

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
Deacon Michael Scott
Sister Bozena, LSIC, Religious Education Coordinator
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Kathleen Witts, Youth Coordinator
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees
John Mohan 424-3212
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Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Knights of Columbus David Galloway 770-1270
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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
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Church Environment Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Antonina Nicdao 751-6320
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Dom Sacca 424-3212
Pat Maggart 428-2412
Greta Tyrrell 309-1999
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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

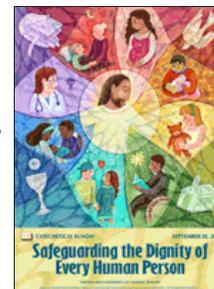
Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

Planning Ahead
St. Thomas More Parish Picnic
Catechetical Sunday
“Safeguarding the dignity of every human person”
September 20, 2015



“Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer”.

It’s Simple: Log on to the Saint Thomas More website (<http://www.stthomasmorenj.org>) & click on the Parish Giving Logo & follow easy registration instructions.

It’s Secure: Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available.

It’s Convenient: No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine. Flexible scheduling for recurring contributions.



Parish Collection for July 5, 2015
\$11,976.00 was given and 161 envelopes were used. On-line giving was \$550 from 9 families

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

Natural Family Planning 3 class course

Some of the benefits of Natural Family Planning: Couples teach couples—a living witness to NFP as a part of the lifelong vocation of marriage;

Approved by the Catholic Bishops under the new Natural Family Planning standards;

Consistent curriculum that is regularly updated and effective;

Three ways to learn NFP: Live classes, Virtual online classes; home study courses in both English and Spanish;

A year’s subscription to Family foundations magazine included for ongoing support for marriage, family and living with NFP.

For more information go to: sj.nfp@comcast.net

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Stewardship Freedom



“...He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” Mark 6:8

How different we are from the Apostles, who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, as **Stewards**, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.



The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 65)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

A series of reflections about professing, praying, thinking, and living the Faith of the Church

Praying Every Day: The Habit of Love

Many Christians, many Catholics, want to pray more—more often, more regularly, more fervently. They sense that there is an experience of prayer that they are missing. But when they pray, the heart is dry, the mind is distracted, the will is weak. If this describes you, give thanks to God and pray that he will intensify this sense of failure! This place of defeat and disappointment is a blessed starting point. The closest disciples of Jesus (who were, after all, devout Jews who had been praying their whole lives), asked Jesus: “Teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). And St. Paul wrote: “We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words” (Rom 8:26). Part of the meaning of those mysterious words is that your desire to pray is itself already a prayer, and God is already listening.

But we must also set out to learn to discipline our lives for prayer, to seek help from the wealth of the Catholic tradition concerning the “practice” of prayer. My thoughts about how to do that reflect my own struggles with prayer.

“Pray Without Ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17) . . .

The saints and spiritual teachers have meditated much on this injunction of St. Paul that we should pray unceasingly. The most common interpretation is that our hours and days should be constantly punctuated by brief inner cries or exclamations or thanksgivings to God. In this “practice of the presence of God” (Brother Lawrence), all our thoughts and actions, our joys and sorrows, become moments of communion with God. This is the way of prayer described by St. Therese of Lisieux in her autobiography: “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and love, embracing both trial and joy.”

Prayer “Hours” – Saying Our Prayers . . .

This constant “surge” toward God is foundational to prayer, but it is also necessary to sanctify our time, establishing a regular discipline of prayer—just as we establish times to eat, times to wake up, to go to work or school. It is important not to be too ambitious; the “hour” of prayer may sometimes be only a twenty minute span. But you will have to be a little hard on yourself, asking the uncomfortable question: what must change in my daily routine in order to make room for prayer? It may mean rising earlier; it may mean skipping that shopping trip; it may require shutting off the t.v. or computer in time to pray before going to bed.

In the ceaseless, moment-by-moment turning to God, prayer is fed by desire and emotion. But “saying my prayers” is first of all an *act of obedience*. Don't expect “holy feelings” to always attend your prayer. The new obedience is an acknowledgement, inscribed in the new ordering of your life, that you have been called by your baptism to pray, to seek communion with God through your own most personal initiative. And we must be patient, as obedience becomes a holy habit of love—love of God and toward those for whom you pray. But what do I actually do and say during the designated time of prayer? That will be the question for my next reflection.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for JULY 18/19, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Jerry Julie	T. Petrons, Sr. Sophia R. Crawford	T. Andraka	D. Ha
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Alyssa Rich	J. & L. Duffy A. Pajic	J. Vecchiola	J. & A. Zieba
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Mena Julie	K. Glover, J. Singson M. Santiago	F. Eggles	A. & A. Cammissa T. Kenny
11:30 am	Father Smith	Dolores Julie	M. Ciccotta, M. Garber, H. Protzman	R. Ciccotta	G. & M. Gray

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for our 2015-2016 Religious Education Program concluded on June 30. Reminder letters and registration forms have been mailed to the homes of those students who have not re-registered to date. **Registration of first grade students, as well as students who are new to our parish, will continue throughout the summer.** If your child has not been registered, please do so immediately. Registration forms are available in the gathering space.

