

St. Thomas More Church

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Encharistic 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 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			Worship		
Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren	424-3212	Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212	Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Christian Life/Education				Antonina Niedao	751-6320
Bereavement	Sheila Mohan	795-6137	Ch. Art Environment	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Friday Adoration	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053	Encharistic Ministers	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212	Lectors	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217	Linen Committee	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Knights of Columbus	Dick Haughwout	429-8598	Sacristans	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160		Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart	429-6948	Ushers	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Pastoral Counselor	Claire Spence	428-8325	Music Ministry	Roger Pisani, Director	609-702-7858
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137		Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Respect Life	Al Mac Elvath	779-7130		Len Kolojechick	346-4078
Rite of Ch. Dnit. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212		June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461
	Jim Vecchiola	424-9555	Social Development		
Rosary Ministry	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053	Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	424-4759		Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Spiritual Direction	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212	Funsters (over 50 club)	Bob Lento	424-4759
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073	Men's Association	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Denise Radziwoill	424-0494	Parish Festival	Committee	424-3212
St. Vincent de Paul	Frank Nicoletti	424-3212	Women's Club	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.

Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? This invitation is open to those who are not baptized as well as those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation. The RCIA process would prepare you for these sacraments. Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 - ext. 104, or Deacon John, 424-3212 ext. - 103, to receive more information about the RCIA classes.



Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

2011 GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 6th

at Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton

Golfers Only prizes will be awarded.

Win a 2011 LEXUS Luxury Car for a Hole in One.

Golf Outing: \$125

*Includes Green Fee, Cart, Door Prize, Dinner and Lunch (Hot Dog, Chips, Soda or Water)
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

MENU: **Hors d'oeuvres** (Cheese, Crackers, Chips, Pretzels), **Salad** (Clubhouse Garden Green Salad w/Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing), **Entrées** (Filet Mignon Tips, Broiled Honey Glazed Salmon & Chicken & Broccoli Demarco), Fresh Mixed Vegetables & Potato, Rolls & Butter, **Dessert** (Apple Pie, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Goodies), **Coffee & Tea**

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, Michael & Helen Hawksley, Jerry & Jeannine McMenamin, Arleen Pajic, Dick & Claire Spence, Joe & Chris Torello*

Last week's collection

May 15, 2011

\$13,019.50 - 251 Envelopes

May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.

CULTIVATING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

The ability to give thanks is at the heart of a good physical life and a mature emotional life. The ability to give thanks is at the heart of a good spiritual life and a good moral life.

In fact giving thanks to God is at the heart of the daily and weekly Eucharist we celebrate. The Eucharist is all about joining with Christ in giving thanks to God the Father. The Eucharist is essentially all about giving praise and giving thanks.

In the Eucharist, we give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received. We give thanks to God for all the blessings we continue to receive. We give thanks to God for all the blessings we will receive.

It is good for young people and old people as well to practice gratitude. It is good for our souls and good for our human spirits to give thanks. It is good for all of us to connect with the things for which we are grateful.

It is good and healthy for all of us to be in touch with our basic attitudes toward the good things in our lives. It is good to stop and look inside at our attitudes. Our attitudes influence the way we look at the world. They influence our behaviors.

Our attitudes affect the choices we make. Our attitudes determine the decisions we make. Our attitudes control how we respond to the world. At times, we may need to make an attitude adjustment with regard to gratitude. This adjustment can impact everything that is going on in our lives.

It is always healthy to develop an attitude of gratitude. It is to our advantage to recognize the many blessings and good things we have in life. This awareness helps us to avoid feeling sorry for ourselves.

When we have an attitude of gratitude, we feel less jealous of others who seem to have more than we have. Jealousy closes our minds and our hearts to others. It brings us personal emotional harm and hurt. Jealousy drains our energy. It drains our happiness.

When we have an attitude of gratitude, it is then we feel less envious of others who seem to have more than we have. Envy closes our minds and our hearts to others. It brings us personal emotional harm and hurt. Envy drains our spontaneity. Envy drains our dreams.

