

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
 Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees
 John Mohan 424-3212
 Greta Tyrrell 424-3212

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 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
 Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
 Dolores Kreal 988-0271
 Ann Vigrass 428-7217
 Dom Sacca
 Pat Maggart 424-3212
 Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
 Frank Krenslak 309-1999

Social Development

Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
 Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
 June Garafano 229-7461
 Lin Lyon 795-4396
 Parish Festival Committee 424-3212
 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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 16, 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.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left 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



ALL ARE INVITED
**St. Thomas More Parish Picnic
Catechetical Sunday**
*“Safeguarding the dignity of
every human person”*
**September 20, 2015
12:30 – 3:00 PM**

A Time for Fellowship, Food and Fun!

A Time to Connect after the Summer!

A Time to Welcome Back our Catechists and Students!

A Time to Launch our Religious Education Year!

Music! Entertainment for All!

Children's Games and Crafts!

Pig Roast, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages and More!

Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share

Volunteers are needed for Set-Up on Saturday, 9/19/15 at 10:00 AM. **Volunteers are needed to help clean-up after picnic. Many hands make light work. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time.**

Call Gary Gadren at 856-428-6830 to volunteer

The Parish Office at 856-424-3212

Email stthomasmore@comcast.net

Mission Co-Op Collection, weekend of August 29/30.

Our missioner will be Rev. George Pereira of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum, India. He will tell us about the issues facing the Archdiocese, still struggling to recover from the tsunami.



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.



Parish Collection for August 9, 2015

8236.00 was given and 172 envelopes were used. Online giving: \$729.00 from 12 givers. As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Stewardship Wisdom



*“Watch carefully, then, how you live, not as foolish persons, but as wise.”
Ephesians 5:15*

A wise person recognizes that all we have comes from God. A wise person thanks God every day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and He wants us to be good **Stewards** with Him in His work here on earth.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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!

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for August 22/23, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Fritz	Mena Julie	T. Petrone, Sr. Sophia R. Crawford	J. Mohan	D. Ha
8:30 am	Msgr. Graham	Sr. Pepita Rich	J. & L. Duffy A. Pajic	J. Vecchiola	J. & A. Zieba
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Becca Julie	M. Santiago, J. Singson K. Glover	J. Kuchler	T. Kenney N. Samson
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Becca Julie	B. Haughwout, M. Gorin G. Gadren	J. Arnold	G. & M. Gray

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.

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*

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We welcome the following newly registered families to our parish:

- Carl Carite, Jr.;
- Lisa Zorn & son Aidan Smeglin;
- Jessica Hoffman;
- Brian, Jamie, Jaiden & Brandon Puerschner;
- Patrick, Katarina & Isabel Lucic-Schumann



STM YOUTH

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!

Welcome Letters will go out to all HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH this week...please call the office if you do not receive one! Please parents, encourage your 5th-12th graders to participate and become involved in STM YOUTH. Teens—Ask your parents to drop you off at the activities offered!

Save the Dates!

Sunday, September 20th Parish Picnic
Friday October 16th Hayride and Campfire at Springdale Farms at 7:00pm.
 Cost is \$15 per person.

Thursday November 4th No School, Let's Serve!
Saturday November 14th Service Day with Reflection
Sunday November 21th Youth Mass and Social with Cherry Hill Parishes at the retreat house on Kresson Road.

Sunday, December 13th Christmas Party for kids in Camden

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 for questions and to receive email updates on additional service, social and spiritual Events for youth and families in 5th-12th grade. Questions about Youth Group please email or call Katie youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org or 856-305-2914



**Sandwich Making Wednesday, after the 9:00 am Mass, St. Thomas More Hall
 All are welcome**



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30 am Pat & Jerry Lachnicht
 r/b Carole Reno
10:00 am Geraldine Del Vecchio 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

MONDAY—AUGUST 17

6:45 am Alice & Joseph Pottackal
 r/b Pottackal family
9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & family

TUESDAY—AUGUST 18

6:45 am people of the parish
9:00 am intentions of Marianne Gorin
 r/b Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

6:45 am Jean Marie Colbert
 r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Pat Lachnicht r/b Florianna Gilden

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

6:45 am Claire Boylan r/b John & Joan Hyer
9:00 am Leona & Jim Novak r/b Cindy
Special intentions of Yvrose Christophe
 r/b Anne Sarazin

