

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
Career Ministry Lin Lyon 795-4396
Funsters (over 50 club) Committee 424-3212
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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 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

A Thank You from Father George:

Rev. Fr. Phillip M. Johnson, Pastor, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, with heartfelt gratitude, I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the Parishioners of St. Thomas More Church for your warm reception, hospitality and generosity.

Permit me to mention two or three names: Deacon Bob Scarpa who invited me to his diaconate ordination, Messrs. Joseph Centonze and Joseph Sklencar who paid for all my travel expenses. My Dad & Mom: Dick & Claire Spence (you are marvelous). How can I forget the members of my SCC who meet every Thursday?

When I came back to Cherry Hill, I felt at home. Thomas More has always been home away from home. I hold all of you tight in my heart and I will remember you all and your families in my prayers especially when I celebrate Mass. It has been a great joy to visit you.

Your contributions both in kind and cash will be a great support in my ministry back home. I will extend your regards to my people in Ghana.

Once again, I am very much grateful for everything. Thank you very much and may God bless all your endeavors abundantly.

Fr. George Donkor Tong

Parish Collection for May 31, 2015

\$ 7,701 was given and 178 envelopes were used.

Online giving: \$192.00 from 4 families.

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

FATHER'S DAY CARDS

Masses will be celebrated, in June, in the St. Thomas More chapel in honor of our fathers and grandfathers (living & deceased). Please return a Father's Day envelope that was sent along with your weekly collection envelopes if you'd like him remembered. Extra envelopes and Father's Day cards are available in the gathering space. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar in June.



Feast of Corpus Christi—Stewards Work on Earth



"...then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." Mark 14: 23

Jesus, the perfect **Steward**, gave thanks just before he gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know what drinking from His cup means for each of us. Often, it means our own sacrifice—giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do his **Stewardship** work on earth.

The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion (no. 63)

Fr. Phillip M. 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 Event of Forgiveness

I believe...in the forgiveness of sins (Apostles' Creed). To believe in the forgiveness of sins is to believe in a particular event. The event is described briefly earlier in the Creed, in the second part, which speaks about the coming of Jesus, and especially about his suffering, death, and resurrection. This is important to remember—that “forgiveness of sins” is not simply an idea; it is not simply a declaration that God is merciful. Forgiveness is a *happening*.

Events have a “when” and a “where”. If you ask, “when and where were my sins forgiven?” one way to answer rightly would be to say, “when Jesus was put to death on a cross, at a place called Golgotha, roughly 2000 years ago”. Because then and there something *happened* in the life of God and in the life of the world that had never happened before and will never happen again. This event is the forgiveness of sins. Of course, it is not exactly right to say that there was no forgiveness of sins before AD 33. But, according to the New Testament, all such forgiving looked forward to this one event. We might say that all the absolutions ever spoken and heard, from the beginning of the world, were “waiting” for it—as now every absolution looks back toward that sacrificial death (Hebrews 9:1—10:39).

“When and where were my sins forgiven?” It would also be right to answer, “when I was baptized.” Because baptism is nothing less than sharing, participating in, the death and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:1-5). Baptism is the completed event in your personal history that corresponds to the event of the Cross and Resurrection in the history of the world. In Holy Baptism, 33 AD becomes a date in *your* personal history. Or, let’s say it a different way. In your baptism, God made the death and resurrection of Jesus the determining event of your life and your destiny. Just so, *I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins* (Nicene Creed).

“When and where were my sins forgiven?” A third answer is, “the last time I received the Body and Blood of Christ at the Holy Eucharist”. Because Holy Communion is nothing less than the “real presence” of Christ’s broken body and shed blood “given up for you” and “poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins”. In the Holy Eucharist, our Lord extends the once-and-for-all event of his Cross to all “until he comes again”.

When and where were my sins forgiven? Again, you might answer, “last Saturday afternoon, when I sought out a priest, knelt down in holy sorrow, named my sins and heard God's Word of Absolution”. Because the spoken absolution is nothing less than that Word of God that cleansed you in baptism and now reconciles you to your baptismal identity and to that community gathered at the Holy Eucharist.

