

# 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 Vigil: 7:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation  
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm  
or any time by appointment

Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Morgan, Pastor  
Rev. George Donkor Tang, In Residence  
Rev. Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant  
Sr. Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation  
Deacon John Harrington  
Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader  
Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy  
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary

## DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership			Worship		
Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren	424-3212	Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212	Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Christian Life/Education			Ch. Art Environment	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Bereavement	Sheila Mohan	795-6137	Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Friday Adoration	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053	Lectors	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
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Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217	Sacristans	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Knights of Columbus	Dick Haughwout	429-8598		Tom Petrilli	751-1367
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160	Ushers	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart	429-6948	Music Ministry	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Pastoral Counselor	Claire Spence	428-8325		Roger Pisani, Director	609-702-7858
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137		Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130		Len Kolojechick	346-4078
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212	Social Development	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461
	Jim Vecchiola	424-9555	Bridge Groups		
Rosary Ministry	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053		Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	424-4759	Funsters (over 50 club)	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Spiritual Direction	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212	Men's Association	Bob Lento	424-4759
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073	Parish Festival	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Denise Radziwill	424-0494	Women's Club	Committee	424-3212
				Eileen Withers	751-6838

### 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 office if you or a family member will be admitted to the hospital. Anointing of the sick is available for those who are confined to home for a period of time. For emergencies, please call the parish office any time.

### BAPTISM

Arrangements for Baptism can be made in advance by calling the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a class in preparation for this Sacrament.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry must attend a marriage preparation program offered by the diocese. One-year notification of the marriage date is recommended.

### RCIA

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is a process of instruction for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments. For more information please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Jim Vecchiola

### 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.

### 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.

### Regional Penance Service

Monday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.  
at Christ Our Light Parish  
(St. Peter Celestine Church)

Saint Thomas More Parish extends our prayers and blessings to fellow parishioner Robert Scarpa as he enters into the Candidacy formation phase of the Diaconate in the Diocese of Camden on Wednesday, April 13, 2011.

### AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Help Earn Money *EFFORTLESSLY*

*Don't forget* about this program:

**TD Bank will make an annual contribution to Saint Thomas More Parish based on the average balance in all members' accounts: checking, savings, money market, CD & IRA accounts are all included.**

**Members' accounts are not affected in any way by this contribution. Your account balances are used to determine the level of contribution and are KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**

Please act now, we only need 3 more households to reach our goal of 50.

Visit any TD Bank to enroll and have your balances included as part of Saint Thomas More's Affinity Membership Program.

If you have any questions, call George Sierra, TD Bank Manager at 428-8545.

**St. Vincent de Paul** - The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness.

Through your almsgiving you are giving signs of grace to others; far greater than you think.

Our Society will be collecting food and funds for food next weekend after all Masses. Thank you.

*Frank Nicoletti, President*

### Last week's collection

April 3, 2011

\$10,701.75 - 279 Envelopes

*May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.*

## LENT IS A TIME TO REPENT

**Sigmund Freud**, the founding father of psychiatry, claimed that if we wanted to be happy we needed to revisit our childhood. If we wanted to renew our lives we needed to revisit our childhood experiences. He saw great value in taking a long hard look at our early childhood fixations.

A contemporary of Sigmund Freud's, a man by the name of **Alfred Adler**, said that if we wanted to be happy we had to set goals for ourselves in life. Then, if we wanted to renew our lives, we had to renew our goals. It would be necessary to revisit our goals in life.

Years later, a man by the name of **B. F. Skinner** who lectured and did research at Harvard University claimed that if we want to be happy in life we had to take a close look at our behavior. Then, if we wanted to renew our lives we may have to renew and revisit our behavior.

A contemporary of **B. F. Skinner**, a man by the name of **Carl Rogers** the most influential psychologist in the history of psychology/psychiatry in this country, claimed that if we wanted to be happy we had to be aware of our feelings.

**Carl Rogers** believed that if we wanted to renew our lives then we had to renew our feelings. For him if we wanted to change our lives then it was advantageous to revisit and change the way we felt about things.

**Jesus**, more than 2000 years ago, claimed that if we wanted to be happy we had to **repent**. Repentance was His constant message for the people of His time and His culture.

**Jesus would say that if we want inner peace then we must *repent*. If we want to renew our lives then we must *repent*. If we want a better quality of life then we must change the way we think and take on a whole new perspective.**

The word *repentance* comes from the Greek word *metanoia* which literally means to change one's perspective. Repentance is a call to turn around our thinking. It is a call to turn our thinking away from something and think in a different direction.

Repentance is a call to turn our backs on what went on before in our lives. It is a call to turn around our outlook toward things and events. It is a call to make a 180 degree orientation.

Repentance is a call to turn from the world and to turn to God. It is a call to leave behind worldly values and to turn to Gospel values. It is a call to turn away from the spirit of the passing world and turn to a God-like attitude in the way we live our lives.

