

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
 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
 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

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



On Wednesday, September 23rd, our parish will be welcoming 75 pilgrims from St. Thomas More Parish in Centennial Colorado, who are coming for the World Meeting of

Families and the Pope's visit to Philadelphia. They want to begin their pilgrimage with the celebration of Mass at 6:00 pm, so they will come directly to us from the airport. You are most welcome to join in this celebration as two St. Thomas More parishes join in celebrating the Holy Eucharist. If you are going to join us, please call the parish office no later than Friday, September 18th, so that we can plan refreshments to follow.

Second Collection next weekend for Catholic University
More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this collection, including many from our diocese. Please be generous to this collection.

Cherry Hill Food Pantry Volunteer Dates & Times for St. Thomas More Parish:

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd: 5:00-7:30 pm

Thursday, Sept. 24th: 9:30am—1:00pm

Tuesday, Sept. 29th: 5:00—7:30 pm

Thursday, October 1st: 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Please call Elaine Beckman to volunteer 856-428-7328

Scripture Series "The Prophet Isaiah" begins Monday, September 21st in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 am Mass. Please call Sr. Ann at 424-3212 to register.

All who are registered for this class are to pick up their books and study guides in the Parish Office.



Parish Collection for September 6, 2015
\$8,857.00 was given and 173 envelopes were used. Online donations were 812.00 from 12 donors. As always, thank you for your generosity to our par-

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Stewards Rich in Faith



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8: 34b

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a **Stewardship** lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but for the lives of others as well.



This year, the Church celebrates **Catechetical Sunday September 20th** and will focus on the theme **“Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person.”** Those whom the community has designated to serve as Catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Religious Education Program Catechists

Sister Bozena Tyborowska, LSIC
Religious Education Coordinator

Grade 1

Janet Johnson
Marianne Wilkins

Grade 2

Sister Pepita M. Ontong
Melanie Kuzinski

Grade 3

Sister Agnes Tyniec

Grade 4

Melanie Sullivan
Sister Elizabeth Kulesa

Grade 5

Dana Wheeler
Christine Betson-Smith

Grade 6

Margaret Cammisa
Katie Witts

Grade 7

Fran Eggles
Jenna McCoy

Grade 8

Janice Quay
Pat Kirincic

Rite of Christian Initiation Team Members

Sister Ann Byrnes
John Mohan

Youth Ministry

Katie Witts

Confirmation Catechists

Scott Campbell, *Gr. 7* Sister Philomena, *Gr. 8*

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Catechists

Janet Barbera
Denise Barrett
Natalie Frament
Pamela Huynh
Julianne Johnson

Small Christian Community Facilitators

Sister Ann Byrnes	Mena Kramer
Pat Beaney	Ann Marie Lento
Gail Bizzoso	Robert Lento
Marylee Garber	Gaye Pino
Kathy Glover	Bob Scarpa
Marianne Gorin	Elizabeth Scarpa
Jean Ho	Claire Spence
Shirley Kane	Lois Udicious
Marian Kapischke	Sister Bozena

**Parish Religious Education
Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 22nd.**

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a celebration of the Sunday readings in a setting and in a language more appropriate to their understanding. This program is offered **at the 10:00 am Mass**. All **children ages four through first grade** are welcome. No registration is needed. This special program **begins September 27th**.



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



Parish Picnic Sunday, September 20, 2015 after the 11:30 am Mass
All are invited to attend



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for September 19/20, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Mena/Choir Julie	D. Kreal, K. Wislocky R. Crawford	J. Mohan	L. & Z. Smith
8:30 am	Father O'Neill	Rob Rich	J. Singson, J. & L. Duffy	J. Vecchiola	S. Russo
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Celine Julie	M. Huynh, E. Beckman J. Galati	L. Galati	A. & J. Russo
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Celine Julie	A. Thompson, M. Garber T. Yia	J. Arnold	A. & I. Witting

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
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, 856 795-4396**

STM YOUTH

Email Katie youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org to stay up to date on STM YOUTH Events!
STM YOUTH has service, social and spiritual Events for youth and families in 5th-12th grade.

Wed Sept 16 @6pm Come and Welcome Youth from St. Thomas More, Denver CO. We will celebrate mass together then share a meal.

Thurs, Sept 17 @ 7pm Picnic Prep! Pizza and Posters and Game Set Up!

Picnic Set up Saturday(9/19) Morning 9:30-11 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!*

Women's Retreat Experience

Our spirit yearns for rest and prayerful reflection. This over-night retreat includes conferences, celebration of the Eucharist, time for private prayer and adoration. Come and be renewed in body and spirit! This retreat will be held at the Franciscan Spiritual Center on Kresson Road. **The retreat begins Friday, October 16th at 4 pm and concludes Saturday, October 17th at 3 pm.** Fr. Terry Odien, Priest Personnel director, will lead the retreat experience. Call Sister Ann (856-424-3213) to register. There are only 15 available spaces for this gathering.

The Novena for Peace

continues this **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Chapel.** All are welcome to attend.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 14

6:45 am Sr. Eriberta Cammarata
r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus

9:00 am Angelo Schiano r/b sister, Agata Scotta

TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 15

6:45 am Alfonso Bacolod, Jr. r/b Lilia Bacolod

9:00 am Pat Lachnicht r/b Joyce & Dick DeMichele

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:45 am intentions of Fr. Joseph Capella
r/b Franciscan sisters of the Infant Jesus

9:00 am George Pisera r/b Gould family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:45 am Catherine Ralph

9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:45 am William F. Pattison

9:00 am intentions of Eleanor Miller
r/b Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

4:30 pm Deceased members of the Glaviano family
r/b Frank & Marie

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 am Max Johnson
r/b Tom & Arlene Pajic

10:00 am Jose s. Padolina r/b Padolina family
Max Johnson r/b Sr. Vincent DePaul Society
Frank Cappetta r/b Dudley & MaryLou Thomas

11:30 am Lino Gomes r/b Lachnicht family

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

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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Nicholas Ferri



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

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

Bellissimo Caterer at Marian House

507 Kings Hwy South, CH

For tickets call 856-482-0678 or call parishioners

Elaine Beckman 856-428-7328 or Jon Lisitski 856-751-1157

Second Collection this week for Peter’s Pence

This weekend 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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 13, 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 23, 2012 - Mark 9:30-37

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Commentary:

Jesus teaches the power of "powerlessness." The Apostles still don't "get it." They struggle with each other for position and power. Jesus answers with a symbolic action that is stronger than words. He embraces a child, a symbol of powerlessness. He directs the Apostles not to build up a power structure but to embrace powerlessness. In the same way, the power of the Christian community will be in powerlessness.

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:



Years ago, we were told that abortion was a cure for child abuse, domestic violence, poverty, divorce, and almost every other social problem we had. Somehow, killing our babies was going to set us free and guarantee our equality. All these issues have become worse; how many babies have to die before we realize this plan is evil and can't work?

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

Theology on Tap covers

Ready for Pope Francis? #Know Mercy Everyday

When: 7-9pm Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Where: Tir Na Nog, 482 E. Evesham Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ

No cost to attend; participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages. **For more information:**
gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org

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.