

St. Thomas More Church

1439 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003

856-424-3212 • Fax: 856-424-2411

Web Site: <http://stthomasmorenj.org/> • E-mail: stthomasmore@comcast.net

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
 Career Ministry Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
 Funsters (over 50 club) Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
 Parish Festival June Garafano 229-7461
 Women's Club 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



shutterstock - 147427670

**St. Thomas More Parish Fund Raiser
Raffle Ticket \$100.00 each -
Chance to WIN!**

1st Prize \$10,000.00 or 25%

2nd Prize \$ 6,000.00 or 15%

3rd Prize \$ 2,000.00 or 5%

4th Prize \$2,000.00 or 5%

Proceeds will be used for

Campus Buildings & Grounds Repair & Maintenance

This will be the only Parish Fundraiser for the year.

Please plan to participate.

***DON'T MISS OUT! WHY NOT SHARE A
RAFFLE TICKET WITH A FRIEND
TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES***

Look who was at our picnic! Were you ?



Parish Collection for September 27, 2015 \$ 8,879.00 was given and 172 envelopes were used. Online giving was \$1,823 from 12 donors. As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Past generation Stewardship

“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.”

Genesis 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second,



Stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 68)

Fr. Phillip M. Johnson

The Papal Encyclicals on Social Justice

The recent encyclical letter of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (“On Care For our Common Home”) has generated much discussion and argument, and not only among Catholics. It addresses the controversial issue of “global warming”. Readers may “camp out” on those pages, but that would be a mistake, because *Laudato Si'* is about much more than “climate change”. A second mistake would be to read this latest encyclical with no knowledge of those written by previous popes (all of which generated controversy!) Our present pope's encyclical invokes the teaching of his predecessors. Those who find themselves surprised or puzzled in reading his words might benefit from at least being aware of previous papal teaching on matters of social justice. I have started a list below of the eight preceding social encyclicals (four here, four more next week). My summaries will be inadequate, but they may at least demonstrate a remarkable continuity of moral vision.

Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum* (On the Condition of the Working Person), 1891: The fountainhead of the modern social encyclical, a touchstone for those that came after. The “New Things” of the title (*Rerum Novarum*) are the economic and social conditions brought about by the industrial revolution. The pope laments the growing alienation of the working class from the Church and the increasingly bitter class warfare. He is aware of the secularist ideologies claiming the minds of the workers. The Church's moral teaching and authority is not locked up in “spiritual” concerns. Her faith engages also the temporal realm. She must join in seeking remedies to economic and social injustice. The right of private property is firmly upheld, but not as an *absolute right* upheld at the cost of injustice. He supports the right of workers to a just wage and to collective bargaining, citing ancient Church teaching on the “universal destination of human goods” (more on this important teaching next time).

Pius XI, *Quadragesimo Anno*, 1931. Forty years after *Rerum Novarum*, Pius XI applies its principles to the circumstances of the Great Depression and the rise of Communist Totalitarianism. The pope condemns a socialism that oppresses human freedom in a false collectivism. At the same time he critiques an unrestrained capitalism that fosters a selfish individualism. He allows that governments have a place in insuring the economic rights of all. At the same time he invokes the principle of *subsidiarity*. This means that social renewal and reform are better achieved by more local and regional initiatives. The role of federal government is *subsidiary* (that is, supportive) of more local initiatives, allowing for the problems to be solved by those who actually experience the problem.

St. John XXIII, *Mater et Magistra* (On Christianity and Social Progress) 1961: Published on the seventieth anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, the encyclical addresses the question of intervention by national governments in the light of three contemporary developments: the impact of technology, the rise of the welfare state, and the growing aspirations of people to participate in the political process. These changes represent a new kind of *socialization*, which often makes it more difficult for social problems (like access to health care or unemployment) to be addressed at local levels. There are times when national institutions (public and private) have a legitimate role in solving the problems of this new form of *socialization*.

