

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



Carrabba’s Cares Day– Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Join the Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council #6173 for lunch or dinner at Carrabba’s, 903 Rte. 73 South and identify your self as a supporter of the Knights of Columbus, Cherry Hill and

Carrabba’s will donate 20% of your total check to the Knights!

Cherry Hill Food & Outreach Council Volunteer Appreciation Gathering 6:00 pm

Friday, November 6, 2015 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill.

The evening will include a light supper and music by the Harmony Show Choir. **Please**

RSVP to Elaine Beckman at 428-8431 by Oct. 30, 2015.



Why should I volunteer at St. Mary’s Home??

It’s rewarding!! *They may forget what you said but they will not forget how you made them feel...* **New Volunteer Information Session November 5, 2015 at**

12:30 pm, 220 St. Mary’s Drive, Cherry Hill. For more information, please call the Activities department at 874-5308.

Schedule of Masses for All Souls’ Day, Nov. 2, 2015

6:45 am– All Souls

9:00 am - All Souls

7:00 pm– Mass of Remembrance:

All of our parishioners who died in the last year will be remembered in a special way at this Mass.

You are encouraged to attend one of these Masses for the Holy Day.



Parish Collection for October 18, 2015



\$7,703.00 was given and 176 envelopes were used. Online donations were \$942.00 from donors. As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Stewardship Miracles

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way: your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed Him on the way.” Mark 10: 52



Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don’t happen anymore. But, if you live in **Stewardship** and focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem com-

mon.

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Offerings

Small Christian Community Covered Dish

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

Most Reverend Bishop Dennis Sullivan

Bishop of Camden

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Saint Mary's Parish Hall—6:30PM



The mother-daughter relationship is very special. All



Mother/Daughter Luncheon

mothers and daughters, of every age, are invited to participate in 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.

Sister Peggy Devlin, OP
Spiritual Director and Retreat

Leader

Saturday, November 14, 2015—12:30PM Riverwinds Restaurant,
West Deptford

75 tickets available--Adults \$25 /Child \$15

Call the Parish Office for Tickets

Festival of Lessons & Carols

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and Song that dates to the late 19th century. Come, enjoy and be inspired by Area Choirs singing songs proclaiming Christ's coming! **Area Choirs: Merion Mercy Academy; Christ Our Light; Bishop Eustace Prep; Saint Josephine Bikhita; Saint Thomas More**

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Saint Thomas More Church—3:00PM

Free Will Offering



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for October 31/ November 1, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	June Len	P. & N. Kirincic	J. Mohan	C. & I. Fulton
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Rob Rich	J. Singson, B. Massey	M. Maggart	S. Russo
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Celine/Choir Julie	D. & ML Thomas M. Huynh	D. Mayfield	Z. & L. Smith
11:30 am	Father Rossi	Celine Julie	G. Gadren, B. Haughwout M. Dwyer	D. Haughwout	K. & K. Johnson

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

STM YOUTH—HAYRIDE OCT. 16TH



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!

Sunday Nov 1 Teen and Parent Night 7-8:30pm

Saturday Nov 14 Second Saturdays at the Heart of Camden 8:30am-12

Thursday November 5 No School, Let's Serve! Ideas?

Sunday Nov 22 Youth Mass at the Retreat House

Youth Small Christian Community - Sign up for the **YOUTH Small Christian Community....**Attend 5 weekly meetings to discuss the readings and how you are preparing for Jesus! It is a great way to prepare for the Christmas Season...take time to reflect during the very busy time of the year. We will meet **Sundays at 11:00** in one of the classrooms.

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday all **2nd Grade Students and their Parents** are invited for the **10 am Mass and following the Mass, Reconciliation – Parent/Student Class at 11:00 am** which will be held in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a celebration of the Sunday readings in a setting and in a language more appropriate to their understanding. This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages four through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed.

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Ruocchio

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

MONDAY—OCTOBER 26

6:45 am Recovery of Jeff Wright r/b Mike Curtis
9:00 am **Pat Lachnicht** r/b Sheila Moore

TUESDAY—OCTOBER 27

6:45 am people of the parish
9:00 am **Peter Tocco** r/b Gould family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:45 am Recovery of Jeff Wright r/b Mike Curtis
9:00 am **David McDonnell, Jr.**
 r/b John & Sheila Mohan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:45 am people of the parish
9:00 am **Brigetta McCarthy**
 r/b Fred & Tina Petrone
Roseanne Lankford
 r/b John & Sheila Mohan

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:45 am Recovery of Jeff Wright r/b Mike Curtis
9:00 am **Peggy O'Malley** r/b family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm **Frank Cappetta** r/b Tobin family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:30 am **Frank Cappetta**
 r/b Mary Lou & Harry Horlacher
10:00 am **Claire Boylan** r/b Angelucci family
Pat Lachnicht r/b Marie Caruso
Thomas Babrownicki
 r/b Phyllis Kolecki & family
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.

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

Camden Catholic High School Open House— Thursday, Oct. 29th . Check-in begins at 6:30 pm. Meet faculty, students, coaches and administration, tour the campus. RSVP online: www.camdencatholic.org/openhouse

Women's Club Board Meeting: 1:00 pm,
 Wednesday, Nov. 4th in St. Thomas More Hall
Nov. 6th: Assemble apple cake mixes for pick up:
 Classrooms 1 & 2
Nov. 6th: Pick up cake mixes in classrooms 1 & 2
between 10:30—12 noon for baking at home
November 7th & 8th "Apple Cakes and More"
Home Baked Goodies Sale—Please support this major
 fundraiser for the Women's Club

CAP Sessions for the month of November
CAP 1

Thursday, Nov. 5th 7:00 pm St. Teresa Regional School, Runnemede
Thursday, Nov 17th: 7:00 pm Good Shepherd School Cafeteria, Collingswood

CAP 2

Wednesday, Nov. 4th 7:00 pm St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Haddon Twp.
To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration Line at 583-6165 or contact **Lucie Alcazar at:**
luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org, with your name and session date; you will not receive a call back. **Please register at least 5 days prior to the session you will be attending.** The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website www.camdendiocese.org/cvp.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 25, 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 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 1, 2015 – Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes asked Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Commentary:

What is the purpose of God's law or commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 616 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. What does God require of us? Simply that we love as He loves! God is love and everything he does flows from His love for us. God loved us first and our love for Him is a response to His exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God.

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:



People need to know that abortion is their business. People understand that we have to intervene to help the poor, the drug addict, and the victims of crime. Even if we do not know their names we know it is our business to help them. There is no reason to isolate abortion in a category of its own where all the rules of human decency suddenly change. The death of a baby and the effects on the mother is our business.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130



**Children's Home Clothing Drive
November 7/8, 2015**

The semi-annual Clothing and Small Appliances Drive sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held the weekend of November 7th & 8th. The truck will be in the parking lot accepting your gently used donations before and after all Masses.

ALL SOULS envelopes (extras in gathering space) with the names of your deceased relatives and friends may be placed in the collection basket. Here at St. Thomas More we remember our deceased loved ones in prayer during the Masses in November; the envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.



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

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**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" and write 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102

●Ask to be acknowledged. This ensures our parish will receive credit toward the H o C goal.