

# 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

### *Ushers*

### *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



**Only 2 Weeks left  
St. Thomas More  
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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**Drawing: 7:00 pm Nov. 20, 2015—Parish Hall**




The Parish rejoices with the families of **Calaeb Joshua Lacoco, Eleanora Giannina, Calvitti, Isabel Helena Schumann, Michael Joseph Kane, Jr., Ella Grace Saporetti, and Mia Grace Lynch** each of whom were recently received into the Church, through the waters of Baptism.



**Parish Collection for November 1, 2015**  
**\$8,907.00 was given and 183 envelopes were used. Online donations were \$1,208.00 from 14 donors.** As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time First Fruit Stewards**  
*“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.. Mark 12: 43-44*

Jesus gets right to the point—we are called to give financial support to the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our **Stewardship**, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your ‘first fruits’ or from what is left over?



# Advent Small Christian Communities



*Helping each other go deeper into the mystery of the human person and the mystery of God.*

## Facilitators and Meeting Times

**Sister Ann**  
Monday Evening – 7:00

**Bob & Ann Marie Lento**  
Monday Evening – 7:00

**Pat Beaney**  
Tuesday Morning – 9:30

**Lois Udicious/Gail Bizzoso**  
Tuesday Afternoon – 1:15

**Gaye Pino**  
Tuesday Evening – 6:30

**Claire Spence/Shirley Kane**  
Wednesday Morning – 9:30

**Marylee Garber – Benedict's Place**  
Wednesday Morning – 12 noon

**Deacon Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa**  
Wednesday Evening – 7 :00

**Sister Bozena**  
Wednesday Evening—6:30

**Mena Kramer**  
Wednesday Evening 7:00

**Marianne Gorin/Marian Kapischke**  
Thursday Morning – 10:00

**Kathy Glover**  
Thursday Evening – 7:00

**Jean Ho**  
Saturday Afternoon – 3:30

**Youth Group– Sunday Moring 11:15**  
Katie Witts

For more information and to sign up call  
Sister Ann at 424-3212 .

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE for November 14/15, 2015**

<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Presider</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Carmen Rich	T. Petrone, Sr. Sophia R. Crawford	J. Mohan	Z. & L. Smith
8:30 am	Father Rossi	Rob Rich	P. Lavala, J. Singson	J. Vecchiola	A. & J. Zieba
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Celine/Choir Julie	M. Santiago, D. Staton K. Glover	D. Mayfield	T. Kenny, S. Russo
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Celine Julie	M. Ciccotta, M. Garber J. Kuchler	R. Ciccotta	A., E., & K. Quay

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

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The second Confirmation I preparatory class for **all seventh grade students** will be held this **Sunday, November 8th at 11:00 am in the St. Thomas More Hall**. All seventh grade students are expected to attend.

The second Confirmation II preparatory class for **all eighth grade students** will be held **next Sunday, November 15th from 11:00 am—12:30 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall**. All eighth grade students are expected to attend.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children** -This program is offered **at the 10:00 am Mass**. All children **ages 4 through first grade** are welcome. No registration is needed.

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

**St. JP II 5K 2015 Alumni Run/Walk 9:00am Saturday, Nov. 28th** . More details on the website: [www.jp2rs.org](http://www.jp2rs.org) under the Alumni tab.



***STM YOUTH***

Please let Katie know if you will be attending any of the following activities, as the events approach. Permission slips will be emailed and sent home through Religious education classes. If you are not receiving emails, please email: [youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org) to join the distribution list!

*“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”* Many youth do not have much money to give to the church or the poor. However, you can give your time. Maybe instead of hanging out with friends or playing video games, you can do some of the service activities below. Even better—bring a friend or two with you and together you can serve and have fun!

**Tuesday, Nov. 10 & 17– 6-7pm** Service Hour before Religious education class

**Saturday, Nov. 14 8:30 am—12 noon** Heart of Camden Second Saturdays

**Sunday, Nov. 22 7:00 pm** Cherry Hill Youth Family Mass and Social -Holy Eucharist Parish 344 Kresson Road

**Tuesday, Nov. 24** Family Mass of Thanksgiving

**Sunday, Nov. 29** Start Collecting for “Christmas in Camden”

**Sunday, Dec. 6–** Collection for Camden;

**Youth SCC 11:15—12:15 room 8**

**Tuesday, Dec. 8 6-7 pm** Organize gifts, food and crafts for Camden Christmas Party

**Saturday, Dec. 12 8:30 am—12noon** Second Saturdays Heart of Camden

**Sunday, Dec. 13 9:00 am—12 noon** Christmas Party at Immaculate Conception, Camden



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 7**

**9:00 am** Living & deceased members of the parish  
**4:30 pm** Mary T. Di Paul r/b Mary Ellen Carrozza

**SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 8**

**8:30 am** Frank Cappetta  
 r/b Beverly & Vincent DeMasi  
**10:00 am** Joseph Mazzagatti, Sr.  
 r/b Joe & Debbie  
 Claire Boylan r/b Phyllis Kolecki  
 Pat Lachnicht r/b Lynn Ellinger  
**11:30 am** Maryann R. Anderson r/b Joseph Kuchler

