleran r/b Bob & Jessica Lane
George & Josephine Gadren r/b son, Gary
Richard Falke
 r/b Mary Lou & Dudley Thomas
11:30 am Anna Wislocky r/b Wislocky family

MONDAY—MAY 25

9:00 am Our American Warriors r/b Teri Bones

TUESDAY—MAY 26

6:45 am Deceased veterans
9:00 am Mariano Castillo r/b Castillo family

WEDNESDAY - MAY 27

6:45 Mary M. McDermott
 r/b Sharon & Jack Weinberg
9:00 am intentions of Michael Kapischke
 r/b Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY—MAY 28

6:45 am Living and deceased members of the parish
9:00 am Joseph Sirna r/b Florianna Gilden
Msgr. Joseph G. Stoerlein
 r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
Helen Lamarca
 r/b Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gould

FRIDAY—MAY 29

6:45 am Elaine Kantner Weiss
 r/b Mokszycki family
9:00 am Bill Koelsch r/b Carol & Family

SATURDAY—MAY 30

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Jerry Lachnicht
 r/b Vince & Emilia Marchesani

SUNDAY—MAY 31

8:30 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Annette Thompson & family
10:00am Robert Emmitt Sweeney
 r/b Sheila & John Mohan
Bill Ellinger
 r/b wife, Lynn
Msgr. Joseph Stoerlein r/b Carol Koelsch
 r/b Judy Iacovelli & Henry Zappile
11:30 am Walt Poleshenski r/b Joseph J. Kuchler

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.

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 Kehr	John B. Kennedy
Peggy Kiefner	Stan Kochanek	Don Kreal
Julia Lepre	Mary Ellen Lepre	Leila Lore
Chase Lupica	Joan Maguire	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,
 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.

World Meeting of Families

Hymn

Sound the bell of holy freedom; call all nations of the earth.
 Sons and daughters of one Father, sent to spread God's saving
 Word.

Come, and gather, as one fam'ly at the table of the Lord.

David branch from root of Jesse, Mary that vine's flow'ring
 rose.

She brought forth for us the Savior as the angel did propose;
 Overshadowed by the Spirit, by her "yes" new life arose.

Blessed Joseph, spouse of Mary, teacher of your God and Lord,
 You did shelter and provide for wondrous child by kings adored.
 Open to God's Word in dreaming saved your child from Herod's
 sword.

Jesus, youth in low'ly Naz'reth, faithful son, and loving child,
 Guest and host at Cana's wedding, finest wine you did provide.
 You, our rock and you our shelter, keep us ever by your side.

At the cross a grieving mother, on the cross, her only son,
 With all mothers and their children, Blessed Mary, you are one.
 In our joys, and in our sorrows may we do as you have done.

Sound the bell of holy freedom; call all fam'lies of the world
 To be fed by love incarnate; to proclaim God's holy Word;
 Through the love of Christ our brother, in the Spirit make us one.

Text: Andrew D. Ciferni, O., Praem, b. 1942

Tune: PHILADELPHIA, 8 7 8 7 8 7:Normand Guin, b. 1970

PENTECOST SUNDAY– MAY 24, 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 Most Holy Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2015—Matthew 28: 16-20

“The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw Him, they worshipped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And, behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’”

Commentary:

We are called as Jesus' disciples to fulfill His mission— the mission of the Trinity— a mission of outreach (the Father), healing (the Son) and love (the Spirit). The mission we are on is not just the Church's mission, it's not even just Jesus' mission. We are acting as disciples of Jesus, but it is the mission of the Trinity.

Like the Father, we reveal God and God's love to others. We do that when we act like the Son. We reveal and promote the coming of the kingdom of God by healing the hurt and damage that we and others have done by thinking of ourselves first instead of others. We promote God's kingdom by acting in tune with the Spirit and being the loving bond for the world.

Questions for reflection and sharing:

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the reflection speaks to me?

All are Invited

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH MOVIE NIGHT And

A FAREWELL TO FR. GEORGE
Saturday, JUNE 6, 2015 AT 6:30 PM

This will be Father George's last weekend before he returns to GHANA

ALL ARE WELCOME TO GATHER WITH US
TO WISH FR. GEORGE FAREWELL WITH
FELLOWSHIP AND A MOVIE

RESTLESS HEART – THE CONFESSIONS OF ST AUGUSTINE

“We hope that many who watch this inspiring human drama will allow themselves to be found by the truth and in return also find love,” Pope Benedict XVI

MAN DOESN'T FIND THE TRUTH. MAN MUST LET THE TRUTH FIND HIM.

The acclaimed epic film on St. Augustine of Hippo filmed in Europe, uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what became Europe. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

Contact Marianne Gorin 856.346.1811

Joe Centonze 856.986.7990

Joecent4@gmail.com

Snacks welcomed



Please note:

On Memorial Day,
Monday, May 25th, Mass will be
celebrated at 9:00 am.

Come Dine for Dollars
In support of the
Knights of Columbus

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Place: Lamberti's Tutti
Toscani,



1491 Brace
Road,
Cherry Hill, 354-1157

Time: 4 - 10 p.m.

Reservations Requested. Please
mention this fundraiser when
booking.

Your Role in Supporting Us: Cut out and give
this ad to your server, when you pay for your meal.

Each member of your party must have their own.

Remember to bring this ad with you on May 26th!

When you do, Tutti Toscani will donate 20% of your bill to the Knights of Columbus.

This offer cannot be combined with any other offer. Must dine-in for organization to receive 20%.

An entrée must be purchased in order for the organization to receive 20%. An entrée includes only adult and child entrees. Valid only if bearer dines at Tutti Toscani on Brace Road on the date listed above.