

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: 7:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm
or any time by appointment

Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Morgan, Pastor
Rev. George Donkor Tang, In Residence
Rev. Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
Sr. Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Deacon John Harrington
Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader
Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership			Worship		
Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren	424-3212	Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212	Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Christian Life/Education			Ch. Art Environment	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Bereavement	Sheila Mohan	795-6137	Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Friday Adoration	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053	Lectors	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212	Linen Committee	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217	Sacristans	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Knights of Columbus	Dick Haughwout	429-8598	Ushers	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160	Music Ministry	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart	429-6948		Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Pastoral Counselor	Claire Spence	428-8325		Roger Pisani, Director	609-702-7858
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137		Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130		Len Kolojechick	346-4078
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212	Social Development	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461
	Jim Vecchiola	424-9555	Bridge Groups		
Rosary Ministry	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053		Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	424-4759	Funsters (over 50 club)	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Spiritual Direction	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212	Men's Association	Bob Lento	424-4759
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073	Parish Festival	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Denise Radziwill	424-0494	Women's Club	Committee	424-3212
				Eileen Withers	751-6838

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.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office if you or a family member will be admitted to the hospital. Anointing of the sick is available for those who are confined to home for a period of time. For emergencies, please call the parish office any time.

BAPTISM

Arrangements for Baptism can be made in advance by calling the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a class in preparation for this Sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry must attend a marriage preparation program offered by the diocese. One-year notification of the marriage date is recommended.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of instruction for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments. For more information please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Jim Vecchiola

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.

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.

PARISH MISSION

**Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, March 27-29
7:30 p.m.**

A Parish Mission is a time of spiritual renewal for each individual and the parish as a whole. Please plan on joining us. Father Dennis O'Donnell (former director of Malvern Retreat House) will direct the mission with the theme "Put on the Attitude of Christ".

**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
2011 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Daily Mass

6:45 and 9 a.m. in the Chapel

Novena of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesday after 9 a.m. Mass

Rosary

Tuesday mornings after the Novena

Wednesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Saturdays after 9 a.m. Mass

St. Thomas More Guided Imagery Meditation

Thursday mornings after 9 a.m. Mass in Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. until 12 Noon

St. Thomas More Small Christian Communities

14 Groups meeting for the Six Weeks of Lent

St. Thomas More Parish MISSION

Sunday through Tuesday, March 27-29

Diocesan Pilgrimage Day - March 28

Intergenerational Friday Lenten FISH FRY

April 1, 6-8:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Living Stations - Tues., April 5, 7:30 p.m.

Progressive Dinner

April 10, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Regional Penance Service

April 11, 7:30 p.m.

At Christ Our Light Parish - St. Peter Celestine Church



**March 6, 2011 collection
\$11,367.50 - 259 Envelopes**

**Last week's collection — March 13, 2011
\$9,548.50 - 247 Envelopes**

May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.

St. Thomas More LENTEN



FRIDAY, APRIL 1st
6 - 8:30 p.m.

fish & Chips provided by:



Dublin Square Irish Pub

Pre-Sale Tickets

available after all Masses
(Until Sunday, March 27)

**\$9 Adults, \$4 Kids ages 4-11
Kids 3 & Under Free**

Tickets on April 1.....\$10 Adults, \$5 Kids

Questions??? email stthomasmoreff@gmail.com

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for March 26 and 27, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	L/J Kolojechick Sagedys	J Andraka, J DeMichele J/L Duffy	D Miller	P/S Wachman
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisanl R Pisanl	J Kenney, J Neff B Scarpa, G Tyrrell	J Kenney	J Cole J Pol
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisanl R Pisanl	G Gadren, D Gould D/ML Thomas	V Marchesani	A/E/Ma Quay
11:30 a.m.	Father O'Donnell	Children's Choir J Garafano A Rivero	B/AM Lento I Rellosa, D Staton	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta

Women's Club News

- **General Meeting:** Wed., March 23, 7:30 p.m. — Lenten Speaker: Joan Sandell
- **Women's Day of Reflection:** 'Awakening the Spirit Within' **SAVE THE DATE: Thurs., May 12**