Why has our God made his saving forgiveness a happening in the world? Why has he offered it as an event in time and place? Because that’s where we sinners live. The event of our forgiveness is logged in the public record of the life of God’s people on earth, so that his love will be for us a shared *actuality*, the “real thing” that confronts and challenges us, changes us and frees us—and gathers us to love and serve and forgive in all the times and places of our life together. Baptism, The Holy Eucharist, Confession: think of them not so much as three different sacraments, but one sacramental outpouring of God's love flowing from the Cross of Christ.

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for JUNE 13/14 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Rossi	Dolores Rich	P. & N. Kirincic	J. Mohan	C. & I. Fulton
8:30 am	Father Rossi	Rob Rich	J. Singson, J. Kenney B. Massey	J. Vecchiola	A. Rzepski
10:00 am	Father Rossi	Jerry Rich	D. & ML Thomas D. Gould	F. Eggles	A. & I. Witting
11:30 am	Father Rossi	June Rich	G. Gadren, B. Haughwout M. Gorin	J. Kuchler	K. & K. Johnson

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Memorial Donations



Many of you have asked if there was a special memorial remembrance for Max Johnson, Father Johnson's father who recently died. Your generous donations will be accepted for an AMBRY in his honor. **The Ambry is a cabinet that visibly displays and holds the Holy Oils that are used during certain sacraments.**



“The Wisdom Years-The Spirituality of Aging” continues this Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm, St. Thomas More Hall.

Getting ready for Summer? Concerned about your regular Sunday donations to church?



St. Thomas More is pleased to offer “Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer”. To get started, log on to: <http://www.stthomasmore.org/>, click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

One less thing to remember while you prepare for vacation .

STM YOUTH

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!



LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS?



Will you need Service hours next year? Planning Meeting this Sunday, June 7th following the 10am mass.

Help Katie plan Service Activities and other events for the 2015-2016 year.

Parents and Teens are ENCOURAGED to attend! Snacks and Drinks will be served! Please RSVP to Katie

Planning Meeting Sunday, June 7th following the 10am mass.

Please RSVP to Katie

Questions about Youth Group please email or call Katie youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org or 856-305-2914

From *Options for Women* to the St. Thomas More Women's Club:



We thank you for the Baby Shower held in conjunction with your End of Year Gala.

The lovely donations of gifts and supplies so thoughtfully given will be much appreciated by the women we serve and their babies! Once again, Thank You!



June 7, 2015



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—JUNE 6

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Joseph & Elizabeth Kahriger
r/b Tom & Sheila Kahriger

SUNDAY—JUNE 7

8:30 am Almeda Culhane r/b Lachnicht family
10:00 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Pat Shelfer
John Nicklous r/b Nicklous family
George Czuzak, Jr. r/b Neale family

11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY—JUNE 8

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE
9:00 am Douglas Thomas r/b Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY—JUNE 9

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE
9:00 am Helen Lamarca r/b Florianna Gilden

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 10

6:45 intentions of Sr. M. Jolanda Odron, LSIC
r/b Franciscan Sisters
9:00 am Natalie & Reggie Kramer
r/b Boyle-Kramer family

THURSDAY—JUNE 11

6:45 am Max Johnson r/b Dom & Marie
9:00 am Patrick Tracy, Anthony Pinto
& Nicholas Tortu r/b Jean Pinto

FRIDAY—JUNE 12

6:45 am Joanne Gadren r/b husband, Gary
9:00 am John Curry r/b Carol Koelsch

SATURDAY—JUNE 13

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm John Curry r/b Kathleen, Heidi & Michele

SUNDAY—JUNE 14

8:30 am Jerry Lachnicht
r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
10:00am Paul Zetts r/b Bob & Jessica Lane
Richard Kolecki r/b Phyllis & family
Helen Lamarca
r/b Ladies of the Round Table
11:30 am Maryann Bartolozzi r/b Karen Albanese



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
John Kehr

Papal Intentions for the month of June:

