

# St. Thomas More Church

1439 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003  
856-424-3212 • Fax: 856-424-2411

Web Site: <http://stthomasmorenj.org/> • E-mail: [stthomasmore@comcast.net](mailto:stthomasmore@comcast.net)

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  
Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
Antonina Nicdao 751-6320  
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008  
Dolores Kreal 988-0271  
Church Environment  
Ch. Art Environment  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Lectors  
Linen Committee  
Sacristans  
Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
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  
Committee 424-3212  
Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323  
Lorraine Kennedy 489-0031

### *Administration*

House of Charity  
Parish Finance Council  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212  
Robert Crawford 424-3212  
Marie Enny 751-8893

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 2, 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

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### Saint Thomas More Parish Picnic

There will be an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 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; to organize and serve in the various food tents/areas; to assist and support in various aspects of the day; for Set-Up on Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 AM; and 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 planning meeting at 7:00 PM August 11th. **If you are not able to attend the meeting and wish to help:** Call Gary Gadren 856-428-6830; The Parish Office at 856-424-3212; Email [sthomasmore@comcast.net](mailto:sthomasmore@comcast.net)



### Parish Collection for July 26, 2015

**\$7591.00 was given and 173 envelopes were used. Online giving was \$947.00 from 9**

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

### PostAbortionHelp.org

Knowing that countless women, men, parents, grandparents and siblings suffer from the effects of abortion, Good Counsel began Lumina, a healing outreach and referral service.

Throughout the year Lumina offers retreats, healing services and assists individuals coping with the post traumatic effects of an abortion experience. **Toll free confidential Lumina line: 877-586-4621 Email: [Lumina@PostAbortionHelp.org](mailto:Lumina@PostAbortionHelp.org)**

### 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Stewards Not Greedy

*“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” Exodus 16: 4b*



When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, God calls His **Stewards** to be content with a fair portion and be willing to share the rest.

**The Mass Book for 2016 is now open to receive your Mass intentions.**

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 66)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

## Praying Every Day: Help From the Church's Treasury of Prayer

In my last reflection we recalled St. Paul's words about prayer. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). And I suggested that that, for most of us, a constant habit of prayer begins with a regular discipline of "saying our prayers". This involves saying a chosen set of prayers that have been commended to us by the Christian devotional tradition.

The Church teaches us that morning and evening prayer provide the most natural structure for a life of prayer. There are many forms of prayer provided for the start and the end of the day. If you do not already have a fixed order of such prayers, I recommend two very fine publications. The *Handbook of Prayers*, published by the Midwest Theological Forum, provides a brief order of prayer for morning and evening, along with a wealth of resources for praying and living the Catholic Faith. A second publication is the beautifully printed *Magnificat*—a monthly missalette received by mail ([www.magnificat.com](http://www.magnificat.com)). Many thousands of Catholics, especially young adults, subscribe to *Magnificat*, which provides, not only morning, evening, and night prayers, but also the mass readings and prayers for every day of the month. Both publications provide online resources.

Along with a guide for morning and evening prayers, it is a great help to have a few memorized prayers to carry with you throughout the day, prayers that can be quietly spoken or silently called to mind in the midst of the day's responsibilities and challenges. Many Catholics know by heart the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel—a cry for protection and strength in the spiritual battles we must fight every day. Here are some lesser-known examples of what I call pocket prayers.

In times of temptation: *O Lord, almighty and everliving God, you have brought me in safety to this new day. Preserve me with your mighty power, that I may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity, and in everything I do direct me to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In the afternoon hours: *Heavenly Father in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life, we may not forget you, but remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

At bedtime: *We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.*

At any time, the prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola: *Lord Jesus Christ, take all my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I have and cherish you have given me. I surrender it all to be guided by your will. Your grace and your love are wealth enough for me. Give me these, Lord Jesus, and I ask for nothing more.*

I don't need to remind you of the beloved *Hail Mary*, a prayer that, in its repetition, enfolds us in Christ's love; and the prayer that is the fountainhead of all prayer: *Our Father* . . . These prayers we "pray without ceasing" because through them we enter the mystery of a never ceasing Love.

+ + +

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE for August 8/9, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Carmen Julie	P. & N. Kirincic	J. Mohan	C. & I. Fulton
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita Rich	J. Singson, J. Kenney B. Massey	M. Maggart	A. Rzepski
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Jerry Julie	D. & ML Thomas M. Huynh	F. Eggles	A. & J. Zieba
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Dolores Julie	M. Ciccotta, G. Gadren, M. Garber	R. Ciccotta	K. & K. Johnson

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](http://stthomasmore.org). It is important that religious education is supplemented 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*

#### From the desk of Bishop Sullivan to St. Thomas More Parishioners:

I write to thank you for your check in the amount of \$3,451.16 to be used for the victims of the Nepal earthquake. I am deeply grateful to you ...for such a generous gift. The earthquake in Nepal has caused so much suffering and loss of life but our charity will help to ease some of the pain.

Let us continue to keep all those affected by this terrible tragedy in our thoughts and prayers.

With prayers and gratitude and praying God's blessings on your generous faithful, I am

Sincerely in Christ,  
Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.  
Bishop of Camden

### STM YOUTH

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. Email Katie at [YouthGroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:YouthGroup@stthomasmorenj.org) for questions and to receive email updates on additional service, social and spiritual Events for youth and families in 5th-12th grade.

The High School Youth will be two Sundays a month beginning the end of September through May! Meetings will take place from 7-8:30 in the Parish Hall and include Faith Talks, Movie Nights, Games and Food!

Parents, please encourage your 5th-12<sup>th</sup> graders to participate and become involved in STM YOUTH.