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

"ACTS OF SACRIFICE" for Lent

In the Gathering Space is a Large Cross draped with a purple shroud. We invite all parishioners to write an "Act of Sacrifice" they are performing for Lent on one of the small white crosses in the gathering space. Then place the cross in the box provided as a sign of your commitment. These crosses will be placed on the shroud during Lent, and will be burned in the lighting of the East fire at the Easter Vigil. May our personal sacrifices be a concrete sign of our love for Christ, and may they enhance our spiritual preparation during this Holy Season.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students Jr. – 6th through 8th grades
Upcoming Event(s):

- **Youth gathering:** Monday, 3/21 at St. Mary's Parish Hall (Rm. 102) 6:30-8 p.m., A welcoming atmosphere for teens. Open to 7th-12th graders.
- **April 1st (Fri.) - Fish Fry Dinner, 6-8:30 p.m.** Youth help will be needed. More details to follow. **Don't just give up something for Lent: DO something good for Lent!**

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The sixth Confirmation II class will be held next Sunday, March 27, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 Mass prior to class.

Pat Maggart, CRE, 424-3212 - ext. 106

AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Help Earn Money *EFFORTLESSLY*

Don't forget about this program:

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to Saint Thomas More Parish based on the average balance in all members' accounts: checking, savings, money market, CD & IRA accounts are all included.

Members' accounts are not affected in any way by this contribution. Your account balances are used to determine the level of contribution and are KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

Please act now — Visit any TD Bank to enroll and have your balances included as part of Saint Thomas More's Affinity Membership Program.

If you have any questions, call George Sierra, TD Bank Manager at 428-8545.

Stewardship Reflection

Title: Grateful Stewards

In today's Gospel we see Jesus take Peter, James and John to a mountaintop and reveal to them His divine glory. Peter responded enthusiastically, "Lord, it is good that we are here." Do we feel the same way each week when we come to Mass? Are we in awe of the wonder of our God?

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - MARCH 19

9:00 am Karen Marie Bowning r/b Mom
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family

SUNDAY - MARCH 20

8:30 am Maureen Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan
10:00 am Special Intentions of Leona Novak r/b
Cindy & Family
Margaret Evans r/b Mrs. Mary Finn
Jack Garrity, Jr. r/b Ray & Gloria Desrochers
Mary Madonna r/b Jim & Tina Ruocchio
11:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

MONDAY - MARCH 21

6:45 am Connie Petrilli r/b Greta Tyrrell
9:00 am Martin Gestautas r/b Chuck & Marian
Kapischke

TUESDAY - MARCH 22

6:45 am James McGuire r/b Dom Sacca
9:00 am Monica Maher r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 23

6:45 am Angela, Emma & Guido Camillotti r/b
Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Monica Maher r/b Ann Marie & Bob Lento

THURSDAY - MARCH 24

6:45 am Special Intention of Tillie Sacca
9:00 am Mary Menna r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
Jose Padolina II r/b Joselisa Padolina
Anne Lento r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento
Estelle Carignan r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

FRIDAY - MARCH 25

6:45 am Special Intention of Sr. Mary Nowicka
9:00 am Bill Wislocky r/b Ken & Kim Wislocky

SATURDAY - MARCH 26

9:00 am Fedora DeJuliis r/b daughter, Floriann
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Special Intention of Susan Novotny
Tyrrell r/b Greta Tyrrell

SUNDAY - MARCH 27

8:30 am Mary Menna r/b John & Sheila Mohan
10:00 am Dr. Sam Cuccinotta r/b Pottackal Family
Patricia Esborg r/b Dudley & Mary Lou
Thomas
Estelle Carignan r/b Kay Turiano
11:30 am Margaret O'Leary r/b the Levin Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... Philomena DiFronzo.
THE SICK...**

