

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
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 Marriage Formation Bob/Liz Scarpa 795-1160
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 Small Christian Comm. Ann Marie/Bob Lento 344-7454
 Spiritual Retreats John Galati 428-7073
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 20, 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

St. Thomas More Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 20, 2015 12:30—3:00



All are invited to attend this celebration of our Parish Family and the start of a new school year.

Something to consider:



With all of the road closings and the projected traffic delays due to the Pope's visit to Philadelphia, parishioners might consider **leaving for Mass earlier than usual the weekend of September 26/27th.**

Options for Women Dinner Show & Live Auction October 3, 2015—6:00 pm

Tickets must be purchased online by Sept. 29th
www.optionscherryhill.org (click on "News & events")
Buffet dinner

Live Auction items include: restaurant and shopping gift cards; shore house; Broadway tickets; Myrtle Beach condo/golf package; sporting events and much more!

Scripture Series "The Prophet Isaiah" begins tomorrow 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 13, 2015:

\$7525.00 was given and 170 envelopes were used. Online donations were \$402.00 from 9 donors. Peter's Pence Collection was \$1369.00. As always, thank you for your generosity.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd: 5:00—7:30 pm

Thursday, Sept. 24th: 9:30 am—1:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 29th: 5:00—7:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 1st: 9:30am—1:00 pm

Call Elaine Beckman to volunteer 856-428-7328

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Stewards Serve Others

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" Mark 9:35b

Jesus teaches His Stewards that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.



Welcome Pilgrims from St. Thomas More, Centennial Colorado! On **September 23rd**, we will celebrate **Mass at 6:00 pm** with members of St. Thomas More Parish, Centennial, Colorado. All are welcome to attend.

During the historic visit of Pope Francis to the U.S., the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** will **live-stream over six days of free online video coverage of papal events.**

All events will be live streamed in English with audio commentary from the USCCB website:
<http://www.usccb.org/live>

All events will also be available for video on demand here shortly after their conclusion:
<http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/papal-visit-2015/papal-visit-2015-video-on-demand.cfm>

Mobile(smartphone or tablet):
Download the free app at www.USACatholicChurch on your smartphone or tablet.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark Your Calendar

Saint Thomas More Parish Annual Raffle Drawing

Friday, November 20, 2015
St. Thomas More Parish Hall
7-8 PM

Light refreshments will be served.

Campus Buildings & Grounds Repair & Maintenance

Ticket Price \$100.00

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| 1st Prize | \$10,000 or | 25% |
| 2nd Prize | \$6,000.00 or | 15% |
| 3rd Prize | \$2,000.00 or | 5% |
| 4th Prize | \$2,000.00 or | 5% |

If all tickets are sold

**Total cash awarded will not exceed \$20,000.00
No substitution of the offered prize may be made.
Need not be present to win**

Tickets will be on Sale starting the weekend of September 26/27 after all Masses.

This will be the only Parish Fundraiser for the year. Please plan to participate.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for September 26/27, 2015

| Mass Time | Presider | Music | Extraordinary Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
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| 4:30 p.m. | Msgr. Graham | Carmen Len | P. & N. Kirincic I. Rellosa | T. Andraka | I. & C. Fulton |
| 8:30 am | Father O'Neill | June Rich | J. Singson, B. Lento J. Kenney | V. Marchesani | M. & G. Gray |
| 10:00 am | Father Johnson | Choir/Becca Julie | J. Mazzagatti, P. Rossi D. Gould | J. Mohan | C. & J. McFadden |
| 11:30 am | Father Johnson | Dolores Julie | G. Gadren, M. Ciccotta M. Dwyer | R. Ciccotta | A. & J. Zieba |

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes begin this Tuesday, September 22nd.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a celebration of the Sunday readings in a setting and language more appropriate to their understanding. This program is offered at the **10:00 am Mass**. All children ages **4 through first grade are welcome**. No registration is needed. This special program **begins next Sunday, September 27th**.

October 4th all 7th grade students and their parents are invited for the 10 am Mass and following the Mass, Confirmation I– Parent/Student class at 11:00 am which will be held in the St. Thomas More Hall.

