

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.

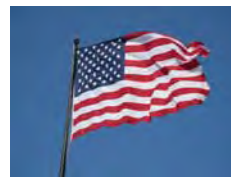
BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

Happy Birthday U. S. A.!



**On this Fourth of July, 2015
We pray for Our Country:**

We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our constitutional rights.

We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our Religious liberties.

We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our Freedom of conscience.

We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our Catholic Christian values.

We pray that the leaders of our country will understand that marriage involves one male and one female person.

This is God’s definition of marriage that has prevailed for thousands of years in both highly civilized and primitive cultures.



Parish Collection for June 21, 2015
\$8,389.00 was given and 170 envelopes were used.

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

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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Stewards Seek Equality



“...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, so that there may be equality” 2nd Corinthians 8:14

Not only are we responsible for our own lives, but we are responsible for the lives of those around us. Not only is it important that we grow, nurture and share our gifts, but we should teach our children **Stewardship** and encourage others to do the same.

The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion (no. 64)

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*

Death The Enemy, Death the Friend

My father, Max L. Johnson, died last month in Cookville Tennessee, on May 26. In the days immediately before his death and after his funeral, although I was some eight hundred miles southwest of Cherry Hill, I was vividly aware that the people of my parish were nearby me and my family in prayer, sharing in our grief, and joyful with us in the Hope of Life Eternal. When Janet and I returned, your expressions of sympathy were visible in the large stack of mass intention cards on the rectory living room table. During my ten days away on retreat the stack swelled and continues to swell. Our personal acknowledgements of such kindness are finally on the way. But we want to express publicly our deep gratitude for all your words and gestures of Christian charity that have comforted and strengthened us.

My father was a Protestant minister. At age 89 he was still active at the College Side Church of Christ in Cookville. Six months ago he asked that I preach at his funeral. Even if his son's having become a Catholic Priest had most certainly never been a part of his life-plan (!) this request did not come as a complete surprise. Tensions had long since subsided. There was, I believe, not only acceptance but hints and signs of understanding. There were no loose ends left untied between father and son. Here below, I will share with you a few fragments of the Funeral Homily.

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. . . . We are troubled by death, because the loss prophesies our own death to come. As we bury a mother or a father, the distance between us and the grave is shortened. The path we walk seems to tilt ever more steeply toward the grave. . . .

. . . . Death troubles us, and it ought to trouble us. Because we were not made for death; we are made for life! Death is ever a stranger to us. "God did not create death" says the book of Wisdom. Death is the enemy, says the Apostle Paul (1.Cor. 15:26). . . . We meet death as the enemy. But Jesus has taught us to love the enemy (Matt. 5:44), to return good for evil and so (as the Apostle Paul wrote) to heap coals of fire upon the enemy's head (Rom. 12: 20). And as death strikes us on one cheek, we turn the other cheek, as our Lord commanded (Matt. 5:39).

. . . . Death troubles us, because we do not know the way beyond death. Our imaginations fail us as we try to envision what our brother Max is now experiencing. "As it is written: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has the human heart conceived, what God has ready for those who love him" (1 Cor. 2:9. c.f. Isa 64:4). And so we cry out as St. Thomas cried out to Jesus: "Lord, we do not know the way" (John 14:5-6). In response to our cry, Jesus does not sit us down and set us straight about the after-life. He says rather: "I am the way, the truth, and the Life." (John 14:6). Is this not all we need to know for the time being—that Jesus is the *way* to heaven, the *truth* of heaven, the *life* of heaven? Jesus is our heaven. And if Jesus were not there, heaven would not be heaven?

. . . . A final memory: we must not fail to cling to it (even if none of us here witnessed it): An August evening. Max was nine years old. The Station Camp Creek ran nearby the country church outside Gallitan, Tennessee. There, confessing his faith in Jesus Christ, Max Lafayette Johnson was led down into the water and baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Baptized *into* Christ—joined body, soul, and spirit to his Lord and Savior—Who has always known him as we never could know him, who loved him as we could not love him, who saves him as we certainly cannot. Let us remember Max as Baptized. Let us commend him to Jesus, who is our heaven.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for JULY 5/6, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Fritz	Mena Julie	P. & N. Kirincic I. Rellosa	T. Andraka	I. & C. Fulton
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita Rich	J. Singson, J. Kenney, B. Lento	M. Maggart	M. & G. Gray
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Celine Julie	J. Mazzagatti, P. Rossi M. Huynh	F. Eggles	A. & A. Cammissa
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Celine Julie	G. Gadren, M. Ciccotta H. Protzman	R. Ciccotta	A. & J. Zieba

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

Book Drive

Purpose:

Book drive sponsored by students at St. Joseph's Prep high school located in Philadelphia. Books will be collected for underprivileged children and for schools in need in the Philadelphia area.

What To Do:

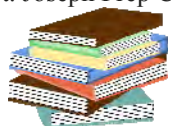
Please bring in as many new or gently used books as possible, ranging from **grades K-7 only.**

Please drop off books in the Gathering space at St. Thomas More from July 5th—12th..



Thank you for your help,
Michael Ciccotta,

St. Joseph Prep Class of 2016 and
parishioner of St. Thomas More Parish
If you have any questions,
call 856-489-6355 or 856-278-6790.



STM YOUTH

What is Youth Group?

STM Youth Group encourages teens to get involved in parish life and empowers teens to build their relationship with Jesus by taking part in service, social and spiritual activities at St. Thomas More, the diocese and the community.



Beginning in September the STM High School Youth Group will meet 2 Sundays a month at 7pm, Please let Katie know if you are interested in participating!

Email Katie @ YouthGroup@stthomasmorenj.org for questions and to receive email updates on additional Service, social and spiritual Events for Youth in 5th-12th grade.