Teens—Ask your parents to drop you off at the activities offered!

#### 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 you!

**August 12, 2:45-6pm-- Cathedral 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](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org) or 856-305-2914



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...**



**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 & Montes families

**Frank Cappetta** r/b M/M Mark Wilson & family

**11:30 am Kay Frain** r/b Jack Boesch

**MONDAY—AUGUST 3**

**6:45 am Pat Lachnicht** r/b Elizabeth & Bob Scarpa

**9:00 am Anna Bruno** r/b Bruno family

**TUESDAY—AUGUST 4**

**6:45 am intentions of Kay Manco** r/b Gaye Pino

**9:00 am Emilio Bruno** r/b Bruno family

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**

**6:45 am Frank Jones** r/b Gary Scarpa

**9:00 am Pat Lachnicht** r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**

**6:45 am Thomas A. Brown**

r/b Chip & Becky DePaul

**9:00 am Pat Lachnicht** r/b Bizzoso family

**Mary Jane Gedgard**

r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

**Jennie Serra** r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7**

**6:45 am Joan Hartman**

r/b Marie Fitzpatrick Flowers

**9:00 am Mary Jane Gedgard** r/b Marian Kapischke

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

**9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish**

**4:30 pm Intentions of Deacon Bob Scarpa & family** r/b Helen

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

**8:30 am Pat & Jerry Lachnicht**

r/b Joe & Toni Andraka

**10:00 am Patti Kenney** r/b Gullo family

**Frank Cappetta** r/b Christopher & Patty Baeckstrom & family

**Christina Tarantelli** r/b Bizzoso family

**11:30 am Tina Trivelli** r/b DiNapoli family

Pat Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Anna Bedrick, Pat Brink, Francesca Capra, Sean Colbert, 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, Yun Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, 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, and Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa.

**World Meeting of Families-Love is Our Mission**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

**Abbey Faith and Music Fest**

Outdoor music festival with Catholic speakers, musicians, and more!

Featuring: Matt Maher, Curtis Martin, Jenny & Tyler, and others

Daylesford Abbey; 220 S Valley Rd; Paoli, PA

Did you know? The World Meeting of Families Adult and Youth Congress (Sept. 22-25) offers families access to the riches of Jesus' teachings on marriage and family life. The Congress will offer a wide variety of talks full of beautiful and enlivening truths and practical ways to live them so that our families can flourish and experience more joy!

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Learn more about the WMOF Congress and how to register at [WorldMeeting2015.org](http://WorldMeeting2015.org).

For more information on activities concerning the World Meeting of Families, check out the link on the St. Thomas More webpage: [stthomamorenj.org](http://stthomamorenj.org)

**Papal Intentions for the month of August**

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.



**Going on vacation? Need to find a church?**

**For nationwide Mass times and locations:**

**Go to: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)**

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 2, 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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 9, 2015 - John 6: 41-51

"The Jews began to complain about Jesus because He said, 'I am the Bread come down from heaven'. They said, 'This is Jesus, the son of Joseph. We know his father and mother. How can he say 'I came down from heaven'?' But Jesus said, 'Stop complaining to each other. The Father is the One who sent me. No one can come to me unless the Father draws him to me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the One who is from God; only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the Bread that gives life. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they still died. Here is the bread that comes down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will never die. I am the living Bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. This Bread is my flesh, which I will give up so that the world may have life.'"

#### Commentary

There is a saying: "When we reach the edge of the light we have and step into the unknown, we must believe that one of two things will happen. There will be something solid for us to stand on or we will be taught to fly."

None of us know how life's journey will turn out or even what events will happen to us. We think we control our destiny, when in many respects, our choice is to decide how we are going to embrace the events in our life. In reality the control we do have has especially to do with how we respond to what comes our way and how this leads us to become the person we were created to be. We have been given a map to navigate the journey. Jesus is the way. In the scripture Jesus tells us, "I am the bread from heaven." God, through Jesus in his word and Eucharist guides us and nourishes us on the journey. The journey leads to God from whence we came. The "living bread" sustains us. Whatever comes our way, it is his grace that gives us something solid to stand on or the confidence that we will be taught to fly.

#### Questions for Reflection

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:** It is not necessary to teach children the details of reproduction before they learn that abortion is a bad thing. The basis for teaching about abortion is not the reproductive system, but the dignity and worth of every human person, whether that person is big or small, young or old, healthy or sick, wanted or unwanted, convenient or inconvenient.



*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*



#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Your marriage needs attention to remain healthy and strong. Without some nurturing and care it could become weak and unfulfilling. Make a marriage Encounter Weekend and watch your love for each other grow. The next weekend dates are Oct. 23rd-25th and Dec. 11th—13th. Call 609-742-4035 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org) for more information. Visit the website at [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org)

#### **Attending Rowan, Rutgers-Camden or Stockton?**

##### Rowan University Mass Information:

**Sunday Mass 7:00 pm** at Newman House

**Monday—Thursday 12:30 pm**

**Opening Events:** Saturday, August 29th: Open House BBQ— 2:00 pm Newman House

Sunday, August 30th—first Mass 7:00 pm— Newman House

##### Rutgers University— Camden Mass Information

**Sunday Mass 5:00 pm** Campus Center Main Room

**Daily Mass 12 noon** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Market & Broadway

##### Stockton University Mass Information

**Sunday Mass 6:00 pm** Catholic Campus Ministry Center (Dinner for students after this Mass)

**Daily Mass Mondays and Thursdays 12:45 pm** in Room F-202

**First Mass: Sunday, August 30th** at Catholic Center and TRLC