

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

Second Collection Next Weekend - World Missions

Every year we remember in a special way our Baptismal call to mission as we celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year’s celebration is further enriched as we mark the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican council’s Decree on the Missionary activity of the Church which proclaims, “The pilgrim Church on earth is missionary by its very nature,” reminding us that **all of us are called to be on mission.**

Your financial help on world Mission Sunday, offered in the collection for the society for the Propagation of the faith, supports efforts in 1,150 young mission dioceses in our world, reaching the poorest communities with a message of hope and healing, mercy and peace.

Let us have that same passion with this World Mission Sunday, as we share the joy of the gospel and help the poor by our fervent prayer and through generous hearts. Please be generous to this collection.

**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**

Parish Collection for October 4, 2015

\$11,251.00 was given and 208 envelopes were used. Online giving was \$642 from 12 donors. As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Stewardship of Treasure

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Mark 10: 25



Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, **Stewardship** is a calling to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose; but

all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 69)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

A series of reflections about professing, praying, thinking, and living the Faith of the Church

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. With this profession, the Trinitarian “shape” of our faith is complete. Each of the three parts of the creed confesses faith in God: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit—the One God who is a fellowship, a *communion* of three “persons” or identities.

The Lord, the giver of Life . . . Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified. The Creed makes clear that the Holy Spirit we believe in is not simply some divine force or emanation from God, but is truly God. The Holy Spirit is clearly identified as *the Lord, the giver of Life*. When God gives the Holy Spirit, as in the Sacrament of Confirmation, God gives God. The Holy Spirit is the name of God when God is given as a gift to indwell the souls of human creatures.

By analogy, we know something about this kind of giving. Or, at least, we know a very distant likeness to it. You know about “giving yourself” to some cause or person. When you give yourself to another, it does not mean you cease being yourself. In fact, by giving yourself you become more and more yourself. But it means that the other person now possesses your love, your loyalty, your presence when needed. This is, as we said, a distant likeness; there is much un-likeness within the likeness. Our human self-giving is severely limited by our nature and by our sins. But God’s self-giving is limited by nothing except his infinite Love.

To whom does God give himself? The first answer is one of the strange surprises of our faith, and it may at first sound like nonsense. God gives himself to God! That is to say, the Father gives himself to the Son and the Son returns this self-giving wholly; and this mutual self-giving *is* the Holy Spirit.

Of course, we could not speak of God like this, we would know nothing of this mystery, except for Jesus. When the Word of God “became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:1-3), the eternal secret of God’s self-giving is enacted and disclosed in a human history. The gospel story is *first of all* a story of the self-giving love between Jesus and the one Jesus called Father—who is the one who calls Jesus “my Son, my Beloved” (Mark 1:11). The Father gives “all things” to the Son (Col. 1) —his loyalty, approval, authority, creative power, and redeeming love. And Jesus returns this gift to the Father without holding anything back. The Son’s loyalty to the Father is not broken even by a tortuous death; the Father’s loyalty to the Son is stronger than the grave. This mutual self-giving that makes them “one,” this mutual Father-Son exchange of love is named by the gospel “the Holy Spirit.”

I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe that the power of love and favor between Jesus and his Father has been revealed and poured out in human history, “adopting” you and me (Romans 8:15) into that shared love. I believe that the Father now loves me with the same Love that he has for his only begotten Son. Because the Son gives me a share in his own perfect love of the Father. I believe that this Spirit will shape my life more and more in the image of the Sonship of Jesus. I believe that this Holy Spirit will hold us all secure in the communion of the Father with the Son, now and forever— that “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the *communion* of the Holy Spirit” will be with us always (2 Cor. 13:14).

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for October 17/18, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Fritz	Mena/Choir Julie	G. Tyrrell, I. Rellosa J. DeMichele	J. Mohan	L. & Z. Smith
8:30 am	Father Johnson	June Rich	P. Lavala, B. Massey Sr. Rosaria	J. Vecchiola	S. Russo
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Jerry Julie	J. Galati, E. Beckman D. Staton	L. Galati	I. & A. Witting
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Dolores Julie	M. Ciccotta, L. Levin A. Thompson	R. Ciccotta	K. & K. Johnson

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 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**.

Oct. 24th “Spirit Day”: This is a day that you can participate in to help keep our Parish grounds and facilities clean and beautiful, to which I invite all parishioners. It would be a perfect opportunity for parishioners as well as 7th & 8th graders to have fun and also complete part of the “Service Project” before Confirmation. Join us on the church grounds from 9:30 am—12 noon. Lunch will be provided. If weather permits, we will end the work with a bonfire to roast hot dogs and marshmallows. **PLEASE BRING A RAKE. Appearance of the physical surroundings of our parish grounds is a way to show our respect and thankfulness for God’s creation.**

Oct. 25th: all 2nd Grade students and their parents are invited for the **10:00 am Mass** and following the Mass, **Reconciliation—Parent/Student Class at 11:00 am** which will be held in the **St. Thomas More Hall**.