St. John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, 1963: John XXIII's second encyclical significantly develops all that goes before in three important ways. (1) He provides a systematic presentations of the *rights* of the human person (to life, to work, to worship, etc.) along with the person's corresponding *duties*. (2) He grounds these rights and duties in the natural order of the created universe. This order is reflected in the nature of the human person and is the basis of the inviolable dignity of every person. (3) Previous encyclicals focused on relations within each nation. John XXIII applied the Church's social teaching to the relation of the nations one to another. This, of course, raises the issue of war and peace.

+ + +

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for October 10/11, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father O'Neill	Carmen Rich	T. Petrone, Sr. Sophia R. Crawford	D. Miller	D. Ha, J. Wachman
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Rob Rich	J. Singson, B. Lento P. Lavala	M. Maggart	J. & A. Zieba
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Becca/Choir Julie	D. Gould, M. Huynh P. Rossi	F. Eggles	M. & T. Dautle T. Kenny
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Becca Julie	B. Haughwout, T. Yia M. Garber	D. Haughwout	G. & M. Gray

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

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

October 11th all 8th grade students and their parents are invited for the **10 am Mass** and following the Mass **Confirmation II– parent/Student class at 11:00 am** which will be held in the **St. Thomas More Hall**.

Sr. Bozena, PCL, 424-3212 ext. 106

STM YOUTH

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!

Mark Your Calendar & let Katie know you will attend!

Saturday, October 10th Second Saturdays

8:30 am—noon

Friday, October 16th Hayride & Campfire at

Springdale Farms 7:00 pm, cost \$15 per person, permission form needed

Sunday, November 1st Teen and Parent Night

out! 7:00—8:30 pm

Thursday, November 4th No School! Let's serve! Ideas?

Saturday, November 14th Service Day

(Second Saturdays) with reflection

Sunday, November 21st Youth Mass and Social

with Cherry Hill Parishes at the Retreat House on Kresson Road

Sunday, December 13th Christmas Party for kids in Camden

**High School Youth Group
Sunday Night Meetings 7:00—8:30 pm**

Oct. 4th Oct. 18th Nov. 1st
Nov. 15th Nov. 29

Questions about

questions

Youth Group?

Please email or call Katie

youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org or 856-305-2914

St. Mary Church– 2001 Springdale Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ
Parish Mission:

“Finding God in Everyday Life”

Led by Fr. John Collins, CSP

October 5th—7th

After the 8:00 am Mass and again at 7:00 pm
Morning and Evening sessions are the same.

Choose the sessions most convenient with your schedule. For more information call Kathleen at 424-0955 or email krandopastoralassociate@verizon.net



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 DelDuke
 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

MONDAY—OCTOBER 5

6:45 am George Fox
 r/b Edward & Andrea Targonski & family
9:00 am Angela & Agata Finocchiarao
 r/b Agata Scotto

TUESDAY—OCTOBER 6

6:45 am George Fox
9:00 am Arnold Gilden r/b Floriana

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:45 am Bridget Hetherton
9:00 am Gloria Ott
 r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:45 am Bridget Hetherton
9:00 am Emil A. Ralbusky r/b Tobin family
Brigetta McCarthy r/b Marian Kapischke
William Davis r/b Tobin family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:45 am Peggy O'Malley r/b McGeady family
9:00 am Sue M. Buttacavoli
 r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

SATURDAY—OCTOBER 10

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Mary Cinefra
 r/b Vito & Rosemary Cinefra

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 11

8:30 am Ernest Del Duke
 r/b Barbara & Charles Cerquitella
10:00 am Kathleen Pramba r/b Teri Bones
Frank Cappetta r/b Anne Soldo
Pat Lachnicht r/b Teri Bones
Robert Schadt r/b Phyllis & family
11:30 am Helen Bantivoglio r/b children

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
John Dunner



Papal Intentions for the month of October: That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

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

Upcoming Regularly Scheduled Meetings & Events

Women's Club Board Meeting—1:00 pm, Wednesday, October 7th, Classroom #7
Prayer Shawl Meeting— 9:30 am, Thursday, October 8th.
Second Saturday Ministry— leaving STM 8:30am, Saturday, October 10th

SECOND SATURDAYS

October 10th Leave STM—8:30 am return 12 noon— A service project for the whole family.

