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 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

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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



VITALity presents a Healthy Aging & Wellness Fair May 6th, from 11:00 am—2:00pm Benedict's Place 206 St. Mary's Drive, Cherry Hill.

The focus of the Fair is to promote healthy aging and wellness through information and screenings, with a goal of helping seniors attain the highest quality of health, wellness and independence. Representatives from a variety of organizations will provide valuable information, resources and screenings. Pneumonia shots, screenings for hearing, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, fall risk and balance assessment will be available. There will also be entertainment, refreshments and prizes. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information:

Vitality.camdendiocese.org or call Karen Fisher at: 856-583-6123

CAP Programs for the month of May

CAP Phase 1

Tuesday, May 9 7PM Holy Eucharist Parish Center

CAP Phase 3

Wednesday, May 10 7PM Holy Eucharist Parish Center

Please register at Maryellen.schnell@camdendiocese.org

5 days before the session you wish to attend. Leave your name and the session date you plan to attend.

... 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



The collection for Sunday, April 16, 2017 was \$25, 754.00 from 323 donors. As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Stewardship Reflection: 2nd Sunday of Easter Stewardship Smile

Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you. John 20: 19b

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new parishioner, a work colleague, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel included instead of excluded. A Steward's simple hello and a smile goes a long way.





**The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated
at 10:00 am Mass on
Saturday, April 29, 2017.**

**The following children will be receiving the Body of Christ for the first
time:**

*Tyler Albrecht
Rocco Cafagna
Giancarlo Calvitti
Michael Driscoll
Angelica Fasnacht
Dustin Fichera
Roger Frament
Kelsey Mackey
Connor Mullin
Kiera Mullin
Gabrielle Pizzo
David Sebastian
John Sullivan
Sophia Villano*

Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 23, 2017

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for APRIL 29/30

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Father Johnson	Carmen	G. Tyrrell, Sr. Sophia B. Crawford	J. Mohan	L. & Z. Smith K. Wieland
8:30 am	Father Rossi	Mary Rich	J. & L. Duffy B. Massey	R. Pierce	M. Widmer E. & W. Quay
10:00 am	Father Rossi	Joanne/Choir Julie	M. Santiago, D. Staton J. Mazzagatti	F. Egges	A. D'Auria, T. Kenny N. Driscoll
11:30 am	Father Durkin	Mena Julie	B. Haughwout, A. Thompson H. Protzman	D. Haughwout	A. & I. Witting A. Kuzinski

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion Retreat for Second Graders and Parents is Saturday, April 22nd from 9:30 am—12 noon in the Hall.

First Communion Rehearsals (Students only) are Tuesday, April 18th & 25th during class time.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 am.

May Crowning: May 7th after 11:30 am Mass. All are invited.

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

Miriam Gilbert 424-3212 ext. 106



Women's Wellness Retreat at Mother Mary Joseph Hospitality Center, Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus . Two Sessions: Sat. April 29th 5:pm—9:30pm; Sunday, April 30th 9:00am—4:00 pm. Sat. evening session- \$35 includes dinner; Sunday session \$45 includes Danish, coffee and lunch. Both sessions with overnight accommodation- \$95 includes 3 meals. For more info: Sr. Angela at 856-428-8834. Reservations: contact Juliana at 856-304-0546.

STM Youth

You have a voice in the Catholic Church and we want to hear it. The Diocesan Office of Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministry is conducting an area wide survey of all Youth (14-18) and Young Adults (18-39) to help understand your spiritual and social needs. This includes eighth graders, high schoolers and college students, young couples who are engaged or married, young families, etc.

We are interested in the responses of those who regularly attend Mass; occasionally attend; those who may have left the Catholic Church or are no longer practicing

Please visit <http://www.camdendiocese.org/synod-2018/> . It will only take 5-12 minutes to complete; all responses are anonymous. The results will be shared with pastors and church leaders to help reach your needs. The more responses the better, so please share!

