

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

Holiday Vigil: 7:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm
or any time by appointment

Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Morgan, Pastor
Rev. George Donkor Tang, In Residence
Rev. Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
Sr. Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Deacon John Harrington
Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader
Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees
Gary Gadren 424-3212
Pat Lachnicht 424-3212

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement
Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Friday Adoration
Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
Hospital Visitors
Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212
Intercessory Prayer
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Knights of Columbus
Dick Haughwout 429-8598
Marriage Formation
Bob/Liz Scarpa 795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.
Pat Maggart 429-6948
Pastoral Counselor
Claire Spence 428-8325
Prayer Shawls
Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Respect Life
Al Mac Elvath 779-7130
Rite of Ch. Dnit. Adults
Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Jim Vecchiola 424-9555

Rosary Ministry
Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
Small Christian Comm.
Ann Marie/Bob Lento 424-4759
Spiritual Direction
Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Spiritual Retreats
John Galati 428-7073
Denise Radziwoill 424-0494
St. Vincent de Paul
Frank Nicoletti 424-3212

Worship

Altar Servers
Church Environment
Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Antonina Niedao 751-6320
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
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Tom Petrilli 751-1367
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Frank Krenslak 309-1999
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Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Len Kolojechick 346-4078
June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461

Social Development Bridge Groups

Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
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Bob Lento 424-4759
Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Committee 424-3212
Eileen Withers 751-6838

Administration House of Charity

Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212

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 office if you or a family member will be admitted to the hospital. Anointing of the sick is available for those who are confined to home for a period of time. For emergencies, please call the parish office any time.

BAPTISM

Arrangements for Baptism can be made in advance by calling the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a class in preparation for this Sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry must attend a marriage preparation program offered by the diocese. One-year notification of the marriage date is recommended.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of instruction for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments. For more information please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Jim Vecchiola

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.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME:
We are pleased to welcome into full membership in the Catholic Church Michele and Michael Capyak. At our celebration of the Easter Vigil, Michael and Michele received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We ask the prayers of all our parishioners for these new members of our parish community. Congratulations!



SAVE THE DATE!

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

2011 GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 6th

at Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton

Golf Outing: \$125

Includes Green Fee, Cart, Door Prize & Dinner

Shotgun start at 12 Noon

If golf is not your interest join us for a lovely dinner.

Dinner only: \$55

For both Golfers and Guests:

Cash bar: 5 pm Dinner: 6 pm

Tickets are now being sold after all

Masses in the gathering space.

ALL LADIES AND MEN ARE INVITED

Golf Committee:

A. J. Ariani (983-5761) & Tom Pajic (795-7520), Co-Chairs
Carol Ariani, Joe Centonze, Michael & Helen Hawksley, Jerry & Jeannine McMenamin, Arleen Pajic, Dick & Claire Spence, Joe & Chris Torello

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Catholic Home Missions Appeal funds important pastoral projects where resources are scarce in poorer dioceses across the country. 87 dioceses in the U.S. are considered home missions and they receive support for basic essentials such as catechesis, priest formation, lay ministry training, youth ministry, and evangelization.

THE RESURRECTION and a HAPPY EASTER

I felt wounded and distraught when my dad died. I was haunted by a similar deep sense of absence and emptiness twenty-one years later when my mom died.

But now, as I look back I think that what bothered me and hurt me the most when my parents died were the fleeting and passing thoughts that death might have wiped them out and obliterated them forever. I was desperately attempting to come to terms with a sense of meaninglessness and nothingness that seemed to envelop me.

I knew that there was so much about them that deserved to survive. I knew that there was so much that deserved to be rewarded. I knew that the kindnesses they showed; that the good deeds they had done; that the Christ-like attitudes they had exhibited; that the compassion and purpose they donated to their children; and that the prayers they said, could not just end on a deathbed.

Deep down I knew that it would be so meaningless if death were the end. It would be so incomplete if death were the end. I knew it would be so absurd if death were the end. I knew it would be so shocking if death were the end. I knew that it would be so depressing and so hollow if death were the end.

In my quiet reflective moments of faith, I knew that Easter says *death is no longer the end of life*. Easter says *we are made for something more than this life*. Easter says *death is no longer a final stopping place*. Easter says *death is a passage to new life*.

Easter says *death is the gateway to a better pasture and a better life*. Easter is an awakening to the fullness of a life that is eternal and which no death can ever touch. Easter says *death is a pause on the journey so that we can make sense out of the life that is both visible and invisible*.

Easter says that *because Jesus rose from the dead, everything is different and we are different too*. Easter says that *because of the Resurrection, death is the high point of life*. Death is the beginning of a new way of living, being, thinking and acting. Death is the beginning of new life and a sharing in new visions and fantastic possibilities.

Easter says *a large stone was rolled away*. Jesus left his burial wrappings folded on the bench. The tomb was found empty. Jesus appeared to many. Jesus spoke to a group of more than 500 people at one time. Jesus walked with two lonely and dejected disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus comforted them when they were mourning a lost leader.