Are you looking to do more, have a regular service activity to do monthly? **STM Youth is looking for families, men, women, and teens to help at the Heart of Camden the SECOND SATURDAY of every month beginning this month.** The Heart of Camden's mission is to restore the dignity and quality of life to the Waterfront South community through programs of housing restoration, economic expansion and human development. Volunteers of all ages help with clean-up, painting, planting and various other projects that are needed to be done. Students in grades 2 –6 must be accompanied by an adult. 7th—12th graders with permission slip may attend with Youth Group leaders.

Second Saturdays is a great way to connect and help the less fortunate who are only 15 minutes from us. Please call or email Katie if you are interested in helping with this project. *You do not have to attend EVERY Second Saturday.*

Questions? Contact Katie:

youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org or call 856-305-2914.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 4, 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 11, 2015 – Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"...Jesus responded, "You know the commandments: You shall not kill, etc." The man said to Jesus, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement, the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Commentary:

Today's Gospel illustrates the frequent conflict between wisdom and wealth. The man who asked the secret of everlasting life was clearly a thoroughly good person. But Jesus senses in this man an attitude of not needing anyone else. Jesus tells him, in effect, "All the resources on which you rely are useless. Get rid of them, trust in God, and follow me." The challenge here was not to *poverty* as such, but to trust. Salvation is God's gift, not a reward for human efforts.

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 freedom to kill is not true freedom, but a tyranny that reduces the human being to slavery.



More and more lonely elderly people exist in big cities, even in situations of serious illness and close to death. In such situations, the pressure of euthanasia is felt, especially when a utilitarian vision of the person creeps in. In this regard, I take this opportunity to reaffirm once again the firm and constant ethical condemnation of every form of direct euthanasia, in accordance with the Church's centuries-old teaching. *Pope Benedict XVI*

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

We welcome the following new members to our parish:

Joseph, Sabrina, Simona & Alessia **Campisi**; Linda, Laurence, Andrew & Matthew **Devlin**; Brian & Kathleen **Kraemer**; Timothy, Megan, Kelsey & Georgia **Mackey**; Brendan, Kim, Noah & Kennley **McNichol**; Frank, Christine, Nicholas & Faith **Ortega**; Robert, Stefanie & Robert **Palma**; Christopher, Stephanie & Finley **Reilly**; Thomas, Rita, Keira & Thomas **Shusted**; Damon, ShannonLee, Martin, & ShelleyRose **Widmer**



We are glad you are here!



Public Square Rosary Crusade– 12 noon, Saturday, October 10, 2015 held at St. Andrew Church & Christ Our Light.
All are welcome to attend and participate.

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 6 available spaces left for this gathering.**

Parish Picnic Gratitude

How blessed we are at St. Thomas More Parish to have the BEST volunteers in all of Cherry Hill.

Our Parish Picnic was a wonderful event of community celebrated with and among a wonderful group of parishioners.

To all who came to the Picnic, we say thank you. The event was perfect for relaxation and for getting to know others in our community.

Deep gratitude is expressed to those who planned, purchased, advertised, set up on Saturday and Sunday, prepared the food, served where needed, provided the music, organized the crafts and races and cleaned up afterwards. So many hands and hearts made the day memorable. The remarkable part of it was that it all seemed to happen so easily. The committee had a plan, they executed the plan, and they all knew their jobs.

Deepest gratitude and God's blessings to all of you for an afternoon of fun, games, and most importantly,

COMMUNITY.