That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Pat Beaney Anna Bedrick
Francesca Capra Frank Cappetta
Elva Clark Frank Colbert
Joseph Console Marie Corcoran
Mary Cowan Margaret Crawford
Bryan Dietrich Pasquale DiFronzo
Santino Fiorelli George Gadre
Sue Hagan Thomas Houston
Michael Kapischke John Kehr
Peggy Kiefner Stan Kochanek
Julia Lepre Mary Ellen Lepre
Chase Lupica Joan Maguire
Wayne Mauri, Sr. Jerry McMenamin
Mena Ravena Ed Rivero
Barbara Salpas Carlos Santiago
Teddy Shaffer Frank Sines
Michael Suralik Pat Suralik
Ted Uhlman Ann Vigrass



Pat Brink
Sean Colbert
Geraldyn Coticone
Vince DeMasi
Angelo Di Giacomo
Harry Gindele
Helen Kane
John B. Kennedy
Don Kreal
Leila Lore
Marie Manalo
Nick Mitidieri
Pauline Rosberg
Yun Yun Shen
Maria Storms
George Sweeten
Ron Massey



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, and
Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa.

World Meeting of Families -Saints for the Family St. Anne- Patron Saint of Grandmothers



Saint Anne was born of the House of David, and was the mother of the Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus Christ.

Anne was married to Joachim, and after twenty years of marriage they had not yet conceived a child. Saint Anne spent years in prayer, asking for the gift of a child. Her husband joined her in these prayers,

especially since the Jewish community looked on infertility as a sign that God disfavored them. They endured many years of heartbreak and community disapproval.

Both Saint Anne and her husband Saint Joachim were visited by the angel Gabriel, who informed them that they would have a special child, a child who would be remembered until the end of time.

Prayer

We call upon you, dear Saint Anne, for help in bringing up our family in good and godly ways. Teach us to trust God our Father as we rear the precious heritage entrusted to us. May His will prevail in our lives and His providence defend us. These blessings we ask for all families in our neighborhood, our country, and our world. **Amen.**

For more information on activities concerning the World Meeting of Families, check out the link on the St. Thomas More webpage: stthomamorenj.org

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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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 14, 2015 - Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. When the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come. He also said, 'The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which when sown upon the ground is the smallest of all seeds on the earth; yet when it grows becomes the greatest of all shrubs'. With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

Commentary:

Today's parable speaks about the seed growing on its own. It has the power. The planted does not know how or notice the growth beneath the soil. He can be anxious or fret, but it is not his power that makes the seed grow. The parable of the mustard seed speaks about the very small beginnings of God's Kingdom. God's Kingdom grows from those who heed his words. Those who are willing to follow the Lord and listen to his teachings will come to understand the truth of the Kingdom.

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?



Pro-Life Corner: Because abortion has been decriminalized, many women go blindly through the process believing that if the government says it's legal, it must be OK. Countless women who have had abortions are shocked at the realities of the experience, both physically and mentally.

Abortion always leaves a dead baby and a wounded mother.
Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130



The **Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council** extends our **heartfelt gratitude to our parish friends and council members for supporting our recent Dining for Dollars night at the Tutti Toscana Restaurant in Cherry Hill.** We had a great turnout,

the food was superb, everyone enjoyed the evening and your generous support helps us to maintain our charitable works such as supporting seminarians and helping to feed the poor.
David Galloway— Grand Knight
Joseph Centonze— Events Coordinator



St. Thomas More Saint Vincent de Paul Society: Next weekend, The Society will be **accepting your donations of food and funds to purchase food** after all Masses. Together we can bring peace to those who are hungry. Thank you.

Project Rachel Post Abortion Hotline— Toll Free 866-4-RACHEL (866-472-2435)

Are you experiencing feelings of sadness, guilt, anxiety from an abortion? *Healing is possible—Help is available*
Confidential Reconciliation and healing with a trained priest.
Confidential counseling with a licensed counselor/social worker. Support groups available.



Congratulations to Jeffrey Zuidema and Jonathan Fredericks who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on Sunday, May 31st.

Pictured with them are their sponsors Ruth Grugan and

Second Collection next weekend: Brazilian Missions

For over 50 years, the Diocese of Camden has committed itself to the support of mission dioceses in Brazil including the support of our missionary priests & their parishes, schools & seminaries, parish programs & community centers. Your generosity will help sustain this vital mission work.

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Youth and Family Services and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call
1-800-964-6588