

# 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

### *Christian Life/Education*

Bereavement Staff 424-3212  
 Hospital Visitors Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212  
 Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
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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  
 Pat Maggart 424-3212  
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 Antonina Nicdao 751-6320  
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 Dolores Kreal 988-0271  
 Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
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 Pat Maggart 424-3212  
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 Frank Krenslak 309-1999

### *Social Development*

Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008  
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### *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.
- 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



**Thank you to St. Thomas More parishioners from Fr. Raju and Fr. Pereira for your response to the Mission Appeal:**

“It is with immense gratitude that I write this letter. Thanks so much for everything you have done to make our visit a fruitful one. Fr. Pereira did enjoy every bit of his short visit in the parish: beautiful Church, devotional liturgy and music, friendly atmosphere...

Allow me also to sincerely thank... your parishioners for the generous sacrifice you’ve made in the Appeal collection in support of our mission diocese....We pray that the good Lord bless you and reward your missionary zeal....

Rev. Raju B. Pilla, Mission Rep.  
Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum



**Parish Collection for August 30, 2015**  
**\$7593.00 was given and 182 envelopes were used. Online donations were \$458.00 from 9 donors.** Mission Co-Op donations totaled \$2805. As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

**Scripture Series “The Prophet Isaiah”** A seven week Scripture series on the Book of Isaiah will begin **Monday, September 21st in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 am Mass.** In Isaiah, we encounter God’s accusation against Israel; the holiness of God; hope for a Messianic king; oracles against foreign nations; etc. **Please call Sr. Ann at 424-3212 to register.**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time— Stewards Rich in Faith**  
*“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” James 2: 5b*

What is more important—being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we live in **Stewardship** we are rich in faith knowing that material things really do not matter and we are willing to share what we have.



# **S a i n t T h o m a s M o r e P a r i s h**

*In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and in anticipation of the papal visit  
we will gather for a*

## **N o v e n a f o r P e a c e**

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*Prayers, Scriptures, Rosary, Silence  
will be offered during a holy hour of*

## **E u c h a r i s t i c A d o r a t i o n**

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### **September 8 – 16**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 7 p.m.

Saturday after the 9 a.m. mass and Sunday after the 11:30 mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

*“In prayer the Holy Spirit unites us to the person of the only Son, in his glorified humanity . . . through whom our filial prayer unites us in the Church with the Mother of Jesus.” “Mary is the perfect Orans (pray-er).” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2673, 2679)*

*“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in the sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration.” (Paul VI, Mysterium Fides 56)*

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE for September 12/13, 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.	Father Johnson	Jerry Len	K. Wislocky, T. Petrone Sr. Sophia	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda
8:30 am	Father Rossi	Sr. Pepita Rich	R. VanderWeilen J. Kenney, Sr. Rosaria	J. Mohan	A. & J. Zieba
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Becca/Choir Julie	D. & L. Lyon	F. Eggles	T. Kenny, S. Russo
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Becca Julie	M. Ciccotta, M. Dwyer	R. Ciccotta	K. & E. Quay

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

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

St. Thomas More Parish will celebrate Catechetical Sunday with a Rite of Commissioning for its 24 catechists including Children’s Liturgy ministers at the 11:30 am Mass on September 20th. Following this Mass, parents and students will meet their Catechists in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall and will receive their textbooks. Immediately after the meeting with catechists, all parents and students are invited to join other parishioners in the St. Thomas More Annual Parish Picnic which will take place on our grounds. There will be plenty of food, games, prizes and good old-fashioned fun. We hope that all families will participate in this wonderful kick-off to the fall season.

**Religious Education Classes begin on Tuesday, September 22nd.** Please register your child/children if you have not done so already. Re-registration forms are available in the gathering space or on our web site under Religious Education at [stthomasmorenj.org](http://stthomasmorenj.org)  
Have a blessed new school year,  
*Sr. Bozena, PCL, 424-3212 ext. 106*

**Funster News**

Funster trips are open to ALL parishioners & Friends  
Next meeting: **Monday, September 28th at 7:00 pm.**  
**+++Please note time change+++ All those going on Frank Lloyd Wright trip are requested to attend.** We will have a more detailed itinerary at that time. Also, there will be a presentation of “Arizona Historic Train Trip”  
**Apr. 3rd, 2016-** “Beautiful” the musical at Academy of Music with meal at \$142 per person.  
**May 15 –20, 2016 Arizona Historic Train Trip**– detailed flyers available at this meeting.  
Please join us as we discuss ideas for next fall’s overnight bus trip. For planning purposes, please **RSVP to Lin on or before Sept. 20th.**

**STM YOUTH**

Teens and Parents! As the summer is coming to a close, everyone is back to school and siing up for extracurricular activities....**make sure you sign up for STM Youth Group!** STM YOUTH is NOT mandatory and you do not need to attend EVERY activity. However, when we help others we often help ourselves appreciate those who love us and what we have been given. Also, when we put God first, he makes time for everything else we need. I hope to see you often this year! Katie (856)305-2914

**Our First Big Activity of the year is the Parish Picnic....I** hope many of you can help! It will be a great day filled with fun, games, food and friends!

