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
Deacon Michael Scott
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

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		
Linen Committee	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Sacristans	Dom Sacca	
	Pat Maggart	424-3212
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Ushers	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Social Development		
Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Career Ministry	June Garafano	229-7461
Funsters (over 50 club)	Lin Lyon	795-4396
Parish Festival	Committee	424-3212
Women's Club	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	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

Help for Hurting Marriages

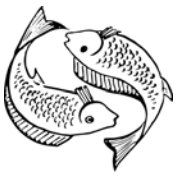
Can you save your marriage by attending and working the Retrouvaille program? You will never know until you try. Call the phone number to the caring Retrouvaille volunteers in your area. Ask them those tough questions that keep nagging at you in the back of your mind. The people answering the phone are people just like you who have been there, who can relate to your feelings of hopelessness and loss. They will do their best to give you the answers you need about this program. The **next weekend is August 7th—9th in Malvern, PA. Registration deadline is July 31st. Registration fee is $350**. **To register or obtain more information about the Retrouvaille Program, call Mary Ellen & John Fattore at 215-766-3944**

The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary statue have been placed there this weekend in loving memory of John Vivone, Sr. requested by his family.

Parish Collection for July 19, 2015
$7,692.00 was given and 162 envelopes were used. Online Giving was $367.00 from 8 donors.
As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

The Parish rejoices with the families of **Thayer Carlsen Mackay-Keating and Preston Philip Marchese** who were received into the Church through the waters of Baptism last weekend.

<u>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>– Stewards Share



"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" John 6:9 Mark 6:31b

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, **no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share.** Second, in our Stewardship, **Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH PICNIC

There will be an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room to prepare for the St. Thomas More Family Picnic.
The picnic will be held on September 20, 2015 from 12:30 – 3:00 PM.

This is a one day event. No long-term commitment involved. You decide what area and the amount of time you can undertake. Whatever you decide will be much appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to organize games and crafts for the children
Volunteers are needed to organize and serve in the various food tents/areas
Volunteers are needed to assist and support in various aspects of the day
Volunteers are needed for Set-Up on Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 AM
Volunteers are needed to help clean-up after the picnic

Many hands make light work. Please consider volunteering an hour or so of your time to make this an extraordinary day for our parish family.

So please come to the meeting on August 11th and help us plan this event. If you are not able to attend the meeting - Call Gary Gadren 856-428-6830
The Parish Office at 856-424-3212
Email sthomasmore@comcast.net

St. Thomas More Parish
Movie Night
Saturday, August 15th at 6:30 pm

Padre Pio
Miracle Man
The Priest Who Bore The Wounds Of Christ

Padre Pio: Miracle Man is a dramatic film on the life of the famous stigmatic monk and saint. This major feature film drama captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith and devotion and deep spiritual concern for others, and his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It dramatizes the frequent attacks of the Devil on him, and the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church. The many miracles that he performed are also highlighted, as well as his deep humility, charity and sense of humor.

All are welcome.
Please bring snacks to share

Contact: Marianne Gorin 856-346-1811
Joe Centonze: 856-986-7990
joecent4@gmail.com

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for AUGUST 1/2, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Mena Julie	I. Rellosa, T. Petrone	T. Andraka	D. Ha
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Rob Rich	J. Singson, B. Lento R. Van der Weilen	V. Marchesani	A. & A. Cammissa
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Celine Julie	M. Santiago, J. Mazzagatti, K. Glover	K. McFadden	C. & J. McFadden
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Celine Julie	J. Kuchler, M. Garber M. Gorin	J. Arnold	E., W., K Quay

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration to our Religious Education Program for 2015/2016 continues throughout the summer for first grade students, as well as students who are new to our parish and those who have not reregistered to date. If you have not registered your child/children, please do so as soon as possible as that will help us to prepare and plan for next year with sufficient books, teachers and classrooms. Kindly complete a Registration Form and return to the Parish Office along with the appropriate registration fee. Registration forms are available in the gathering space or on our web site under Religious Education at

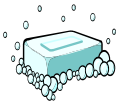
stthomasmore.org.

In addition to the child's involvement in a catechism program, it is important that religious education is supplemented also in the summer time by a strong family Christian life that is marked by weekly Mass attendance, prayer and faith sharing even as we travel and relax during these summer months. Have a blessed and wonderful Summer!

If you have any questions regarding this or any matter, please give me a call at the parish office at 424-3212 ext. 106 or my cell phone at 874-6096.

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

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.** SVDP



STM YOUTH

Dear Parents and Teens,

The number one question I am asked as a youth minister is…Can you help me with Service Hours? One of the key components of Youth Ministry is Service! Of course I can help you with Service Hours! If you are preparing for Confirmation or already confirmed; whether you are at East or St. Joe's, Bishop Eustace or Beck, Rosa or Paul VI or any other school--STM Youth provides opportunities for you to **serve** the community; **interact** with the parish community; and **grow** in your Faith Journey.
Please, parents, encourage your 7th-12th graders to participate and become involved in STM YOUTH. Teens—Ask your parents to drop you off at the activities offered!