Questions about Youth Group please email or call Katie

youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org or 856-305-2914.

Please remember your Soap for Hope donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) **and place in the basket in the gathering space.**

Thank you.
St. Vincent de Paul Society





Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—JUNE 27

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Rose & Patrick McMenamin & Gloria DeTato r/b family

SUNDAY—JUNE 28

8:30 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Teri Bones
10:00am Dudley Cannon r/b Marianne Wilkins
 Bernie Leber r/b wife, Mildred
 Max Johnson r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
11:30 am Anthony Centonze r/b son, Joe

MONDAY—JUNE 29

6:45 am John Kehr r/b Bill & Jennie Pittman
9:00 am Max Johnson r/b Sheila Moore

TUESDAY—JUNE 30

6:45 am Ellen Pilipchuk & Jane Tolla r/b Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Max Johnson r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

WEDNESDAY - JULY 1

6:45 special intentions
9:00 am Tom Gain r/b Sheila Moore

THURSDAY—JULY 2

6:45 am Meghan E. McGeady r/b McGeady family
9:00 am Max Johnson r/b Thursday Morning SCC

FRIDAY—JULY 3

9:00 am Max Johnson r/b David & Eleanor Mayfield
****Please note that on July 3rd we will be celebrating only the 9:00 am Mass.****

SATURDAY—JULY 4

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
 Our Founding Fathers r/b Teri Bones
4:30 pm Charles & Pat Brady r/b Nieces & Nephews

SUNDAY—JULY 5

8:30 am Jerry Lachnicht r/b Joan Maguire
10:00 am Joseph Mazzagatti r/b Gullo family
 Dudley Cannon.r/b Kathy & Henry Glover
 Gerald Garrity r/b Sheila & John Mohan
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

Papal Intentions for the month of July:

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.



Going on vacation? Need to find a church?

For nationwide Mass times and locations: Go to: www.masstimes.org

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



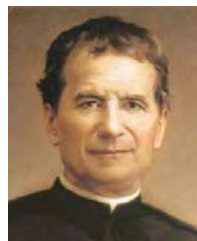
THE SICK...

Pat Beaney	Anna Bedrick	Pat Brink
Francesca Capra	Frank Cappetta	Sean Colbert
Elva Clark	Frank Colbert	Geralyn Coticone
Joseph Console	Marie Corcoran	Vince DeMasi
Mary Cowan	Margaret Crawford	Angelo Di Giacomo
Bryan Dietrich	Pasquale DiFronzo	Harry Gindele
Santino Fiorelli	George Gadren	Helen Kane
Sue Hagan	Thomas Houston	John B. Kennedy
Michael Kapischke	John Kehr	Don Kreal
Peggy Kiefner	Stan Kochanek	Leila Lore
Julia Lepre	Mary Ellen Lepre	Marie Manalo
Chase Lupica	Joan Maguire	Jerry McMenamin
Ron Massey	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Ed Rivero
Nick Mitidieri	Mena Ravena	Carlos Santiago
Pauline Rosberg	Barbara Salpas	Frank Sines
Yun Yun Shen	Teddy Shaffer	Michael Suralik
Maria Storms	Samuel Stafford	Ted Uhlman
Pat Suralik	George Sweeten	
	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, and Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa.



World Meeting of Families -Saints for the Family

Saint John Bosco— Patron Saint of Youth

Saint John Bosco was an Italian Roman Catholic priest of the Latin Church, educator and writer of the 19th century.

Born on August 16, 1815 in Becchi, Italy, he had two older brothers, Antonio and Giuseppe. When he was two years old, his

father Francesco died, leaving the three boys to his mother, Margherita. She played a strong role in Bosco's formation, and was an early supporter of her son's values.

While working in Turin, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He chose as his life's mission: "Da mihi animas cetera tolle" ("Give me souls, take all the rest" Gen. 14: 21). He began his apostolate among poor young people with the founding of the Oratory, which he placed under the patronage of Saint Francis of Sales. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System.

Bosco established the Salesian order, as well as a network of organizations and centers to carry on his work. Following his beatification in 1929, Pope Pius XI canonized him in 1934.

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 28, 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 the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 5, 2015 - Mark 6:1-6a

Jesus came to his native place. When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this?...Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary...And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there...He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Commentary:

Standing in the tradition of the great prophets of old, Jesus announces God's word. In his hometown Jesus confronts the scandal, rejection, and lack of faith on the part of those who presume to know him. Nevertheless, whether heeded or resisted, Jesus will remain faithful to his mission.

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: A generous society values all human life. A merciful society seeks to expand legal



protection to every life, including early life. And a compassionate society will defend a simple, moral proposition: life should never be used as a tool or a means to an end. ...We are a society with enough

compassion and wealth and love to care for both mothers and their children, and to seek the promise and potential of every single life.

—President George W. Bush, Message to March for Life, 1/23/02

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

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 for more information.

What does the Women's Club do?

Social Events Spiritual Service

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Communion Breakfasts, Provides Social Ministry, Bridge Group, Prepares Breakfast @ Ronald McDonald House, Courtyard Rosary, Brunches, Progressive Dinners, Monthly Social Meetings, Pot Luck Suppers, Book Group, Supports Options Pregnancy Center, Lenten Speakers, Supports Church Environment Enhancement, Women's Spiritual Day, Parish Holiday Programs.

ALL women of the parish are invited to become members and share your ideas!

Join us for one of our meetings. There are monthly meetings in the St. Thomas More Hall—Be sure to check the church bulletin for dates, times and updates. (Join us for fellowship, refreshments and door prizes, too!)

Barbara Cerquitella—795-7323

Lorraine Kennedy-489-0031

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. It gives you the chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend & 6 sessions that follow it. The next program is Aug. 7th –9th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for the upcoming weekend visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.