**Set up Saturday(9/19) Morning 9:30-11:30 and Sunday (9/20) Morning 9:30-Start of Picnic During the Picnic, Games, crafts and more! Clean up 3pm-done!**

**Remember: Many Hands make light work!**

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.

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| <i>Happy Moment</i>      | <i>Praise God</i>  |
| <i>Difficult Moments</i> | <i>Seek God</i>    |
| <i>Quiet Moments</i>     | <i>Pray to God</i> |
| <i>Painful Moments</i>   | <i>Trust God</i>   |
| <i>Every Moment</i>      | <i>Thank God</i>   |



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
9:30am September 10th  
Classroom # 7



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish  
Theresa Smith**  
r/b husband Joe and son, Andy Smith

**4:30 pm Frank Cappetta**  
r/b Carol & A. J. Ariani

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

**8:30 am Douglas Thomas**  
r/b Vincent & Beverly DeMasi

**10:00 am Thomas Wilkins r/b family**  
**Marie Mazzagatti r/b Joe & Debbie**  
**Helen Lamarca r/b Kathy & Henry Glover**

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

**MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 7**

**9:00 am Vincenzo Scotto r/b daughter Agata Scotto**

**TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 8**

**6:45 am intentions of Jacques Stephen Orel**  
r/b Mom

**9:00 am Claire Boylan r/b Carol Koelsch**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**6:45 am Sr. Maria Marcella Barbadoro**  
r/b Franciscan sisters of the Infant Jesus

**9:00 am Claire Boylan r/b Tobin family**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**6:45 am Frank Cappetta r/b Kathleen Cappetta**

**9:00 am Mrs. George Schein**  
r/b Dr. Patrick & Mrs. Janet Houston

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**6:45 am Rev. Leonard J. Jordick**  
r/b McGeady family

**9:00 am Howard Miller r/b Marian Kapischke**

**SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 12**

**9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish  
Mary Devine r/b Colon family**

**4:30 pm Mary Palzer r/b Frank & Frances  
Krenslak**

**SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 13**

**8:30 am Max Johnson r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass**

**10:00 am Helen Lamarca**  
r/b daughter, Carolyn Erickson

**Deceased members of Bernauer  
& Leber families r/b Mildred Leber  
Pat Lachnicht**  
/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas

**11:30 am Michael DeLuca r/b Dad & Kathryn**

**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, 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, Hilda K. Pellerito, 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, 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

**Annual Homeless & Hungry Golf Tournament**

Benefitting Soup Kitchens & Homeless Shelters in the South Jersey area.

Sponsored by: People For the Poor, Inc.

**Friday, September 11, 2015– Wedgewood Country Club**



**Donation of \$125 per player includes lunch at 11:00 am and Dinner and Prizes after. Call Deacon Mike Scott 267-567-8822 for more information if interested.**

**Second Collection next week for Peter's Pence**

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

**2015/2016 House of Charity/Bishop's Annual Appeal Employee Giving Campaign**

Many businesses will begin their Employee Giving Campaigns this month and continue to solicit donations through the fall months. Employee Giving/United Way campaigns give us an opportunity to direct our donations to the charities that best represent our beliefs, interests and social concerns. Ask your employer for a pledge card and be sure to:

- In the Donor Section **designate the "House of Charity"**
- **Ask to be acknowledged.** This ensures our parish will receive credit toward the H o C goal.

**Please note: There is one Mass on Monday, September 7th and that is at 9:00 am**

**Papal Intentions for the month of September:**  
That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 6, 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 13, 2015 - Mark 8:27-35**

Jesus asked his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."...Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly...and be killed, and rise after three days... Jesus summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

**Commentary:**

After this scene, there is a turning point in Mark's Gospel. From now on, Jesus will be trying to make the disciples (and us) understand that not only will he suffer and die, but that anyone who wants to be a true follower will have to do the same. As Messiah, Jesus will accept his Father's will, becoming vulnerable and completely powerless at the end. The more we can stand to be vulnerable and powerless in life, the better we will be ready to step across to death. Maybe vulnerability is the "cross" that Jesus, the Messiah, is asking us to bear.

**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:**



As far as abortion is concerned, it is part of the fifth, not sixth commandment: "You shall not kill!" We have to presume this is obvious and always stress that the human person begins in the mother's womb and remains a human person until his or her last breath.

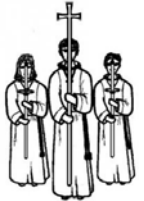
The human person must always be respected as a human person.

Pope Benedict XVI

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

**Be a Server at the Altar**

The Altar Servers form a very important part of the church and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service. It is a very important responsibility. In the last 2 years, many of our Servers have gone off to college and we need to recruit and train new members for this ministry. **Parents are asked to encourage their sons and daughters to participate in this ministry. Training for new servers will begin Tuesday, September 29th with Sister Ann and Mrs. Pat Maggart. Training takes place during religious Education Classes. Students in 4th—8th grade are eligible for this ministry. Please call Sister Ann at 424-3212 for more information.**



**Women's Club Registration Form 2015-2016**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Included (\$10.00) Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to St. Thomas More Women's Club  
Please mail to: Pat Maggart, 522 Kings Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.**