

# 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  
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### *Administration*

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**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



**Saturday, August 15, 2015 is a Holy Day.**

**Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be 9:00 am in the Church.**

**SECOND SATURDAYS**

Are you looking to do more, have a regular service activity to do monthly? STM Youth is looking for Families, Men, Women, Teens to help at the Heart of Camden the SECOND SATURDAY of every month beginning in October. The Heart of Camden’s mission is to restore the dignity and quality of life of the Waterfront South community through programs of housing restoration, economic expansion, and human development. Please let Katie Witts know if you are interested in helping with this project. Come and give it a try and see how you can help. Questions about Youth Group please email or call Katie [youth-group@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youth-group@stthomasmorenj.org) or 856-305-2914.

**Parish Collection for August 2, 2015**

 **\$8,426.00 was given and 170 envelopes were used. Online giving was \$1089 from 9 donors.**  
As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

**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.  
Remember: *It is in giving that we receive...*



**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Stewardship Journey**

*“Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” 1st Kings 19: 7b*

Jesus knew that the **Stewardship** journey would be difficult, so He gave us the nourishment of the Eucharist. When we take time to join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength to give and joy in our giving.

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 67)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

## Catholic Funerals: What the Church Teaches About Cremation

Hope in Christ teaches us to speak openly about death, to resist a culture of the denial of death. As death may come unexpectedly, it is important that families think and talk about funerals *beforehand*. Even when death occurs after a long illness, it comes as a shock. Grieving families should not have to make important decisions in a hurry.

These days, one of those decisions is whether the deceased body is to be buried intact (“corporeal burial”) or cremated. This decision leads necessarily to others. Faithful Catholics will want such decisions to be informed by the Faith they profess and by the centuries-long experience of the Church.

*Does the Church allow cremation?* “While the Church continues to hold a preference for corporeal burial, cremation has become part of Catholic practice in the United States and around the world” (Website of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

*Is this a change in the Church teaching?* Yes, for centuries the Catholic Church (with almost all other Christian communions) forbade cremation, because it was associated with pagan religious practice and beliefs about the body—for example that the body is but a kind of “shell” or even a “prison” for the soul. Only very recently (1983), was the Code of Canon Law changed to read: “The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed; it does not, however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching” (C.C.C. 1176). The Bishops have explained that the change was influenced by “sensitivity to economic, geographic, ecological, or family factors” that may make cremation the only reasonable choice (USCCB website).

*Why, then, does the Church still “earnestly recommend” corporeal burial over cremation?* “The Church’s reverent care of the body grows out of reverence for the person whom the Church now commends to the care of God. This is the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the bread of life. . . . *The human body is so inextricably associated with the human person that it is hard to think of a human person apart from his or her body*” (CCB website, italics added). This explanation reflects deep reflection on Scriptural teaching about the creation and redemption of the body, about our *bodily* participation in our final redemption (Romans 8:23; Apostles Creed). The point is that human dignity demands that the body is no “thing” to be disposed of. It is, rather, to be honored and lovingly “laid to rest”.

*If cremation is chosen, what guidance does the church give us concerning the funeral or about how the remains are to be treated?* (1) Without exception, no body is to be cremated without being accompanied by the prayers of the Church. (2) Just so, unless circumstances make it impossible, the intact body is to be present at the funeral mass. The cremation takes place after the funeral mass, following the committal. (3) If this is simply impossible (as it may be, for example in the case of death in a foreign county far from home) the cremated remains are to be present at the funeral. (4) Cremated remains are never to be spread on the ground, thrown to the wind, stored away in a closet, or rest for years on the mantle. They are to be placed in a suitable urn and buried in a marked grave or placed in a mausoleum space.

In the committal of the body to the elements—the final act of the Funeral Rite—the priest recalls the words of St. Paul: *Our true citizenship is in heaven, and from heaven we await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to be conformed to his glorious body, by the power which enables him to subject all things to himself* (Philippians 3:20-21). The bodies of the blessed dead belong, not to us, but to Christ himself. It is this joyful mystery that determines the way Catholic Christians bury their dead.

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE for August 15/16, 2015**

<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Presider</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Becca Julie	K. Wislocky, G. Tyrrell, I. Rellosa	T. Andraka	W. & A. Quay
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Rob Rich	Sr. Rosaria, B. Lento R. Vander Weilen	V. Marchesani	A. Rzepski
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Jerry Julie	E. Beckman, J. Mazzagatti P. Rossi	K. McFadden	C. & J. McFadden
11:30 am	Father O'Neill	Jerry Julie	J. Kuchler, A. Thompson, L. Levin	D. Haughwout	A. & I. Witting

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 PCL, 424-3212 ext. 106*

**Friends for Food-Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Fundraiser Saturday, September 26, 6pm**  
**Tickets \$40 each or 2 for \$75**  
 Buffet Dinner –Hors D’oeuvres & Desserts  
 Music & Dancing; 50/50 Gift Baskets & Raffles  
**Bellisimo Caterer at Marian House**  
 507 Kings Hwy South, CH  
**For tickets call 856-482-0678 or see parishioners Elaine Beckman or Jon Lisitski.**

**STM YOUTH**

STM Youth Group encourages teens to get involved in parish life and empowers teens 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.

