

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, Pastor
 Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
 Miriam Gilbert, Religious Education Coordinator
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 Kathleen Witts, Youth Coordinator
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 Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 8, 2017

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: Sister Ann Byrnes and John Mohan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 6:30– 7:45 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.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



**Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary,
Bill & Yvonne Turner!**

Prayers and good wishes for many more years
together!



Sister Claire Sullivan

sends her heartfelt thanks for your generous response to the Christmas giving program. **This was the best year ever!!! She is very grateful for your support in finding a way to help the families in Camden. Sister extends her wishes for Jesus' blessings of joy and peace today and every day to the STM family.**

Good Counsel is a family for those in need, serving God, who is the Father of the orphan, Defender of the widow and who gives the lonely a home to live in. Good Counsel began Lumina, a healing outreach and referral service for those who, in any way, are suffering from the effects of abortion.

For information on retreats, healing services and coping with the post traumatic effects of an abortion experience, call 877-586-4621 or

email Lumina@PostAbortionHelp.org.



Total Parish Collection for Sunday, December 25, 2016 was \$ 5, 579.00 and 101 envelopes, were recorded. For Christmas \$ 35, 237.00 was given and 233 envelopes were recorded. Collection for January 1, 2017 was \$8,885.00 and 173 envelopes and online donors were recorded. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship Reflection : Epiphany of Our Lord Grateful Stewards



“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” Matthew 2:11 b

The image of the Magi kneeling before the Infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, Christian **Stewards** are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. *God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.*

Bishop Robert Barron's
CATHOLICISM
THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS
Volume I



Bishop Robert Barron continues his journey around the world to explore a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of western civilization.

CATHOLICISM: *The Pivotal Players* features six people who responded to the grace of God to make a difference.

St. Francis of Assisi: The Reformer

Radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.

St. Thomas Aquinas: The Theologian

Demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, as they come from the source.

St. Catherine of Siena: The Mystic

Gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

Blessed John Henry Newman: The Convert

Left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith.

G. K. Chesterton: The Evangelist

Publicly, humbly, and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.

Michelangelo: The Artist

Dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.

**Monday, January 16th through
Monday, February 20th
In the Parish Hall after the 9:00AM Mass.**

**Call the Parish Office to Register
856-424-3213**

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE for JANUARY 14/15

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30am	Father O'Neal	Carmen Rich	P. & N. Kirincic Sr. Sophia	D. Miller	I. & C. Fulton
8:30 am	Father Rossi	Jerry Rich	R. Vander Weilen B. Lento, B. Massey	J. Vecchiola	M. Widmer S. Russo
10:00 am	Father Rossi	Celine/Choir Julie	D. & M L. Thomas J. DeMichele	J. Campbell	E. & A. Quay A. Librojo
11:30 am	Father	Celine Julie	M. Garber, A. Thompson M. Dwyer	J. Arnold	A. Kuzinski M. Mueller D. Ha

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Sixth grade students in our Religious Ed. Program demonstrated their knowledge of the Jesse Tree on December 20, 2016. They read and decorated the tree with ornaments representing the different people who prophesied the birth of Jesus. The Jesse Tree teaches the story of Creation to the Christmas Story. Jesse is the name of King David's father. The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11: 1: "*A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch will grow out of its roots.*" The story of the Jesse Tree also teaches us about the tradition of decorating the Christmas Tree.

8th Grade students: Letter to the Bishop due January 15th.

Sacrament of First Penance: 10 am Saturday, January 28 in the Chapel.

Mark your calendars:

Parish Intergenerational Event: Teaching of the Mass during class time February 14, 2017.

Miriam Gilbert, 424-3212 ext. 106

STM Youth

St. Thomas More Family Night with the 76ers!

Join Us for a fun evening! **FRIDAY, JANUARY 27th**
| 7 PM



Sixers Group Gift Included ·
Jumbo Tron Recognition ·
Carpool leaves STM at 5:45pm. · 7-12th grade may attend without a parent. ·

Families of all ages Welcome! · PER TICKET: \$18

LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS....MONEY DUE JAN 10!!!

Sunday, January 15 MLK Day of Service
Nursing Home Visit Time TBA

Friday Jan 27 Family Night at the Sixers

Sunday, Feb 5 Souper Bowl of Caring

Help with Collection Following all masses

Any questions about the Youth Group, Please contact Katie Witts youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org



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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
Brian Deutsch r/b **Kathleen Bailey**

4:30 pm **Joan Maguire** r/b Tobin family

SUNDAY—JANUARY 8

8:30 am for all students receiving
First Penance

10:00 am **Doris Hellmund**
 r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club

11:30 am **Audrey Long** r/b Joseph Kuchler

MONDAY—, JANUARY 9

6:45 am **Dave Hare** r/b Dom

9:00 am All those in RCIA preparing for
Baptism

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:45 am intentions of **Lou Regina**
 r/b Rhonda & Larry

9:00 am **Pat Brink** r/b Ann & Dave

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:45 am **Craig Cooper** r/b Dom