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

Thank You to all the Youth and Parents helping to make the Parish Picnic a Success this weekend! Make sure you get your picture with the Pope and find the “Selfie Stations”

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! Email Katie and let her know you will try to come Sunday Nights!!

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 –LOTS OF FUN!!

Wednesday, Sept 23 Mass and Dinner with St Thomas More from Colorado!

Friday October 16th Hayride and Campfire at Springdale Farms at 7:00pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Permission Forms in the Gathering Space

Thursday November 4th No School, Let’s Serve! Ideas?

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

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 St. Vincent DePaul
Society
Frank Cappetta r/b Dudley
& MaryLou Thomas
- 11:30 am** Lino Gomes r/b Lachnicht family

MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 21

- 6:45 am** Dottie Haber
- 9:00 am** Nicholas DeJuliis r/b Florianne Gilden

TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 22

- 6:45 am** Deacon Emil Ralbusky r/b John Conway
- 9:00 am** Margaret McElrath r/b Albert McElrath

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 6:45 am** Dottie Haber
- 9:00 am** Dr. John Del Giorno r/b Pino family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 6:45 am** Elizabeth M. Block
- 9:00 am** Nicholas Ferri r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 6:45 am** Elizabeth M. Block
- 9:00 am** Nicholas Ferri r/b Marie Flowers & family

SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:00 am** Living & deceased members of the parish
Dudley Cannon r/b Pat & family
- 4:30 pm** George Erickson r/b Wislocky family

SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 27

- 8:30 am** Pat & Jerry Lachnicht
r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
- 10:00 am** intentions of Di Paolo family
r/b Lachnicht family
Frances Bretz r/b Kathy & Henry Glover
Max Johnson
r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
- 11:30 am** Helen Lamarca r/b Phyllis Kolecki

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, Gerylne 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

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


**Second Collection this weekend
Catholic University of America**

Catholic University trains leaders in the Church. Through its national seminary, the University provides graduate degrees for seminarians sponsored by nearly 195 Catholic dioceses in the U.S. More than 100 active and emeritus bishops and archbishops are alumni of Catholic University. Please be generous to this collection.

**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 pray for the repose of the soul of:
Brigetta McCarthy, sister of Marguerite

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

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 2015 – Mark 9:38-48

Jesus said, “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.”

Commentary:

Perhaps we have known someone whose illness made it necessary to have a diseased part of his or her body removed in order to preserve life. Self-preservation is a strong instinct. Sometimes extraordinary efforts are made to preserve physical life. How strong is our drive to sustain our spiritual life? Can we describe our efforts as extraordinary? For most of us, it would only take a small bit of introspection to identify something in our life that needs to go—something we need to cut away.

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:

Call it “choice” or call it murder, you certainly can’t call it health care. Of the 4000+ abortions performed in America everyday, almost every one is done for non-medical reasons on perfectly healthy babies. The baby always dies and the mother often leaves with physical, mental or spiritual injuries.



Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

**The Mass to Celebrate New Life in honor of St. Gerard
Friday, October 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm
St. Bridget Parish in Glassboro, NJ**

Do you know someone who is trying to conceive? Let them know of this special Mass in honor of St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of mothers, babies and those trying to conceive. If you know of anyone who is trying to conceive, or who is trying to adopt, please encourage them to attend. Pregnant moms and babies born in the last year will receive a special blessing. Babies and children are most welcome at this Mass! Those attending will be able to venerate a relic of St. Gerard and receive a blessed medal and a prayer card. If you haven’t had the chance to attend one of these special Masses, put this on your calendar. St. Gerard is known as a “wonder worker” for the abundance of miracles attributed to him. Come and ask!



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

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 (856-424-3212) to register. There are only 10 spaces left for this gathering. Mother-Daughter Luncheon– November 14, 2015 12:30 pm Riverwinds Restaurant, West Deptford 75 tickets available– Adults \$25/ Children 10 & under \$15**



Poland, World Youth Day 2016! Bishop Sullivan and the Dioceses of Camden, Metuchen and Trenton are leading a pilgrimage for those ages 18—39 from July 22—August 1, 2016 to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. This 11-day life-changing journey of faith will include praying with the Holy Father and millions of youth/young adults from around the world. Please call the Parish Office (424-3212) if interested.