When you see what you have, you are more inclined to express your gratitude to God for your gifts and your talents. When you see what you are, you are more inclined to express your gratitude to God for your life and your health.

Many people practice keeping a gratitude journal. At the end of each day, they will list the things or events that happened that day for which they are grateful. In this way, they come to count their blessings and not their troubles. They come to value and appreciate themselves more deeply.

Grateful people seem to have a better mood. They wake up happier every morning. They are more hopeful. They are more optimistic. They communicate more thoughtfulness and more kindness.

Grateful people can more easily share with others the gifts they have. They can more easily share the good news of God's infinite generosity and extravagant kindness in their lives and in the lives of others.

Blessings,
Monsignor Morgan

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Ministry Schedule for May 28 and 29, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	R/C Pisani	J/S Mohan N/P Kirincic	Sr. Barbara	G/M Gray
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	G Nacarelli R Pisani	A Del Campo-O'Brien Sr. Dianna, J Neff, B Scarpa	J Vecchiola	M Lender A Rzepski
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer B Casey	E Beckman, K Glover J Mazzagatti, I Rellosa	J Arnold	C Arnold N Brown
11:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	Adult Choir D Kreal A Rivero	M Garber, B Massey B/AM Lento	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta

Women's Club News

End of the Year Gala: Wednesday, May 25
Social Hour with substantial hors d'oeuvres at 6:15 p.m. and **Entertainment** at 7:30 p.m. followed with sumptuous desserts - Please call Pat Lachnicht, 424-5636, by May 23 to sign up and to volunteer to bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the month of May the offertory gifts are being brought forward by our First Communicants.

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.*

Confirmation interviews with either Monsignor Morgan, Deacon John, Sister Ann or Pat Maggart will be held next Sunday, May 22, following the 11:30 Mass for all Confirmandi and their parents.

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Upcoming Event(s):

YEAR-END YOUTH GROUP (Jr. & Sr.) BOWLING PARTY

Saturday, June 4th, 6-8 p.m. at the Playdrome (1536 N Kings Hwy., Cherry Hill)



2 hours of bowling/shoes/ pizza/soda

Please RSVP to Mr. Thompson (424-1120) to let us know if you and any of your friends will be joining us.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator

GRADUATES RECOGNIZED



In June we recognize, in the bulletin, all those graduating in our parish community.

If you are graduating from college or graduate school please call the parish office,

424-3212, so we can include your name in the bulletin.

THE PARISH REJOICES...



with the families of Samantha Penuliar Abenojar, Leo Joseph Palermo, Luca Ted Cammarata and Avery Michael Wen-Li Hu all of whom were received into the Church through the waters of Baptism.

Sandwich Makers Wanted

If you would like to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen, please meet in the St. Thomas More Hall after the 9 a.m. Mass on Monday, May 23.

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - MAY 21

9:00 am Monsignor James Matteo r/b Pat & Paul Schneider
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Anna Wislocky r/b Ken & Kim Wislocky

SUNDAY - MAY 22

8:30 am Elizabeth Stenz r/b the Teri Bones
10:00 am Frances Regosch r/b Inger & Robert Kolecki
Forty-fifth Anniversary of Grace & Joe Sklencar
Charlie Kelton r/b Toni & Joe Andraka
John Gray r/b the Wachman Family
11:30 am Margaret O'Leary r/b the Kane Family

MONDAY - MAY 23

6:45 am Florence Reiser r/b Steve Piatkowski
9:00 am Steven Loughney r/b Margie & Ralph Stillely

TUESDAY - MAY 24

6:45 am William Sabin r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Joseph Kapischke, Sr. r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - MAY 25

6:45 am William Sabin r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Angelo Lamarca r/b Erickson Family

THURSDAY - MAY 26

6:45 am Constanca Boltazar r/b Cobin Family
9:00 am Charlie Kelton r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento
James Crawford r/b Phyllis Kolecki & Family
Darlene Maggart r/b Second Grade Religious Education Students & Teachers