Easter was the beginning of new life for the disciples. It is the beginning of new life for all of creation. It is the time when flowers begin to show their faces. The daffodils, tulips and crocuses begin to bloom. Forsythia and pansies come back to life overnight. We become acutely aware of this rebirthing and new life.

Easter says that *at the core of our beings and at the core of our existence, nothing ever really dies*. There is just one continuous series of rebirthings throughout our life. Easter says that we can grow in our awareness of God's divinity and power - appearing and shining. We can come to see things differently as though with new eyes or a new set of lenses.

Easter says *our founder and leader is alive!* In fact, Christianity is the only major religion that says its founder is alive. He is not just another prophet, teacher and guru. He has a continued living presence in our midst. And this belief has inherent healing capabilities for the Christian.

Easter says *Jesus is not in the tomb or marble monuments or stained glass windows*. *He is right in our midst*. *The Risen Jesus lives within us and all around us*. *He lives in all of the counties in Southern New Jersey and all over the world*.

Easter is a time to discover how to live deliberately and deeply. It is the time to cultivate awareness and living through the eyes of compassion. It is the time to work on changing a stressful, unfulfilled, unfocused life into a life that is filled with purpose and direction.

Easter is the time to gain new insights into the meaning of dying and rising. It is the time to connect my own death and my own resurrection. It is the time to connect my faith and my life.

Easter is the time to dive beneath the surface of my life and look at the architecture of this human and divine existence that is mine for a time and forever. In this way I will taste the deepest meaning of a *Happy Easter*.

EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Ministry Schedule for April 30, and May 1, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	D Kreal B Casey	J Andraka, P Hengy T Petrone, N Pro	T Andraka	G/M Gray
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisanl R Pisanl	J Kenney, A Pajlc J/S Mohan	D Miller	J Fabriclus H Rosenblatt
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	P Kelton R Pisanl	D/L Lyon D/ML Thomas	D Mayfield	L Kane M Dautle
11:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	M Sullivan E Zerone	J/L Duffy D/C Spence	J Arnold	C Arnold N Brown

Women's Club News

- **General Meeting:** Wed., April 27, 7:30 p.m.
- **Women's Day of Reflection—Awakening the Spirit Within:** Thurs., May 12, 9 am-1:45 pm. Call Clare for more information: 428-9251.



from the Women's Club!

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the months of April and May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

Final Parish Religious Education Program classes for the 2010-2011 year will be April 26.

Parish Religious Education Program registration forms for the 2011-2012 school year have been mailed to the homes of all current students. Please complete and return with appropriate fee as soon as possible, but no later than May 31. *Additional forms for first grade students and for students who will be new to the program are available in the gathering space.*

Pat Maggart, PCL, 424-3212 - ext. 106

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students Jr. – 6th through 8th grades



HAPPY EASTER
*from the
Youth Group!*

Upcoming Event(s):

- **Concert: Thurs., May 10, 7 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc, Marlton** - more details to follow. Check out our web page at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/> - click on *Youth Ministry*.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

HOUSE OF CHARITY

Sincere thanks to all who made a gift or pledge to our House of Charity Appeal.

Pledge cards can still be found at the doors of the Church. Completed cards can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office. We are so grateful for your support.

May the Lord bless and reward you for your generosity.

'FUNSTER NEWS'



The St. Thomas More Funsters will be going to Philadelphia on June 1 for a mural bus tour and lunch at the Firehouse Restaurant. The City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program unites artists and communities through a collaborative process, rooted in the traditions of mural-making, to create art that transforms public spaces and individual lives. As stunning as the murals are themselves, they are, most importantly, the visual products of a powerful and collaborative grassroots process in communities. Cost is \$76—includes bus, tour, tips & lunch—***due no later than April 30.*** Send checks (made payable to St. Thomas More Funsters) to Bob Lento, 70 Partridge Ln., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003. Any questions please call Bob at 424-4759.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 23

7:30 pm Bob & Rob Moore r/b Sheila Moore

EASTER SUNDAY:

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - APRIL 24

8:30 am Jim Bones r/b Teri

10:00 am Henry Ryszkiewicz r/b Family
Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family
Gerald Fry r/b Phyllis

Brian Uhlman r/b his parents, Ted & Kay

11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

MONDAY - APRIL 25

6:45 am Special Intention of Carolyn Sack r/b Enid & James

9:00 am Special Intention of Kathy Phipps Tyrrell r/b Greta Tyrrell

TUESDAY - APRIL 26

6:45 am John J. Gallagher, Jr. r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am Donald Iezzi r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 27

6:45 am John J. Gallagher, Jr. r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am Solomon & Kajo r/b Kathy & Jasmine Chesbro

THURSDAY - APRIL 28

6:45 am Charlie Kelton r/b Kolojejchick Family

9:00 am John Sklencar r/b brother, Joe, & Grace
Estelle Carignan r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso
Special Intentions of Lou & Silvia Fratto
r/b Buzz & Loretta Cirillo