Repentance does not have anything to do with regret. It does not have anything to do with wallowing in grief. It has everything to do with acquiring a new viewpoint. It has everything to do with shattering old beliefs about where you are going to find happiness.

Repentance is a message that one's mental attitude is very crucial. The ultimate source of happiness is in our mental attitude toward the place of God in our lives. Even if I have good health and many material possessions but lack the proper mental outlook toward God there will be feelings of dissatisfaction and unhappiness. "*Repent, and believe in the gospel.*" (Mark 1:15)

Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan  
Pastor

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Ministry Schedule for April 16 and 17, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	<b>Monsignor Morgan</b>	<b>C/R Pisanl</b>	<b>R Crawford, E Kleinz T Petrone, I Rellosa</b>	<b>D Miller</b>	<b>N Brown R Nicklous</b>
8:30 a.m.	<b>Father Joyce</b>	<b>G Nacarelli L Kolojchick</b>	<b>A Del Campo-O'Brien, A Pajic Sr. Dianna, P Rossi</b>	<b>J Vecchiola</b>	<b>M Lender A Rzepski</b>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Monsignor Morgan</b>	<b>Adult Choir D Kreal L Kolojchick</b>	<b>G Gadren, K Glover D Gould, B Massey</b>	<b>K McFadden</b>	<b>C/J McFadden</b>
11:30 a.m.	<b>Father Joyce</b>	<b>C Malatino A Rivero</b>	<b>N Pro, M Santiago D/C Spence</b>	<b>S Kane</b>	<b>K/Me Quay D Sheehan</b>

### *Women's Club News*

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., April 13, 7:30 p.m.  
*Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838*

### YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students    Jr. – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
*Upcoming Event(s):*  
 • **Concert:** Thurs., May 10, 7 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc, Marlton - more detail to follow.  
 Check out our web page at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/> - click on *Youth Ministry*.  
*Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120*

### St. Thomas More Parish **Movie Night** **The Keys of the Kingdom** **NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>**

Please note: 7 p.m.

In the St. Thomas More Hall

**ALL ARE WELCOME, BRING A FRIEND!**



A young priest, Father Chisholm is sent to China to establish a Catholic parish among the non-Christian Chinese. While his boyhood friend, also a priest, flourishes in his calling as a priest in a more Christian area of the world, Father Chisholm struggles. He encounters hostility, isolation, disease, poverty and a variety of set backs which humble him, but make him more determined than ever to succeed.

*Marianne Gorin, Coordinator - 346-1811*

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The final Confirmation II class will be held this Sunday, April 10, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 Mass prior to class.

Individual five-minute meetings with either Monsignor Morgan, Deacon John, Sister Ann Byrnes or Pat Maggart will be held this Sunday, April 10, following the 11:30 Mass for all First Communicants and their parents.

During the months of April and May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

On Saturday, April 2, our First Communicants gathered here at our church for a special retreat in preparation for their First Communion on May 7. They prayed and listened to a Bible story, sang songs, made "stone soup" and barley loaves, and each child assembled a remembrance banner for First Communion Day. Thank you to all who made the morning a big success: Sister Angela Pia, Pat Kirincic, Frank Bonetti, Denise Barrett, Elizabeth Crafton, Alaine Dautle, Elaine Lee, Andrea Michel, Margaret Tatonetti and Pat Maggart.

Parish Religious Education Program registration forms for the 2011-2012 school year have been mailed to the homes of all current students. Please complete and return with appropriate fee as soon as possible, but no later than May 31. *Additional forms for first grade students and for students who will be new to the program are available in the gathering space.*

*Pat Maggart, PCL, 424-3212 - ext. 106*

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

## SATURDAY - APRIL 9

9:00 am Joseph V. Canal r/b Mr. Dante J. Sarubbi, Jr.  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Gianna Mecca r/b Amy Osborn

## SUNDAY - APRIL 10

8:30 am Estelle Carignan r/b John & Sheila Mohan  
10:00 am Mildred Pino r/b the Gullo Family  
Margaret Minardi-Cox r/b M/M Robert Luther  
Amy Schuenemann Voorhees r/b Beckman Family  
Anne McLaughlin r/b Her Family  
11:30 am Margaret O'Leary r/b Dick & Claire Spence

## MONDAY - APRIL 11

6:45 am Joseph V. Canal r/b M/M Lou Iacono  
9:00 am 52nd Wedding Anniversary of Chuck and Marian Kapischke

## TUESDAY - APRIL 12

6:45 am Vincent John Tyrrell r/b Family  
9:00 am Dick Schweitzer r/b wife, Sally & Family

## WEDNESDAY - APRIL 13

6:45 am Albert I. Krupnick r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am William Harley r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

## THURSDAY - APRIL 14

6:45 am Chester Sokolowski r/b Sheila Moore  
9:00 am Lawrence Santana r/b The Tobin Family  
Eileen Donovan r/b Eileen Kleinz  
Joseph V. Canal r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