Love and Prayers—Katie

Service Opportunity

Aug 11, 7 pm Parish Picnic Organizational Meeting
Parents and teens—come and find out how your whole family can help this year! Many hands make light work—we can find a job for youJ

August 12, 2:45-6pm-- Catherdral Kitchen Service Afternoon! The High School Youth Group and Parents are welcome to go to the Cathedral Kitchen with the Women's Club on Wednesday. Please call Katie or check your email!
Questions about Youth Group please email or call Katie youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org or 856-305-2914

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—JULY 25
9:00 am **Living & deceased members of the parish**
4:30 pm **Antonio Del Vecchio** r/b family

SUNDAY—JULY 26
8:30 am **Henry & Emily Ryszkiewicz** r/b family
10:00am **M/M Joseph Mazzagatti** r/b Gullo family
Helen Lamarca
r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
Danny & Vinny DeCarlo
r/b loving family
11:30 am **David McDonnell, Sr.**
r/b John & Sheila Mohan

MONDAY—JULY 27
6:45 am **Donald & Jane McAleer**
r/b McGeady family
9:00 am **Frank Cappetta** r/b Gail & Ron Bizzoso

TUESDAY—JULY 28
6:45 am **Pat Lachnicht** r/b Dom & Marie
9:00 am **Kathleen Pramba** r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

WEDNESDAY - JULY 29
6:45 am **Mary Joan Valavi** r/b Pottackal family
9:00 am **Pat Lachnicht** r/b St. Thomas More Altar & Linen Committee

THURSDAY—JULY 30
6:45 am **Pat Lachnicht** r/b Gary Gadren
9:00 am **John Kehr** r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso
Dennis Brysett r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso
Dr. Camille Di Lullo
r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

FRIDAY—JULY 31
6:45 am **Pat Lachnicht** r/b Wachman family
9:00 am **Vincent John Tyrrell** r/b brother, Greg

SATURDAY—AUGUST 1
9:00 am **Living & deceased members of the parish**
4:30 pm **Josephine Mitidieri** r/b Helen Protzman

SUNDAY—AUGUST 2
8:30 am **Brian Deutsch**
r/b Fran & Mary Kenny
10:00 am **John P. McManus**
r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Gertrude M. Voytko
r/b Ruiz & Mentes families
Frank Cappetta r/b M/M Mark Wilson & family
11:30 am **Kay Frain** r/b Jack Boesch

Papal Intentions for the month of August:
That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE SICK…

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

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES…
SSgt Samuel Brough, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, Spc. Peter DeCrescenzo, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, 1Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa.

World Meeting of Families-

If you are located within 120 miles of center city Philadelphia, you can share your furnished guestroom, apartment or home to a visitor (s) in exchange for a nightly fee. Host a Family Registration is free. Once a guest confirms their stay with you, they will be charged a 10% (of the total stay), non-refundable booking fee by Home-stay.com. Registration is easy- just follow the online instructions. When describing your home, include as many details as possible. You should describe your neighborhood or community, access to public transportation (if applicable), household rules, etc. Want to learn more? Read our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and watch our Host a Family Video!

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

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 26, 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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 2, 2015 - John 6:24-35

[After the miracle of feeding the large crowd], Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life…"

Commentary:

Food is one of the basic necessities of life and so Jesus meets us in our most basic needs. However, Jesus invites his followers, then and now, them and us, to see both our physical needs as well as our spiritual needs. Yes, we do need real food so that our bodies be sustained in this life, while here on earth. Even more than this, that we live for all eternity, our spirits need to be nurtured by Jesus' way, Jesus' love, that we, having received Jesus and being like him, feed a world that is hungry for love, spiritual food.

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: Winston Churchill once said: "Show me how a nation treats its elderly and I'll show you the soul of the people." As a nation, our immortal soul is in grave danger because many people have rationalized not only abortion, but now assisted suicide and euthanasia, as a moral right. No good can ever come from doing evil.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Sandwich Making dates for the year:
August 19th
October 21st
November 18th
In the St. Thomas More Hall after the 9:00am Mass. All are welcome to participate.

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.

Attending Rutgers in New Brunswick?

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 12 noon Busch Student Center, Rm. 120ABC
6:00pm Cook Campus Center Rm. 202ABC
6:00pm Livingston Student Center Rm.202ABC
8:00 pm St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset St. (CAC)

Daily Mass (Monday—Friday)
12:15 pm The Catholic Center Chapel (located inside the Catholic Center)

Celebrate with the Parish of Saint Monica **The Wedding of the Sea Saturday, August 15th at 12 noon** in the Adrian Phillips Ballroom of the Historic Boardwalk Hotel. **Bishop Sullivan will celebrate Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. A procession to the surf will follow the Mass. Afterwards, participants are invited to St. Michael's Quaremba Hall for a celebratory luncheon. Call the parish office: 609-345-1878 for more information.

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.