

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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 Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217
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 Marriage Formation Bob/Liz Scarpa 795-1160
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 Prayer Shawls Sheila Mohan 795-6137
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 Small Christian Comm. Ann Marie/Bob Lento 344-7454
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 Antonina Nicdao 751-6320
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 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



All Moms of Infants-Kindergarteners are welcome!

Do you have a child newborn to Kindergarten? Are you looking for a few mom friends? Are you looking for a little break? Are you free on Tuesdays from 9:15-11:15?

Try out MOPS of St. Andrew's. MOPS is run by moms for moms! MOPS is a time to relax and recharge, with Hot Coffee, Friends, Crafts, Talks and Prayer! We are always welcoming new moms and their little ones! Our Tuesday Meetings are from 9:15-11:30 in St. Andrew's Parish Hall, from September through May. For more information email MopsofStAndrews@gmail.com Or Call/Text Katie 856-305-2914 or Tina 609-405-1099

Second Collection next weekend– Pro-Life

The Annual Pro-Life Collection is used to fund and support Pro-Life activities in the diocese. Please be generous to this collection.

Paul VI High School News

Paul VI Scholarship Test will be conducted at Paul VI, on Saturday, October 17th. Paul VI High School annually awards academic scholarships to incoming freshmen. To enter the scholarship process, 8th grade students must take the HSPT at Paul VI on October 17th. For more information, or to register for the test, please visit the website at: www.pvihs.org/Admissions

Paul VI Eagle- for- a- Day visits are available for 8th grade students throughout the fall admissions season. To see the schedule of available dates and to make a reservation, please visit the Paul VI website at: www.pvihs.org/Admissions

Paul VI High School Open House will be held at 6:30 pm Thursday, November 19th. Middle school students and their families are invited to meet our faculty, coaches and students and enjoy special performances by our performing arts groups. Reservations are appreciated but not required. For more information, visit the website: www.pvihs.org/Admissions

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Stewardship Awareness Sunday



“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” Mark 9:41

Stewardship lives reflect the life of Jesus. Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this.

When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Those who were unable to join us for our recent Novena for Peace may wish to say the brief prayers of the Novena privately.

Every Day:

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the designs of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day One Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all, who have so much trust in you, from wars, hatred and oppression. Make us all learn to live in peace and educate ourselves for peace, do what is demanded by justice, and respect the rights of every person, so that peace may be firmly established. Amen. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Day Two God of all peoples and nations, You have called those who live in this land to pursue Your vision of freedom, justice and peace for all. Keep us faithful to Your gifts, that we may use them for the world's good and the good of our own nation, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Day Three Most holy and immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother, being His Mother you shared in His universal kingship. The prophets and angels proclaimed Him King of Peace. With loving fervor in our hearts, we salute and honor you as Queen of Peace. We pray that your intercession may protect us and all people from hatred and discord, and direct our hearts into the ways of peace and justice which your Son taught and exemplified. We ask your maternal care for our Holy father who works to reconcile the nations in peace. We seek your guidance for our president and other leaders as they strive for world peace. Amen. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Day Four Holy Virgin, august Queen of Peace, obtain for us of your Son the peace which He has left as a heritage to His disciples. The world knows it not and cannot give it; it resides only in hearts pure and sanctified by grace. May we preserve this heavenly peace with our superiors by submission and respect; with our equals by meekness; with our inferiors by patience and kindness; with God and with ourselves by the practice of all virtues. Grant peace also to the church, to our families, our friends, and all mankind. Obtain for us the grace to live here on earth in the peace of innocence in order to merit the eternal peace of Heaven. Amen. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Day Five Glorious Queen of Peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and concord throughout the world. Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved country, watch over us and protect us with your Motherly love. Amen. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Day Six Hail, most sublime Queen of Peace, most holy Mother of God! By the Sacred Heart of Jesus, your Son, Prince of Peace, appease His anger and obtain that He may reign over us in peace. Amen. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Day Seven O God, from whom proceed all holy desires, all right counsels and just works, grant unto us. Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be devoted to Your service, and that, being delivered from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in peace under your protection. Amen. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Day Eight O God, Who through Your only begotten Son has, in Your mercy, given peace to men, grant that through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, we may enjoy constantly on earth the blessings of peace in heaven. Amen. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Day Nine O loving God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do Your will and leave us His peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to Your presence in our hearts. May Your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for October 3/4, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father	Choir Julie	K. Wislocky, G. Tyrrell J. De Michele	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda
8:30 am	Father	Rob Rich	Sr. Rosaria, B. Massey B. Lento	J. Vecchiola	S. Russo K. & A. Quay
10:00 am	Father	Jerry Julie	K. Glover, D. Stataon M. Santiago	K. McFadden	C. & J. McFadden
11:30 am	Father	Dolores Julie	A. Thompson, L. Levin M. Garber	J. Kuchler	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