## FRIDAY - APRIL 15

6:45 am Special Intention of Sister Bernadette Pietraszewska  
9:00 am In Thanksgiving r/b Jim & Ann Tobin

## SATURDAY - APRIL 16

9:00 am Nicholas Branciforte r/b John & Sheila Mohan  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Special Intention of Rich Tyrrell r/b Greta Tyrrell

## SUNDAY - APRIL 17

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society  
10:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & daughter, Mary Monica Maher r/b Clare & Angelo DiGiacomo  
Tom Unfreed r/b The Beckman Family  
11:30 am Helen Radzik r/b Ted & Kay Uhlman

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

### *THE SICK...*

Devon Sheehan	Helen Copperthwaite
Denise Daniels	Bob & Claire Boylan
George Sweeten	Andrea Buonincontro
Maria Storms	Frank Cappetta
Leona Novak	Joseph Console
Ruth Suita	Michael Kapischke
Ron Massey	Betty O'Donnell
Marie Cain	Marie Mazzagatti
Frank Colbert	Stanley Kochanek
Mary Cowan	Pauline Rosberg
Yolanda Burke	William Mitchell
Jean Colbert	Geralyn Coticone
Mary Flacco	Jerry McMenamin
Mary Beuhler	Chris Kolodzey
Charlie Kelton	Marie DiFrank
Carlos Santiago	Joe Pottackal, Sr.
Ralph Stilley	Theresa Carozza
Robert Geisel	Pasquale DiFronzo
Marcy Toub	



Harry Watson  
Danny Perla  
Anna McMullen  
Olga Mignone  
Joanne James  
JoAnn Gadren  
Gloria Daniels  
Dorothy Brink  
Alfred DiFrank  
Don Kreal  
Ed Rivero  
Marie Read  
Catherine Zee  
Chase Lupica

### *THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...*



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lt. Col. Carl Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mario Centofanti, Sr. Airman Alyssa Cosentino, Staff Sergeant Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, A1C John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, CDR Katherine (Tobin) McCabe, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Major Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

### **Easter Flower donation envelopes**

are included in your weekly envelope packet. Your Easter Flower offering will be used for altar flowers, lilies for the shut-ins and church decorations. Your envelope can be put in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off at the parish office. Please indicate, on the envelope, if you wish to have your donation made in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will help to enhance our Easter liturgies.



**THE PARISH REJOICES** with the families of **Mason Robert Fowler, Brendan Conor Moore, and Caroline Grace LaForm** all of whom were received into the Church through the waters of Baptism.

### Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

(For use in homes as well as in small groups)

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for the proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday.

Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

#### Excerpt from the Gospel for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 17, 2011 - Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God."

#### Commentary:

Only in the Passion according to Matthew do we hear the story of the raising of the saints. The details of the splitting of the temple sanctuary veil, the earthquake, and the tombs releasing their hold on the saints are unique to this gospel. What is the evangelist trying to tell us? The temple veil covered the Holy of Holies—that part of the sanctuary where the Ark of the Covenant was once kept. This was God's special dwelling place in Israel, and God was not to be revealed indiscriminately to all. With the tearing of the veil, the divine presence is no longer concealed. God is "loose" in Jerusalem! And in the same hour, death itself loses its mystery as its hidden captives are set free from the bonds of their shrouds. Resurrection means the mystery's out: Jesus Christ is Lord!

#### Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. Share something from the reading or the commentary that spoke to you.
2. Have you ever let God "loose" in your life? What would be the result if you did?
3. Name a time in your life when Christ's death and resurrection had a special meaning to you.
4. What would it take in your life to free you from the bonds that hold you captive?

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are meeting this Thursday, April 14, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.



*Sheila Mohan, Chair*



#### SAVE THE DATE!

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

2011 Golf Outing

Monday, June 6th

at Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton, NJ

Golf Outing; \$125, Dinner only: \$55

Tickets being sold after all Masses in the gathering space starting next weekend.

*A. J. Ariani (983-5761) & Tom Pajic (795-7520), Co-Chairs*



Thank you to those who worked, participated, volunteered and supported our first Lenten Fish Fry. It was an enjoyable and successful evening.

*Kris Bailey, Jon Stein*

#### 'FUNSTER NEWS'

For the **FUN** of it

The St. Thomas More Funsters will be going to Philadelphia on June 1 for a mural bus tour and lunch at the Firehouse Restaurant. The City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program unites artists and communities through a collaborative process, rooted in the traditions of mural-making, to create art that transforms public spaces and individual lives. Cost is \$76—includes bus, tour, tips & lunch—due no later than April 30. Send checks (made payable to St. Thomas More Funsters) to Bob Lento, 70 Partridge Ln., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003. Any questions please call Bob at 424-4759.



#### Newly registered Parishioners

Stanislaw, Zofia, Pawel, Lucyna,  
Justyna, & Anna Zieba

Roger, Natalie & Roger Frament  
Helen Chambers

Giulio & Christina Musso

Suzanne Pedrick Sean Murphy

Richard Schweitzer

Alice & Erica Hansen