**Service Opportunity THIS WEEK**

**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

**Fr. John Rossi** is organizing a **tour of South Africa** from **August 15—28th, 2016**. Explore **Johannesburg, Cape Town and the Kruger Safari Park for \$3,249**. **Price includes airfare, accommodations and most meals.** Proceeds benefit Paul VI High school. For more information and a registration form, please email [africa2016pvi@gmail.com](mailto:africa2016pvi@gmail.com)



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**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 Lachnight 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

**MONDAY—AUGUST 10**

**6:45 am** Pat Lachnight r/b John & Sheila Mohan  
**9:00 am** Kathleen Pramba r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

**TUESDAY—AUGUST 11**

**6:45 am** William Bowman r/b Teri Kelly  
**9:00 am** Thomas Sweeney & George Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**

**6:45 am** Jean Marie Colbert r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
**9:00 am** Pat Lachnight r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**

**6:45 am** Marge Coyle r/b Lisa Falzani  
**9:00 am** Pat Lachnight r/b Gary Scarpa  
**Albert Mura** r/b Gary Scarpa  
**Special intentions of Yvrose Christophe** r/b Anne Sarazin

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**

**6:45 am** Special intentions of Yvrose Christophe r/b Anne Sarazin  
**9:00 am** Pat Lachnight r/b Marian Kapischke

**SATURDAY—AUGUST 15**

**9:00 am** Living & deceased members of the parish  
**Max Johnson** r/b Levin family  
**4:30 pm** Jean Bergamesco r/b Fitzpatrick family

**SUNDAY—AUGUST 16**

**8:30 am** Pat & Jerry Lachnight r/b Carole Reno  
**10:00 am** Geraldine DelVecchio r/b Bruno family  
**Frank Cappetta** r/b Tina Assante  
**Joe & Kay Turiano** r/b Gary Gadren  
**11:30 am** Kathleen Haughwout r/b Haughwout family

**Papal Intentions for the month of August:**

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



**2016 Mass Book is now open for your Mass intentions.**

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



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, Elizabeth Dunner, 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 McMenamain, 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  
 Adult congress Speakers Schedule:**



**Bishop-elect Robert Barron: Living as the Image of God: Created for Joy and Love**

**Session: Keynote Session A**

English with French, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese and American Sign

Language simultaneously interpreted

**Tuesday, September 22nd Time: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

This talk will be an exploration of the extravagant biblical claim that human beings have been made in the image and likeness of God. Our likeness to God is revealed in our intelligence, our hunger for the good, our creativity, our freedom, and, above all, in our capacity for relationship. In living for the other, in giving ourselves away in love, we most resemble God, who is love.

**Bishop-elect Robert Barron is founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries**, rector of Mundelein Seminary, and host of *Catholicism*, a groundbreaking, award-winning documentary about the Catholic faith. His website, WordOnFire.org, has reached over 3.8 million people, and his weekly YouTube videos have been viewed over 9 million times.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 9, 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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16, 2015 - John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

#### Commentary:

The sublime simplicity and beauty of this gospel text reminds us that Jesus takes the ordinary human act of eating and shows us that this familiar action is the very way we can come to eternal life. The act - eating - is the same; the food differs. The food Jesus offers is from heaven and that upon which we feast is no less than Jesus himself. Jesus is the source of our life. At the same time we can never forget that our communion with Jesus nourishes us to share that life with others. In this way, we ourselves become bread for the life of others. Our intimacy with Jesus calls us to the same intimacy with others. This kind of intimacy does not end but continues to everlasting life.

#### 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:** We see documentaries about Adolf Hitler's hideous so-called 'medical' experiments on human beings, but abortionists today are helping to do the same thing by killing babies and selling the body parts to pharmaceutical companies and universities for so-called 'medical' experiments. As a nation, we are no better than Hitler because we are still allowing abortion to continue.

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



### 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*

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Joe Centonze: 856-986-7990 joecent4@gmail.com



Each journey of faith begins with an invitation, a call from beyond ourselves, a call from God. Salvation history begins when God called Abraham, our Father in faith. It was a call to leave his home and family and go to an unknown, unspecified country. Abraham did not ask where, why, how or for how long. He just went. He started out on a journey of faith.

And so it was when Jesus saw Peter and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, and simply said, "Come follow me." They did not ask where, why, how or for how long. They just went. They started out on a journey of faith.

**Come and Journey with other Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith!**

**Adults who have never been baptized  
Adults who have been baptized in another  
Christian Tradition  
Adults baptized Catholic but have had no  
instruction in the faith or have not received  
First Eucharist or Confirmation.**

Call Sister Ann (424-3212) for more information about the RCIA

*Parishioners are asked to invite family members, friends and neighbors to participate in the RCIA!*