9:00 am **Pat Brink** r/b Ann & Dave

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

6:45 am **Daniel & Vincent DeCarlo**

9:00 am **David Rule** r/b Marian Kapischke

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

6:45 am **Peter Zippel**

9:00 am **Pat Brink** r/b Ann & Dave

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish

4:30 pm **Thomas Silvestri** r/b Fulton family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 am **Ronald Maggi** r/b Stacia & Dale Strack

10:00 am intentions of **Jim & Pat Beaney** in
 honor of their **50th wedding**
 Anniversary r/b Don & Dolores Kreal

11:30 am **Fran Boesch** r/b husband, Jack



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...Pat Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Anna Bedrick, Francesca Capra, Elva Clark, Frank Colbert, Sean Colbert, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Geralyn Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Bryan Dietrich, Pasquale DiFronzo, Angelo DiGiacomo, Harry Gindele, Sue Hagan, infant Joseph Hale, Thomas Houston, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, Stephen Kaye, John B. Kennedy, Peggy Kiefner, Stan Kochanek, Don Kreal, Julia Lepre, Mary Ellen Lepre, Marie Manalo, Vince Marchesani, Wayne Mauri, Sr., Margaret McClure, Jerry McMenamin, Hilda K Pellerito, Fred Petrone, John Ravena, Amelia Rivero, Ed Rivero, Pauline Rosberg, Joseph Ryan, Joseph Ryan, Jr., Barbara Salpas, Carlos Santiago, Phyllis Schadt, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Frank Sines, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Maria Storms, Samuel Stafford, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, George Sweeten, Christopher Tama, Stephanie Tama, Marcy Toub, Ted Uhlman, Ann Vigrass.



THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

2nd Lieutenant Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Captain Anthony R. Cosentino, Spc. Peter DeCrescenzo, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, 2nd Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, PFC Sonny Morrison, 1Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, and Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa.

St. Thomas More is hosting “**A Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona**” **April 30, 2017 to May 9, 2017**. The year 2017 is very special as it celebrates the 100th anniversary of the visitation of our Lady to the three shepherd children. Brochures are available on table in the front of the church. Call Lin Lyon at 795-4396.

WELCOME!

Saint Thomas More Parish Welcomes All

New Parishioner Registration

Are you attending Mass here regularly? Are you registered? If not, please fill out information below and return to the parish office. The parish office will contact you for further information. Please drop this form in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Phyllis Schadt

Papal Intentions for the Month of January:
 That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

“... if My people, who are called by My Name, are sorry for what they have done, if they pray and obey me and stop their evil ways, I will heal their land.”
 2nd Chronicles 7: 14

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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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 15, 2017 - John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

Commentary:

When John looked at Jesus, what did he see? He probably saw a man of about thirty years of age - perhaps handsome, or perhaps very ordinary in appearance. But John also saw something else. John saw the hope of the nation, the fulfillment of prophecy, and a reason for rejoicing. John called what he saw "the Lamb or God." It was an image from Exodus: the sacrificial offering of an unblemished animal whose blood rescued believers from death. God's lamb permitted slaves to pass over from despair into freedom. John's gaze at Jesus allowed him to see the sacrifice, and the freedom, as if the future were a window he could look through. For centuries, many have gazed upward at the cross and seen what John knew in that early hour.

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?



Abortion on demand was built on lies and deceit, "We fed the public a line of deceit, dishonesty, a fabrication of statistics... We fabricated polls which indicated that 85% of the public favored unrestricted abortion, when we knew it was only 5%. We unashamedly lied, and yet our statements were quoted [by the media] as though they had been written in law." Dr. Bernard Nathanson
Al MacElrath, Respect Life Coordinator 779-7130

Paul VI Slam Dunk Tours: The Paul VI Eagles are ready to soar! Please join us for a special pre-game tour of our beautiful school, followed by an exciting Paul VI home basketball game: **Paul VI Girls vs. Lenape, Saturday, January 14, 2017, Tours at noon, Game at 1 PM.** Reservations are appreciated; please visit www.pvihs.org for more information or to make a reservation. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please come to the gym entrance at tour time; students and accompanying adult will receive a complimentary game passes.



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Child and Youth Protection
CAP Sessions for January, 2017

Monday, January 9: 7:00 pm Guardian Angels, Paulsboro Campus, 717 Beacon Ave., Paulsboro
Wednesday, January 25th: 7:00 pm Christ the Redeemer Parish, Faith Formation Center, 318 Carl Hasselhan Drive, Atco.

Thursday, January 26: 7:00 pm Christ Our Light, Room A in new Parish Center, 402 Kings Highway, North, Cherry Hill
Call the CAP registration line: 856-583-6165, leave your name and session date you are attending. You **will not** receive a call back.
The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website: www.camdendiocese.org/cyp/cap-events/

From VITALity Health Services:
Resolutions for the New Year

Be more blessed and less stressed.
Look for God in the world around you.
Let go of grudges and resentments.
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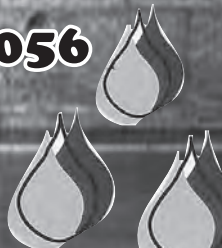
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