FRIDAY - MAY 27

6:45 am William Sabin r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

SATURDAY - MAY 28

9:00 am Special Intention of John Martin r/b Mom
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Special Intentions of Zannoni Family r/b Norma

SUNDAY - MAY 29

8:30 am Bill Ellinger r/b Lynn
10:00 am Joseph Sirna r/b Floriann
Louis & Janet Sorrentino r/b Bob Sorrentino
Charlie Kelton r/b Ted & Kay Uhlman
11:30 am Patricia Fox r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... **Johanna Mirabella**, mother of parishioner Elena Santos, **William Hartman**, brother of parishioner Jane Kenney, **and Ruth Sluta**.

THE SICK...

Devon Sheehan	Helen Copperthwaite
Denise Daniels	Bob & Claire Boylan
George Sweeten	Andrea Buonincontro
Maria Storms	Frank Cappetta
Leona Novak	Joseph Console
Ron Massey	Michael Kapischke
Olga Mignone	Betty O'Donnell
Frank Colbert	Marie Mazzagatti
Mary Cowan	Stanley Kochanek
Yolanda Burke	Pauline Rosberg
Jean Colbert	William Mitchell
Mary Flacco	Geralyn Coticone
Mary Beuhler	Jerry McMenamin
Ralph Stillely	Chris Kolodzey
Robert Geisel	Anthony Cristiano
Catherine Zee	Joe Pottackal, Sr.
Marie DiFrank	Theresa Carrozza
Pat Barton	Pasquale DiFronzo
Grayson Caruso	



Danny Perla
Anna McMullen
Don Kreal
Joanne James
JoAnn Gadren
Gloria Daniels
Dorothy Brink
Alfred DiFrank
Carlos Santiago
Ed Rivero
Marie Read
Marcy Toub
Chase Lupica
Avery Caruso

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, Major James P. Tobin, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, to retain, add or remove a person's name from the lists above. Thank you.

'FUNSTER NEWS'



There will be a Funster Meeting on Wed., May 25 at 1 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. This meeting is for all those going to the Phila. Mural Trip on June 1 and for those interested in planning our fall 2011 trips. All are welcome. Any questions please call Bob at 424-4759.

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 29, 2011 - John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Commentary:

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his disciples that he will not leave them abandoned, defenseless orphans. He will continue to be with them but in a new way, namely, through the presence of the Holy Spirit. The faithful, those with eyes enlightened by faith, will be deeply aware that he is there with them. He will be not only "with" them, but "within" them, a source of inner strength and confidence. Christians are caught up into the very life of God! For us, this means the Spirit will enable us to find Christ in ourselves and each other.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. Share something from the reading or the commentary that touched you.
2. How do you experience the Holy Spirit?
3. How much of your life are you willing to turn over to the will of God?
4. As an adult, how can you pass on your trust in God and your desire to be filled by the Holy Spirit to young people and to others around you?



The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary statue have been placed there, this weekend, in loving memory of Molly Hope Nolan, requested by Al & Pat Romano.

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. There is no cost to Saint Thomas More Parish or the participating members.

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.

Visit any TD Bank to enroll. If you have any questions, call George Sierra, TD Bank Mgr. at 428-8545.



[The value of scientific and medical research] and the need for solidarity are very clearly highlighted in the case of the use of umbilical cord stem cells. These are important clinical applications and promising research at the scientific level, but their implementation relies heavily on generosity in donating umbilical cord blood at the moment of birth, and on updating structures to enable women giving birth to donate this blood if they so wish.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life, 2/28/11

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

Office of Family Life—Diocese of Camden

Courage - Catholic support group for men and women with same-sex attraction. For those who have family members struggling with same-sex attraction, there is support through Encourage. Call 365-1570 for more information or contact the website at www.couragerc.org. *Confidentiality is assured with all communications.*