Devon Sheehan Helen Copperthwaite
Denise Daniels Bob & Claire Boylan
George Sweeten Andrea Buonincontro
Maria Storms Frank Cappetta
Leona Novak Joseph Console
Ruth Suita Michael Kapischke
Ron Massey Betty O'Donnell
Marie Cain Marie Mazzagatti
Frank Colbert Stanley Kochanek
Mary Cowan Pauline Rosberg
Yolanda Burke William Mitchell
Jean Colbert Geralyn Coticone
Mary Flacco Jerry McMenamin
Mary Beuhler Chris Kolodzey
Charlie Kelton Marie DiFrank
Carlos Santiago Joe Pottackal, Sr.
Ralph Stilley Theresa Carrozza
Robert Geisel Pasquale DiFronzo
Chase Lupica



Harry Watson
Danny Perla
Anna McMullen
Olga Mignone
Joanne James
JoAnn Gadren
Gloria Daniels
Dorothy Brink
Alfred DiFrank
Don Kreal
Ed Rivero
Marie Read
Catherine Zee

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lt. Col. Carl Agar,
Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard
P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti,
Sr. Airman Alyssa Cosentino, Staff Sergeant
Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. De-
Marco, A1C John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi,
CDR Katherine (Tobin) McCabe, PFC Sonny Morrison,
Major Ryan Orfe, Major Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero,
Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Mi-
chael Willingmyre.



**Today, the various forms of the ero-
sion of marriage, such as free unions
and "trial marriage", and even pseudo
-marriages between people of the
same sex, are instead an expression
of anarchic freedom that are wrongly
made to pass as true human liberation. This
pseudo-freedom is based on a trivialization of
the body, which inevitably entails the trivializa-
tion of the person.**

Pope Benedict XVI,
Ecclesial Diocesan Convention of Rome, 6/6/2005
Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary
statue have been placed there, this week-
end, in loving memory of Fran Boesch,
requested by her husband, Jack.



Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

(For use in homes as well as in small groups)

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for the proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday.

Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent, March 27, 2011 - John 4:5-42

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."... The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him... Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done."

Commentary:

What do you do when you come face to face with the realization of your best hopes and desires? When you meet the person who really loves you? When you encounter the community where you're finally understood? When you find the work that fulfills you? When you enter the place you can, at last, call home? The moment when dreams come true sometimes feels light-years away from our reality. That's for fairytales and movies, we sigh. That's pie in the sky for when we die. But those who have encountered the living Christ, as the Samaritan woman did that day at the well, know that the ultimate dream of human fulfillment is not a fairytale. The Messiah lives! The one we seek is speaking to us. Imagine the joy and amazement of that much-married and much-disappointed woman, to meet the man of her dreams in an "enemy" Jew at the well! Astonishment made her forget her errand. Ecstasy made her leave her shame with her bucket as she ran back to town to share the wonderful news! After Mary, the Mother of Jesus, this Samaritan woman is portrayed as the first woman to urge people to come to Jesus.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. Share something from the reading or the commentary that spoke to you.
2. Where, in your life, do you encounter the living Christ?
3. What do you learn about the qualities of Jesus in this Gospel? How do you feel about this?
4. What can you learn from the openness of the Samaritan woman that is necessary for your growth as a person and a Christian?

Ronald McDonald House
of Southern New Jersey



Last Saturday members of the Women's Club, Youth Group and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul volunteered to make and serve breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House in Camden. Residents received a warm greeting and hot breakfast. We were reminded of our many blessings as we



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass



If in this calendar year (1-1-11 thru 12-31-11) you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more than 50 years of marriage, please join us in celebrating on Sunday, **April 3, 2011, at 3:00 Mass** (light reception following) at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish, Maris Stella Church, 5012 Dune Dr., Avalon, NJ 08202-1333. Please call 856-583-6132 for further information. **Registration forms are available in the parish office, return form by 3/25/11 as instructed.**

House of Charity, Bishop's Annual Appeal *Changing Hearts*

Thank you to those who have pledged toward our parish goal of \$110,000.00. Pledge cards are available in the gathering space-please mail in or drop off at the parish office. Pg. 6 - 632