Have a blessed new school year,
Sr. Bozena, PCL, 424-3212 ext. 106

STM YOUTH

Teens! Would you like to share your faith? Would you like to share a reflection of the Sunday Gospel? STM Youth will be starting a Teen Reflection for the bulletin. Please email or call Katie for more information. youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org or 856-305-2914

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. 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!
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 5th 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

**Children’s Home Clothing Drive
November 7th /8th**

The Children’s Home is in need of gently used clothing (children’s & adults), used small appliances and athletic gear.

Gary Gadren, Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society





Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—OCTOBER 10

- 9:00 am** Living & deceased members of the parish
In Thanksgiving for Rosario Almeda
r/b Teresita Limaco
- 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

MONDAY—OCTOBER 12

- 9:00 am** Anna Aceto r/b Gould family

TUESDAY—OCTOBER 13

- 6:45 am** Roseann Lankford
r/b M/M David Mayfield
- 9:00 am** Brigetta McCarthy
r/b Greta Tyrrell

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 6:45 am** Ernest W. Shelmerdidne, Jr.
- 9:00 am** Brigetta McCarthy
r/b St. Thomas More Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 6:45 am** for the unborn
- 9:00 am** Mrs. Monahan r/b Tobin family
Brigetta McCarthy
r/b Mary Marino & family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 6:45 am** Claire Bride Cozzi
- 9:00 am** “Mr. B” Cedrone
r/b Dan & Kathy Reganata

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:00 am** Living & deceased members of the parish
Jim Bones r/b Teri & family
- 4:30 pm** Frank Cappetta
r/b Marianne & Anthony Orlando

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 8:30 am** Rob Moore r/b Sheila Moore
- 10:00 am** Bridie Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Frank Cappetta r/b Jeff Soldo & family
Pat Lachnicht r/b Thompson family
- 11:30 am** Lillian Iannuzzi r/b Beckman family

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.



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



First Thursdays is a monthly Holy Hour for Vocations hosted by different parishes throughout the diocese. The Holy Hours occur from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm. The next Holy Hour will be hosted by St. Andrew, Gibbsboro, NJ on Thursday, Nov. 5th.

Mass to Celebrate New Life in honor of St. Gerard will take place on Friday, October 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm at St. Bridget Parish in Glassboro. 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! Attendees will be able to venerate a relic of St. Gerard and receive a blessed medal and a prayer card. St. Gerard is known as a “wonder-worker” for the abundance of miracles attributed to him.

Last Call— Women’s Retreat Experience

Retreat begins Friday, October 16th at 4pm and concludes 3 pm Saturday, October 17th. Fr. Terry Odien, Priest Personnel Director will lead the retreat experience. **Only 3 spaces left at this time. Call Sr. Ann at 424-3212 by Wednesday to register.**



The Women’s Club will be serving light refreshments after the 10:00 am Mass next Sunday, October 18th, in the St. Thomas More Hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 11, 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 18, 2015 – Mark 10:35-45

Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Commentary:

If the Son of Man serves humanity to the point of death, those who follow in his way must also "be the slave of all." The greatness of discipleship is measured, not in terms of position in the community or glory in the kingdom, but by the extent to which the disciple resembles Jesus who serves and gives his life.

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: "I am Norma McCorvey. I became known as Jane Roe on January 22, 1973 when the U. S. Supreme Court released the Roe v. Wade decision, which created a



woman's "right to abortion." I am now a child of God, a new creature in Christ; I am forgiven and redeemed. Today, I publicly recant my involvement in the tragedy of abortion. I humbly ask forgiveness of the millions of women and unborn babies who have experienced the violence of abortion. In this place of healing, the National Memorial for the Unborn, I stand with those who honor the worth of every unborn child as created in the image of God. I will strive, in the name of Jesus, to end this holocaust." *Norma McCorvey, now a Pro-life Catholic March 23, 1997.*

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130



Harvest for Hunger Wine Tasting & Live Auction

Benefits Cathedral Kitchen
7:00 pm Friday, November 13, 2015
Collingswood Grand Ballroom
Tickets \$70 each.

Call Mary Ellen Carrozza 856-751-8466
Guests must be 21 or older.

Attention All Sandwich Makers

The next Sandwich making date is **October 21, 2015** at 9:30 am in the St. Thomas More Hall. Please bring any

surplus plastic grocery bags you might have and **we will donate them to the Cherry Hill Food Bank.** Thanks, *Marianne Wilkins 428-4924*



**Please join us as we celebrate
Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM
50th Anniversary of Religious Life
Mass October 24, 2015 4:30 PM**

Refreshments immediately following Mass in the Parish Hall. In order for us to prepare properly, please complete the form below and put in the designated baskets at the doors of the Church by October 18th.

I/We will attend the Reception in honor of Sister Ann's 50th Anniversary.