FRIDAY - APRIL 29

6:45 am John J. Gallagher, Jr. r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am George Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SATURDAY - APRIL 30

9:00 am Charlie Kelton r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

4:30 pm Frances Radula r/b Joan Radula

SUNDAY - MAY 1

8:30 am Nicky Ristagno r/b cousin, Mopsy

10:00 am Richard Burke r/b Family
Scott Roncace r/b Dr. & Mrs. Roncace
Frank Rapetti r/b Carmel & Family
Charlie Kelton r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas

11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

Devon Sheehan	Helen Copperthwaite
Denise Daniels	Bob & Claire Boylan
George Sweeten	Andrea Buonincontro
Maria Storms	Frank Cappetta
Leona Novak	Joseph Console
Ruth Suita	Michael Kapischke
Ron Massey	Betty O'Donnell
Marie Cain	Marie Mazzagatti
Frank Colbert	Stanley Kochanek
Mary Cowan	Pauline Rosberg
Yolanda Burke	William Mitchell
Jean Colbert	Geralyn Coticone
Mary Flacco	Jerry McMenamin
Mary Beuhler	Chris Kolodzey
Charlie Kelton	Marie DiFrank
Carlos Santiago	Joe Pottackal, Sr.
Ralph Stilley	Theresa Carozza
Robert Geisel	Pasquale DiFronzo
Marcy Toub	



Harry Watson
Danny Perla
Anna McMullen
Olga Mignone
Joanne James
JoAnn Gadren
Gloria Daniels
Dorothy Brink
Alfred DiFrank
Don Kreal
Ed Rivero
Marie Read
Catherine Zee
Chase Lupica

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lt. Col. Carl Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Sr. Airman Alyssa Cosentino, Staff Sergeant Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, A1C John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, CDR Katherine (Tobin) McCabe, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Major Louis J. Papa, SSGT Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

**1st Year Anniversary
African Community Mass
at St. Thomas More Church
MAY 8 - 1 p.m.
Refreshments to follow.**

Expecting?
Awaiting the Blessed Event?



St. Thomas More Parish family invites expectant parents to join in a special Mass for them on Sunday, May 1 at 11:30. To sign up please call Pat Lachnight at 424-5636 or the parish office at 424-3212.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

(For use in homes as well as in small groups)

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for the 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 Second Sunday of Easter, May 1, 2011 - John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jesus showed the disciples His hands and feet and the disciples rejoiced. Thomas was absent for this encounter. A week later, Jesus again came to the disciples. This time, Thomas was present).

Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Commentary:

Thomas wanted a faith he could touch with his hands. This isn't so bad. A tangible faith is actually better than one that remains purely spiritual and theoretical. Our intellectual assent to the statements in the Creed is important, but it will be sterile if we cannot also hold something substantial in our hands that proves we are who we say we are. What evidence for our faith can we point to? Is there anyone whose life is more whole and good because of the decisions we have made? If the apostle Thomas has a legacy, it's that he sought and found in the wounded Christ a Lord he could believe in. If we can find Christ in the wounds of the world and seek to serve him in our service to those in need, we have come a long way in making our faith vital and real.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. Share something from the reading or the commentary that spoke to you.
2. What signs of faith can you produce as evidence that you are a Christian?
3. Do you ever identify with Thomas in your spiritual life, and how do you handle periods of doubt?
4. We need to admit our wounds if we are to identify with the Risen Christ. Christ always showed his wounds whenever he appeared after his Resurrection. How can you imitate the "wounded" Christ in your dealings with others?



Newly registered Parishioners

Byron, Cheril, Genaro, Brian &
Samantha Abenojar

Joseph, Theresa & Joseph McGlone
Maria Elena Lyons Yolanda Burke

Stuart, Theresa, Lauren & Catherine Richter

Christie, Michael, Lyla, Luke & Gavin Bronstein

Brielle, Jonathan, Collin & Shane Fredericks

CAR RAFFLE

2011 GMC Terrain 4-door SUV



Cost of ticket: \$100 — to purchase ticket call 428-8834. Date of drawing: April 30. All proceeds will benefit The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus.

AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Help Earn Money *EFFORTLESSLY*

Don't forget about this program:

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to Saint Thomas More Parish based on the average balance in all members' accounts: checking, savings, money market, CD & IRA accounts are all included. Visit any TD Bank to enroll.

Members' accounts are not affected in any way by this contribution. Your account balances are used to determine the level of contribution and are KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

If you have any questions, call George Sierra, TD Bank Manager at 428-8545.



Project Rachel: Abortion has physical, emotional and spiritual effects. Knowledge of God's forgiveness and all-accepting love is part of the healing process. 24-hour toll-free Retreat Information Line, dial 877 HOPE 4 ME.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

**Companion needed for my Mother,
91 years old.**

**Flexible Hours, Cherry Hill area
Call Linda Dombrowski at 856-761-7560.**