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School Open House and Scholarship/Entrance Exam

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School invites students and parents to **Open House on Sunday, October 18, 2015** from **11:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

Scholarship/Entrance Exam Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 8:00 am. Entrance fee: \$25. The 8 highest scorers will be offered an academic scholarship. A **practice test will be offered Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 8:30 am.** For more information call the Admissions Office at 856-662-2160 or online at www.eustace.org.

STM YOUTH

Thank You to all who made the Parish Picnic a success...we will have pictures in next week's bulletin!

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.

Sunday Evening Meetings for the High School begin tonight! We will have Sundaes and talk about the Pope's visit and the impact it has or has not had in our community! I hope to see you there!!!

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 28

6:45 am
9:00 am Yolanda Castagliola r/b aunt, Agata Scotto

TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 29

6:45 am special intentions
9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Pat & family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

6:45 am
9:00 am Linda Sweeney
r/b Sharon & Jack Weinberg

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:45 am Sr. Angelina Pia Camillatti
r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus

9:00 am Nick Ferri r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:45 am Joseph DiGregorio
9:00 am George & Frances Pisera r/b Gould family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
Lillian Reader r/b Lillian Creedon
4:30 pm Marylou Casey r/b Tagland family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:30 am Ernest DeDuke
r/b Bev & Vincent DeMasi
10:00 am Frances Bretz r/b John & Lena Galati
Max Johnson r/b Joyce & Dick De Michele
Frank Cappetta r/b Teri Bones
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

Papal Intentions for the month of October:

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Funster News

Funster trips are open to ALL parishioners & Friends Remember the meeting: this **Monday, September 28th at 7:00 pm.** +++Please note time change+++ All those going on Frank Lloyd Wright trip are requested to attend.

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, Geryl 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

Church envelopes—When using church envelopes please mark the amount of the offering on the front so your contribution can be recorded accurately. And please do not use tape or stickers to seal the envelopes. It is extremely time consuming for collection counters to open envelopes that are taped closed and many times information is compromised by tape.

PostAbortionHelp.org

Knowing that countless women, men, parents, grandparents, and siblings suffer from the effects of abortion, Good Counsel began Lumina, a healing outreach and referral service. Throughout the year Lumina offers retreats, healing services and assists individuals coping with the post-traumatic effects of an abortion experience. Toll-free confidential Lumina Line: 877-586-4621. Email: Lumina@PostAbortionHelp.org

St. Thomas More Parish **Annual Raffle** tickets will be on sale after all Masses. Drawing will be held on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Your participation is appreciated.

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 27, 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 4, 2015 – Mark 10:2-16

“From the beginning of creation, God made male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.”

Commentary:

In Mark's Gospel Jesus goes beyond the Law of Moses (where Moses allowed divorce because of “the hardness of your hearts”) and back to God's on command. Jesus teaches the clear ideal of Genesis 2 which is quoted in the Gospel. The Hebrews saw a human person as body, soul and spirit—all together. You are your body. So, when a man and woman “become one body,” they are like one person. There is no domination of man over woman here. Man and woman complement each other, complete each other.

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:



...Meanwhile, sonograms and embryology have made people aware of how well developed fetuses are while still legally vulnerable to abortion. We even do surgery on fetuses now, which makes aborting them seem that much more perverse. *William*

*Saletan—Pro-choice columnist, “Life After Roe,”
March 5, 2006*

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

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.



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**

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 10 available spaces left for this gathering.**

Mother-Daughter Luncheon, 12:30 pm November 14, 2015 Riverwinds Restaurant, West Deptford. “*Mary, Out of the Ordinary*” is the theme of this luncheon which will include prayer, sharing, reflection, food and fun. Join Sister Peggy Devlin, OP as she shares about Mary and her role as mother and daughter. **75 tickets available—Adults \$25/ Children 10 & under \$15**