**MONDAY—NOVEMBER 9**

**6:45 am** intentions of Sr. Clare Sabini  
 r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
**9:00 am** intentions of Sr. Ann Byrnes  
 r/b Thursday morning SCC

**TUESDAY—NOVEMBER 10**

**6:45 am** people of the parish  
**9:00 am** Joseph Mazzagatti r/b Marchese family

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**6:45 am** Bob Kimbly r/b McGeady family  
**9:00 am** Antoinette Cerquitella  
 r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**6:45 am** Mass of Thanksgiving  
**9:00 am** intentions of Michael Budroe  
 r/b mom, Marie

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**6:45 am** people of the parish  
**9:00 am** Emil Ralbusky r/b John & Sheila Mohan

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**9:00 am** Living & deceased members of the parish  
**4:30 pm** Marion White r/b Wislocky family

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**8:30 am** Pat Lachnicht r/b Mike & Pat Maggart  
**10:00 am** Joseph Mazzagatti r/b Gullo family  
 Frank Cappetta r/b Cindy & Michael Zielinski  
 William & Rita English r/b Mele family  
**11:30 am** Camille Di Lullo r/b Teri Bones

**Papal Intentions for the month of November:** That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from ours.

**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, Tom Pajic, Hilda K. Pellerito, John Ravena, 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

**Holy Eucharist Parish, Cherry Hill, Craft Fair - Saturday, November 14, 9 am to 3 pm.** Over 50 crafters! Unusual crafts for everyone – gifts for men, women, children and pets. Refreshments, lunch, and homemade baked goods will be on sale. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for a chance to win: Handmade Dollhouse valued at \$600; \$200 Visa Gift Card; \$100 Visa Gift Card; \$100 Visa Gift Card. Hope to see you there!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter December Weekends**



December weekends have historically been wonderful weekends to do a Marriage Encounter weekend. So why not sign-up for the Dec. 11th—13th weekend. Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-742-4035 or email applications to [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org)

**Save the Date: 3:00 pm December 6, 2015**

**Festival of Lessons & Carols  
 St. Thomas More Church**

Come, enjoy and be inspired by area choirs singing songs proclaiming Christ's coming!

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 8, 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 15, 2015 – Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates...Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

**Commentary:**

With so many natural disasters, wars, and injustices against human beings before us, and many other things that we see each day in the news, perhaps we start to question: Are these not the signs Jesus speaks of in Scripture? All of these sorrows remind us that under God's reign, things would be very different. The second coming of Jesus is our greatest hope. We do not know when this will be. However, in each moment of our lives, God is present. The invitation is to be alert and discover the symbols, the signs, that indicate God's daily and continuous presence in our lives.

**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:** Sandra Cano, the "Mary Doe" of the *Doe vs. Bolton* 1973 Supreme Court abortion decision, is a pro-life Christian. On March 23, 1997 she declared these memorable words: "I am Sandra Cano. I became known as Mary Doe when the U. S. Supreme Court released *Roe v. Wade's* companion decision, *Doe v. Bolton* which



allowed abortion for virtually any reason. **I am against abortion; I never sought an abortion; I have never had an abortion. Abortion is murder. For over twenty years, and against my will, my name has been synonymous with abortion. The *Doe v. Bolton* case is based on deceit and fraud.** I stand today in this place of healing, the National Memorial for the Unborn and pledge to the memory of these innocent children, that as long as I have breath, I will strive to see abortion ended in America."

*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

### Theology on Tap to present "The Church's Next Saint!"

A conversation about Blessed Oscar Romero, martyr and friend of the poor, and how one becomes a saint.

**Guest Presenter: Patrick Cashio**, Executive Director of Romero Center Ministries in Camden, NJ, providing Catholic Education and retreat experiences inspired by Archbishop Romero's prophetic witness.

**7-9 pm Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, The Dubliner Irish Pub and Grill, Galloway, NJ**

**The Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group** is an opportunity to meet with other young men (16—39 years old) considering the priesthood. Meetings are once a month to discuss topics of discernment and to support one another in the discernment process. **Meeting dates: Nov. 8th, Jan. 10th, Feb. 7th, Mar. 13th & Apr. 10th at Our Lady of Peace Parish Office (32 Carrol Ave., Williamstown) from 2:00—3:00 pm.** For topics, please visit [www.camdenpriest.org](http://www.camdenpriest.org)

### Funster News!

Funster trips are open to all parishioners and friends. **Next meeting, Monday, November 16 at 7:00 pm, St. Thomas More Hall. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Lin 795-4396 if you plan to attend.** We will be having a presentation on the trips for next year: **Nova Scotia and the California New Year's getaways featuring the Rose Bowl parade and a Gala New Year's celebration.** Membership dues of \$5 will be collected at this meeting and we will be discussing ideas for next year. **There are 10 spaces left for the April 3rd trip to see "Beautiful" at the Academy of Music. Also space on the Arizona train trip May 15—20, 2016. Must book by Nov. 15.** Come to the meeting for more details.

### Upcoming Committee and Organization meetings

**November 12th 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Meeting** in the Hall.

**Nov. 16th: Raffle Committee 7:00 pm** Conference Room

**Funsters: 7:00 pm** Hall

**Nov. 18th: Parish Council 7:00 pm** Hall

**Nov. 20th: Raffle Ticket Drawing 7:00 pm** Hall