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

Remember Me—A Tribute Concert Donation \$30

St. Andrew the Apostle Church
Gibbsboro, NJ
July 19, 2015
2pm Filipino Mass followed by Concert
For tickets and more information,
please call Josie 609-280-2860

The members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be at the doors of the church next weekend to accept your donations of non-perishable groceries or money to aid them in their ministry to feed the hungry.

Thank you for your assistance to this ministry.



Going on vacation? Need to find a church?
For nationwide Mass times and locations:
Go to: www.masstimes.org

STM YOUTH

Why do we do service?

The Spirit moves us to imitate the love and service of Christ and the saints. In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we often perform many hours of service to help those in need. In doing so, we practice love and service in imitation of the saints whose names we often take at Confirmation. Anointed at Confirmation, we are further strengthened to live lives that give off “the aroma of Christ” as did the holy saints (CCC, no. 1294). The sacred Chrism is mixed with fragrant spices precisely to symbolize this “aroma.” The Holy Spirit pours love into our hearts so that we can become “instruments of grace” in order to “pour forth God’s charity and to weave networks of charity” in the world (Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate.) Confirmation enriches the baptized with the strength of the Holy Spirit so that they can better witness to Christ in word and deed. (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], no. 1285). Taken from <http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/Confirmation-handout.pdf>

If you would like to do service this summer, please contact Katie.

Questions about Youth Group please email or call Katie

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

PERSONAL HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have a difficult time hearing at Mass. They are simple to use. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices at Mass, please see an usher before Mass and they will assist you. **To assure that these hearing devices are available for all in need, it is important that you return them after Mass.** Thank you for your cooperation



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—JULY 11

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish

4:30 pm Rev. Msgr. Joseph Devlin
r/b Levin family

SUNDAY—JULY 12

8:30 am Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
r/b Lynn Levin & family

10:00am Joseph Mazzagatti, Sr. Joe & Debbie
Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
r/b Kathy & Henry Glover

Max Johnson r/b Lynn Ellinger
11:30 am Joseph & Wally Kellendorfer
r/b Carole Reno

MONDAY—JULY 13

6:45 am Healing of the Family Tree

9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic

TUESDAY—JULY 14

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE

9:00 am Gregoria Herco r/b Grace Cobin

WEDNESDAY - JULY 15

6:45 COMMUNION SERVICE

9:00 am Kathleen Pramba & Frank Cappetta
r/b Ann Marie & Bob Lento

THURSDAY—JULY 16

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE

9:00 am Kathleen Pramba r/b MaryAnne Bones
Frank Cappetta r/b Dick & Claire Spence
Pat Lachnicht r/b Red Hat Friends

FRIDAY—JULY 17

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE

9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & family

SATURDAY—JULY 18

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish

4:30 pm Dr. Camille DiLullo
r/b Marie Fitzpatrick Flowers

SUNDAY—JULY 19

8:30 am Pat & Jerry Lachnicht
r/b Mary Lou & Harry Horlacher

10:00 am Joe & Marie Mazagatti r/b Joe & Debbie
1st Anniversary Fr. Patrick Lavin
Gregoria Herco r/b Tess & Albert Librojo

11:30 am Maria Thomas r/b Teri Bones

Papal Intentions for the month of July:

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Pat Lachnicht
and
Claire Boylan

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

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



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 – Bedtime Prayers

Hail Mary

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death. **Amen.**

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father and to
the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be, world without
end. **Amen.**

Blessing for Child at Bedtime

Heavenly Father,
Bless (name) and keep him (her) in Your love.
Grant him (her) a good rest tonight,
And send Your angels to protect him (her).
In the Name of the Father,
And of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 12, 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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 19, 2015 - Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Commentary:

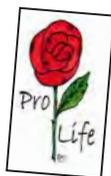
Jesus looks at the crowd with great feeling. They have no one to feed them with the teaching that will give them life or with the physical food to stay alive. Jesus appreciates how vulnerable people are and how fragile their lives are. Like sheep, they will die without a shepherd to keep them together, show them the way and feed them. Seeing their need, Jesus himself begins to teach. He becomes shepherd to the leaderless flock. Jesus calls his disciples to be the kind of shepherd he is. The disciples, of course, will not understand this kind of leadership until after the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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:

Indeed, the human person has been endowed with a very exalted dignity, which is rooted in the intimate bond that unites him with his Creator: a reflection of God's own reality shines out in the human person in every person, whatever the stage or condition of his life.— *Benedict XVI, Feb. 27, 2006*



Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

THIS WEEKEND: The Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa will be taken up at all Masses. Please be as generous as possible



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.

Merion Mercy Academy

2014-2015-Distinguished Honors are announced for:

Lauren E. Uveges

Students with Distinguished Honors attained a GPA of 4.0 or higher.

Congratulations, Lauren!

St. Joseph's Preparatory School

2014-2015 First Honors are announced for:

James J. Mc Fadden

Congratulations, James!



We are glad you are here!

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass.

New Parishioner Registration

(Please drop this form in the collection basket. The Parish office will contact you for further information.)

Name:

Address:

Phone: