

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.

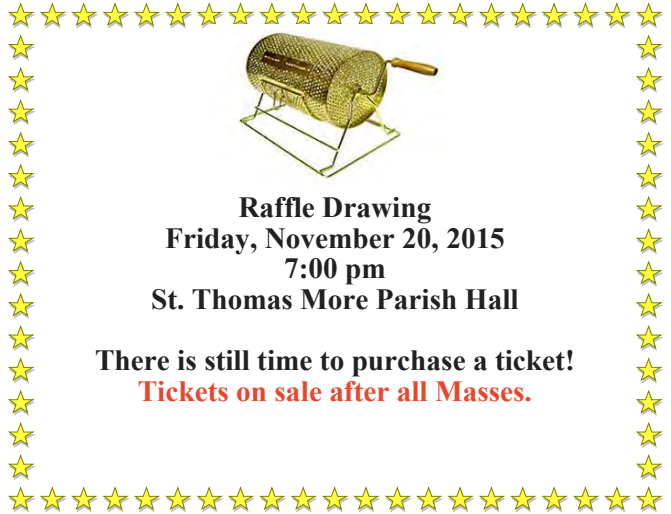
BULLETIN DEADLINE

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



Raffle Drawing
Friday, November 20, 2015
7:00 pm
St. Thomas More Parish Hall

There is still time to purchase a ticket!
Tickets on sale after all Masses.



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

Calling All Sandwich Makers!



9:30 am this Wednesday,
St. Thomas More Hall



Parish Collection for November 8, 2015
\$8, 400.00 was given and 183 envelopes
were used. Online donations were
\$1,009.00 from 18 donors. As always,
 thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Meetings this week:

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Lives

“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” Mark 13: 26



We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “Have you lived **Stewardship** with the gifts I have given you? “ How will you respond?

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 70)

Fr. Phillip M. Johnson

The Social Encyclicals of St. John Paul II (part one)

An Encyclical (lit. circular letter) is a formal pastoral letter written by the pope, addressed to the universal Church, and some times to “all persons of Good will”. The term “social encyclical” indicates those letters that address universal matters of political, social, or economic justice. In the long line of papal encyclicals, only ten fit this description.

This is a second article on social encyclicals. I was motivated to tackle the subject by the wide ranging interest in Pope Francis's recent encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* (On Care For Our Common Home). Given media descriptions (“a first”, “groundbreaking” “a departure from past teaching” etc.) I thought it would be useful to remind readers that *Laudato Si'* claims to stand in clear and organic continuity with preceding social encyclicals. My first article (available on our website) reviewed the social encyclicals written by Leo XIII, Pius XI, St. John XXIII, and Paul VI. This brings us to the papacy of St. John Paul II.

John Paul II's first social encyclical was published in September of 1981 bearing the title *Laborem Exercens* (On Human Work). The political context of the time can be recalled by phrases like “cold war,” “arms race,” “East-West power bloc”. The ideological battle of the times was between capitalism and communist collectivism. In this context, the pope develops a theological and spiritual understand of the meaning of human labor. The basis of this understanding is the doctrine of Creation and the sacred dignity of the human person as revealed by Christ.

That the subject of labor can be viewed theologically is itself a radical challenge to *all* purely secularist and materialist economic theories. Human labor must occupy an important place in Christian reflection, because the Church must travel the “way of the human person” in her mission, and *labor is at the very center of human well being*. This requires the Church's reflection on economic theory and practice. Three questions are particularly important: (1) the question of the relation of labor to all the various means of production (“capital”), (2) the right of private ownership, and (3) the final uses of human wealth.

In the pope's analysis, both modern collectivism and capitalism *separate labor and capital* and place them in opposition (13:4 ff.). Marxism does this explicitly by proposing “class warfare” between workers and owners, and condemning private ownership as oppression. Capitalism does not divorce labor and capital theoretically. However, separation has happened in the concrete under the doctrine of the *absolute* right to private ownership, and by the accumulation of the means of production to the few (under the new conditions of the global economy).

Against pure materialism (collectivist or capitalist) the pope directs the doctrine of the *priority of labor over capital* (12.1-2 ff.). This does not mean labor *against* capital. But it does mean that the worker can never be reduced by to the status of a mere economic instrument. In fact, the unity of labor and capital is entailed in the fact that human labor is always the efficient cause of capital.

Against collectivism, the pope restates the historic teaching of the Church concerning the right to private ownership. To call it a “right” means that ownership is an expression of true human dignity. However (contrary to modern capitalist tendencies) the right to ownership has always been qualified by the Church in service of the even higher principle of the universal destination of human goods. In and through the analysis above, runs the foundational principle: *the absolute primacy of the person over things* (12.6.).

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for November 21/22, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	Becca/Choir Julie	P. & N. Kirincic G. Tyrrell	T. Andraka	S. Russo, J. Wachman H. Kodluk
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita Rich	J. Singson, P. Lavala	M. Maggart	J. & A. Zieba M. Widmer
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Jerry Julie	D. & ML Thomas J. Galati	L. Galati	E. & W. Quay C. Oatway
11:30 am	Father Rossi	Dolores Julie	J. Kuchler, A. Thompson M. Garber	J. Arnold	C. & I. Fulton A. Kuzinski

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Please join us for the **Thanksgiving Family Mass** for the Religious Education Program that will take place on the **Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 pm** in the Church. There will be NO Religious Education classes at 4:15 pm and 7:00 pm, although **all students and their families are cordially invited and expected to come to this celebration as we offer our thanksgiving to God for His goodness to us and our nation.** Please make every effort for you and your children to attend this Mass.

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.

Have a blessed week!

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

Report Sexual Abuse

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and /or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588

STM YOUTH

St. Thomas More Religious Education and Youth Group Collections for those in need...

During this time of year, we are extra mindful of all the blessings we have. We also like to remember and give to those who are not as fortunate. Please take time to share your blessings with others.

Tuesday, Nov. 17th 6-7 pm Service Hour before RE class
Sunday, Nov. 22nd 7 pm Cherry Hill Youth Family Mass and Social— Holy Eucharist Parish, 344 Kresson Road

Tuesday, Nov. 24th 7 pm— Food Drive and Family Mass of Thanksgiving. All donations appreciated!

Sunday, Nov. 29– Dec. 8th Collection for the Children of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden.

Gift ideas: \$5 gifts for boys and girls in 1st & 2nd grade; Food: granola bars, bags of pretzels, small water of water; Crafts: Christmas craft supplies/kits; monetary donations—if you do not have time to shop or are not sure what to buy– the Youth Group would love to shop for you! Monies collected will be used to help families in need this season.

Dec. 6th STM Youth SCC 11:15—12:15 classroom 8
Tuesday, Dec. 8th 6-7pm Service hour before RE Class

Mitten Tree: Help us keep hands and feet warm this winter by donating mittens, gloves and socks of any size. Hang donations on the mitten tree.

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

Sunday, December 20th Christmas Party for kids in Camden

Any questions, please call Katie Witts: 856-305-2914 or email: youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org



Saint Thomas More Parish is on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreCH>
Please like and follow us!



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY—NOVEMBER 16

6:45 am Jack Hansell r/b Dr. John A. Vivone
 9:00 am Sr. Emilia Mentel r/b Blessed Edmund Parents

TUESDAY—NOVEMBER 17

6:45 am Pauline Marullo r/b Agata Scotto
 9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:45 am Sr. Emilia Mentel r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
 9:00 am Antoinette Cerquitella r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:45 am Sr. Emilia Mentel r/b St. Thomas More Parishioners
 9:00 am George Erickson r/b family
 Sal Foti r/b Greta Tyrrell
 Peter Yurcisin r/b Greta Tyrrell

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:45 am Anne T. McGeady r/b McGeady family
 9:00 am Dan W. De Young r/b Mark & Liz DeYoung

SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 21

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
 4:30 pm John Walsh r/b wife, Charlene

SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 22

8:30 am Pat Lachnicht r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
 10:00 am Frank Cappetta. r/b Sheila & John Mohan
 Rose Hudson r/b Agata Scotto
 Robert Mishak r/b Pat & Paul Daly
 11:30 am Kimberly M. Hardenbergh r/b Joseph Kuchler

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, Geraldyn 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, John Ravana, Mena Ravana, 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



Knights of Columbus Council #6173 of Cherry Hill will be praying the rosary on the 5th Sunday of each month through May 29, 2016 to foster greater devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary and to strengthen the faith of members, their families and others in the parish community. It will be prayed in the **St. Thomas More Chapel after the 11:30 am Mass. Save these dates: November 29, 2015, January 31, 2016, May 29, 2016.**



Thank You all for our successful Cake Sale!

Those who weighed and packaged the ingredients for our cake mixes; those who donated money for the ingredients; those who made our apple cakes; those who donated other baked items and last (but certainly not least) those who purchased the goodies. Some even left a donation! **What do we do with the profits?** Glad you asked: the profits will be used to **serve our parish in several ways:** for the ingredients; for our **Youth Group and Women's Club;** to **serve breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House** in February; for the **Ice Cream Social for Religious Education students** at the end of the year; **donation to Holy Name Parish** to purchase Communion outfits for the children; send money to **Catholic Partnership of schools;** to **provide paper goods and refreshments for parish activities.**

Thank You All!

The Women's Club

Looking for part-time caregiver for a senior family member. Call Cheryl at 856-912-5099.

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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 22, 2015 – John 18:33-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Commentary:

Today's Gospel is all about the world not recognizing Jesus. Neither the Roman world nor the Jewish religious community recognized who Jesus really was. They call Jesus "king" but they do not realize the truth of what they say. In John's Gospel Jesus is in control of the situation. He is already the victor. He walks the way of the cross like a king to his throne and he rules from the cross. Jesus' power is the truth he has and the truth he is. His kingdom is not of this world, but his kingdom is very much coming into this world of ours. That kingdom calls into question the way things are done by the rulers of this world.

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?



The boundless and incomprehensible love of God for the human being reveals the degree to which the human person deserves to be loved in himself, independently of any other consideration—intelligence, beauty, health, integrity, and so forth. In short, human life is always a good, for it "is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory." *The Gospel of Life*, n. 34 Pope Benedict 2/27/06
Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

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.

Second collection next weekend: Catholic Campaign for Human Development. "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need." Pope Francis 7/25/15. Your help is needed to continue the work of the CCHD. Please be generous.

2015 Generation Faith Essay Contest

America Media is seeking submissions from young writers for the **first-ever Generation Faith Essay Contest. High school and college students interested in reflecting on the joys and challenges that come with living out (or struggling with) one's faith in the midst of real life are encouraged to write true personal essays, between 800—1,200 words.** The essays should feature strong narratives and real-life examples from the writer's experience as a young person in the church today. Writers should think creatively and broadly about their faith experience. **The winning entry will be awarded \$1000 and will be published in America.** Additional entries may be chosen for publication in *America*. **To be eligible, you must be enrolled as a full-time high school or college student at the time of the contest deadline. Your submission must be previously unpublished (including on personal websites) and must be original work. All entries must be submitted by 11:59 pm on January 10, 2016.**

<https://americamedia.submittalbe.com/submit/48329>

PostAbortionHelp.org

Throughout the year, Lumina offers retreats, healing services and assists individuals coping with the post traumatic effects of an abortion experience. Toll-free confidential Lumina Line: **877-586-4621**. Email: Lumina@PostAbortionHelp.org.