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

6:45 am Special intentions of Jeff Leonard & Kathy Hummer
9:00 am Frank Cappetta r/b Carol Koelsch

SATURDAY—AUGUST 22

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Josephine Shicatano r/b Marie Glavin

SUNDAY—AUGUST 23

8:30 am Pat & Jerry Lachnicht
 r/b Vincent & Beverly DeMasi
10:00 am Claire Boylan r/b Sheila & John Mohan
Frank Cappetta r/b Elaine & Joseph Falco
Intentions of Helen Protzman
 r/b Nina, Antonina & Benedict's Place SCC
11:30 am John Curry r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

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, 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 Prayer for the Visit of Pope Francis to the United States:

Heavenly Father, we entrust to your loving care our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who in Your Providence, leads and guides the Church throughout the world. As we prepare for his personal journey to the United States, fill us, Lord, with the joy of the Gospel. Give us the grace to respond to the Holy Father's call to encounter Christ, and to become missionary disciples who bear witness to His truth and love. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may walk with others, especially the poor and the vulnerable and bring them to the healing touch of Your Son, Jesus. In Your kindness, Lord, give success to the World Meeting of Families so that under the leadership of Pope Francis, marriage and family life might be strengthened in every land and culture. Look with love upon our nation, ensure that the Holy Father's presence and words inspire us to protect the unborn, the ill and all those who are vulnerable; to defend our first and most cherished freedom, religious liberty; to welcome the stranger; and to serve the poor. May this visit of Pope Francis confirm in our hearts the Gospel principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. *Composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain Knights of Columbus*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 16, 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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 23, 2015 - John 6:60-69

Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Commentary:

A lot of would-be disciples of Jesus never made it all the way to the triumph of Easter morning. Somewhere along the way, they were offended by what Jesus taught or did or didn't do. Maybe they felt his forgiveness came too easily for a certain kind of sinner they'd personally rather see punished. Or they took offense when his disciples didn't fast or wash their hands in the ritual ways of the Pharisees. For many, Jesus simply became unbelievable. But for Simon Peter, Jesus remained the Master no matter what. In utter honesty, Peter doesn't know where else to go to get the truth. No matter how hard following Jesus may be, the alternatives are much bleaker. There's Jesus, and there's the hypocritical, superficial, unforgiving world beyond. For Peter, the choice was clear.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

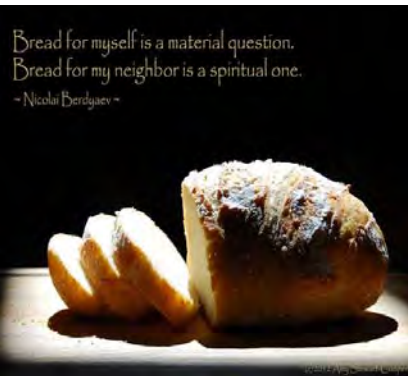
1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Reflection resonates with me?



Pro-Life Corner: The forces behind the pro-death movement are not merely human, but demonic. It is imperative to understand, as Christ reminds us, that the devil was a murderer from the beginning. The evil spirit has remained a murderer through human history, and he is the real leader behind the philosophy of homicide which now pervades whole nations of what we still call a civilized world.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

The flowers at the Blessed Mother statue are placed there in loving memory of Fran Boesch by her husband, Jack.



Bread for myself is a material question.
Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one.
- Nicolai Berdjajev -

Members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be stationed at the entrances of the Church this weekend to receive your donations of groceries or money to assist them in carrying out their mission to **'feed the hungry.'** Thank you

in advance for your support of their life-saving mission.

Feeding your spirit -Fasting and Feasting

Fast from judging others; **feast** on the Christ dwelling



within them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; **feast** on the unity of all life.

Fast from discontent; **feast** on gratitude.

Fast from words that pollute; **feast** on phrases that purify.

Fast from anger; **feast** on optimism.

Fast from worry; **feast** on trust.

Fast from complaining; **feast** on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; **feast** on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; **feast** on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; **feast** on nonviolence.

Fast from bitterness; **feast** on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; **feast** on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety **feast** on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement; **feast** on hope.

Fast from facts that depress; **feast** on truths that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; **feast** on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicion; **feast** on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; **feast** on promises that inspire.

Fast from idle gossip; **feast** on purposeful silence.