

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

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House of Charity Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212
 Parish Finance Council Robert Crawford 424-3212
 Parish Pastoral Council Marie Enny 751-8893

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 18, 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

Second Collection this weekend for World Missions

Every year we remember in a special way our Baptismal call to mission as we celebrate World Mission Sunday. 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. Please be generous to this collection.

Everyone is invited to: SPIRIT DAY 2015

Maintaining the physical surroundings of our parish grounds is a way to show our respect and thankfulness for God's creation. **Join us on the Church grounds: Saturday, October 24th, 2015 9:30 am—12 noon**

Lunch will be provided.

If weather permits we will end the workday with a bonfire to roast hot dogs and marshmallows.

PLEASE BRING A RAKE



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



Parish Collection for October 11, 2015

\$6, 934.00 was given and 164 envelopes were used. Online donations were

\$1, 633.00 from 12 donors. As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Women's Club— **Continental Breakfast** will be served, **Sunday Oct. 18 after the 10:00 am Mass.** All women of the Parish are invited.



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Stewards Serve Others

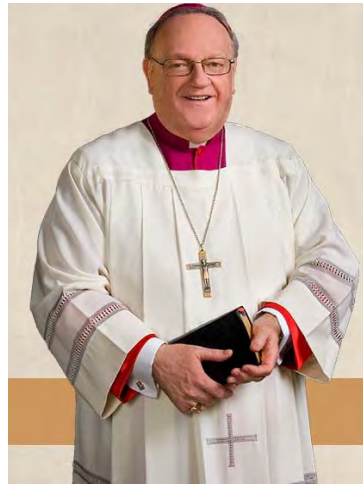
"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10: 45

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect

God's love and grace? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank You, God for everything You have given me, I have enough to share." This **Stewardship** change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.



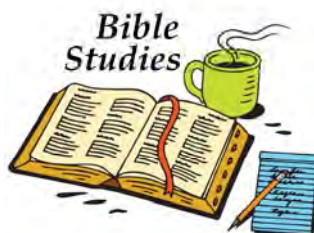
Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner!



Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan
Bishop of Camden
6:30 pm
Thursday, November 5, 2015
St. Mary Parish Hall

All SCC participants from St. Thomas More and St. Mary Parishes come together to celebrate their fellowship centered on God's Word. We are pleased to welcome Bishop Sullivan as our guest speaker.

- ▶ SCC facilitators have been notified about what their group will be responsible to provide for this covered dish dinner.
- ▶ **Thinking about joining a Small Christian Community? If so, you would profit from hearing Bishop Sullivan's talk. Please call the Parish Office and sign up to attend.**



TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for October 24/25, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	Becca/ Choir Julie	T. Petrone, Sr. Sophia K. Wislocky	T. Andraka	D. Ha, J. Wachman
8:30 am	Father Rossi	Sr. Pepita Rich	J. Singson, B. Lento, R. Vander Weilen	D. Miller	G. & M. Gray
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Jerry Julie	M. Santiago, J. Mazzagatti, K. Glover	K. McFadden	C. & J. McFadden T. Kenny
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Dolores Julie	J. Kuchler, M. Garber, M. Gorin	J. Arnold	E., W., & K. Quay

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.

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

Sandwich Makers! Meet this **Wednesday** in the St. Thomas More Hall **after the 9:00 Mass**. Please bring any extra grocery bags for donation to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Thanks, Marianne



Save the Date– November 7/8
Women’s Club Apple Cake and Home Baked Goodies Sale. Please support this Women’s Club major fund raiser.

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 Oct 24 Spirit Day—Parish Clean-up then Bonfire!
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Sunday November 1st Teen and Parent Night! 7- :30
Thursday November 5th No School, Let’s Serve! Ideas?

Hear from our youth!

Summary and Reflection of the Gospel by Caitlin Cepeda

In Mark 10:35-45, James and John wanted Jesus to grant them to sit at his right and his left hand. But Jesus said to them, “These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared”. He said that granting them a place at his right or left was not for him to decide because they asked him so. The ten other apostles became angry when they heard James and John had asked this and thought this to be unfair to them. So Jesus gathered the twelve and said that rulers had control over their subjects but for them, whoever was great had to be a servant and whoever was first would be a slave to others.

To me this meant that to be accepted into the kingdom of God, you cannot just ask and receive. You have to serve others; your friends, family, and your community, before you can be great. That is how you can earn your title, not with strength and brutality. For people with power in the world, they can just order anyone around but to be accepted by God you have to show kindness and respect first, and then be respected by others.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY—OCTOBER 19

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE
9:00 am COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY—OCTOBER 20

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE
9:00 am COMMUNION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE
9:00 am COMMUNION SERVICE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:45 am intentions of Sr. Rosaria Silletti
r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am **Charles Fitzpatrick** r/b family
Joe Kenney r/b Thursday Morning SCC
Marie Budroe r/b Thursday Morning
SCC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:45 am people of the parish
9:00 am **Frank Cappetta** r/b Kathleen Cappetta

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
Kathleen Haughwout
r/b Haughwout family
4:30 pm **Frank Cappetta**
r/b Tina & Jim Roucchio

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30 am **Pat & Jerry Lachnicht**
r/b Joyce & Dick DeMichele
10:00 am **Frank Cappetta**
r/b Pat Shelfer
Claire Boylan r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
Kathleen Pramba r/b Lynn Ellinger
11:30 am **John Curry** r/b Phyllis Kolecki

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, 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

Mother– Daughter Luncheon

12:30 pm, Saturday, November 14, 2015
Riverwinds Restaurant, W. Deptford, NJ.

Join **Sr. Peggy Devlin, OP** as she shares about Mary and her role as mother and daughter. All mothers and daughters, of every age, are invited to participate in this luncheon which will include prayer, sharing, reflection, food and fun. **53 tickets are still available. Call the parish office to make your reservation. Adults \$25; children 10 & under \$15.**

Women’s Club News and Calendar of Events

Nov. 6: Help put “our” apple cake mixes together in classrooms 1 & 2.
Nov. 6: Pick up cake mixes to bake at home in classrooms 1 & 2 **between 10:30 and 12 noon.**
Please volunteer to help make our apple cakes at home.
Nov. 7/8 Apple Cake & Home Baked Goods Sale.

Mass of Remembrance 7:00 pm, November 2, 2015

At this Mass we will especially remember those parishioners who died in the past year. All are encouraged to attend this celebration of the lives of the faithful departed.

St. Thomas More Parish Raffle Ticket \$100.00 each

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

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 18, 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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 25, 2015 – Mark 10:46-52

...On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartimaeus, a blind man, began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Commentary:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. When Jesus hears Bartimaeus crying out, he issues a call of his own. Jesus asks the man, "What do you want me to do for you?" His reply, "Master, I want to see," could become the daily prayer of every person of faith. When Jesus gives him his sight, and his freedom - "Go your way" - Bartimaeus chooses to go the way of Jesus. If we really see, where else would we want to go?

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:



As Jesus Christ posed the question to Peter, so, too, does He pose the question to each one of us, 'Do you love Me?' If we respond with yes, then we must live that out no matter what the cost. We cannot separate our professional life from our faith life. We must put the law of God above the law of man, especially as it concerns the dignity of the human person and the life of the unborn.- Bishop Samuel J. Aquila, Fargo, ND
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 22nd—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, as well as breath-taking trips to Auschwitz, Mass at Czestochowa (home of the Black Madonna), Divine Mercy Sanctuary, and Zakopane, plus pre/post pilgrimage experiences at home. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 424-3212.



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



Re-freshments 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.

NAME: _____

How Many _____