St Thomas More will be conducting Listen Session the end of April and May. Please contact Katie if you are interested in getting involved in this Ministry, email katie.witts@gmail.com

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

FUNSTER NEWS

There will be a **Funsters meeting, 1pm Monday, April 24 in St. Thomas More Hall**. All those interested in upcoming trips are invited to attend.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 23, 2017



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

- 9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
50th Wedding Anniversary of
John & Sheila Mohan
- 4:30 pm Bill Smith
r/b Deborah Neikirk & Allen Starr

SUNDAY—APRIL 23

- 8:30 am Killian Baldwin r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
- 10:00 am Bill Smith r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele
Eduardo Rivero
r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele
Donald Murray
r/b Gladys Angelucci & family
- 11:30 am Nedy Diaz Rodriguez
r/b Montes & Troche families

MONDAY—APRIL 24

- 6:45am intentions of Bernadette Griffin & family
- 9:00 am Pat Brink r/b Ann & Dave Reis

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- 6:45 am Mrs. Hogan
- 9:00 am intentions of Donna Rule
r/b Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- 6:45 am Madelyn Barosa
- 9:00 am Pat Brink r/b Ann & Dave Reis

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- 6:45 am Madelyn Barosa
- 9:00 am George Powell
r/b Sheila & John Mohan

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- 6:45 am Elaine LaPierre
- 9:00 am Pat Brink r/b Ann & Dave Reis


SATURDAY, APRIL 29

- 9:00am living and deceased members of the parish
Brigitta McCarthy
r/b sister, Marguerite
- 4:30 pm Eduardo Rivero
r/b Joe & Toni Andraka

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:30 am Jaime Bell r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
- 10:00 am Phyllis Schadt r/b Ted & Lay Uhlman
Eduardo Rivero r/b Cindy Zielinski
Intentions of John & Sheila Mohan
r/b Dave & Ellie Mayfield
- 11:30 am Dorothy Kuchler
r/b grandson, Joseph Kuchler

Papal Intentions for the Month of April: That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to the priesthood or the consecrated life.



Pray the Rosary along with the Knights of Columbus, **Sunday, April 30th after the 11:30 AM Mass in St. Thomas More Chapel.**

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, Pasquale DiFronzo, Angelo DiGiacomo, Harry Gindele, Sue Hagan, 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., Jerry McMenamin, Youngmork Park, Hilda K Pellerito, Fred Petrone, John Ravena, Amelia Rivero, Pauline Rosberg, Joseph Ryan, Joseph Ryan, Jr., Barbara Salpas, Carlos Santiago, 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, Kathryn Wolfe, 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.

NEVER TOO LATE

Our House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal 2017 goal is \$ 117, 880. We will need the help of all parishioners to meet and exceed this goal. We have received gifts totaling **\$82,766.00 from 164 givers.** Thanks to all who have contributed. **We are still accepting donations to meet our Parish goal. To make a pledge please pick up a Pledge card which is available in the gathering space and at the entrances to the Church and mail in or drop off at the parish office.**
Every donation moves us closer.

10th Annual Cornerstone Retreat at Christ Our Light Parish Center, 402 N. Kings Highway, Cherry Hill to be held April 29th & 30th. There will be time for prayer, faith sharing, reading scripture and group discussions. Think of this weekend as a time to relax and experience the living Christ through women's fellowship. For more information: 856-667-2440 or cjohnson@christourlight.net. A donation of \$50 is suggested in order to cover expenses but all are welcome regardless of the ability to pay.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 23, 2017

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 Third Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2017 – Luke 24: 13-35

(The scene - Easter evening - two followers of Jesus are walking away from Jerusalem toward Emmaus. A man (Jesus) joins them on the road and speaks to them. The men do not recognize Jesus - they are too upset about what happened over the last three days. Jesus asks them what things happened in Jerusalem. The men are astounded that this stranger seems to be the only one who doesn't know what has happened). The followers of Jesus say, "Some women from our group have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive." (Jesus is invited to stay with the men and have supper.) "And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight...So the two set out at once and returned to Jerusalem." (Here, they reported what had taken place.)

Commentary:

The travelers on the road to Emmaus had not gone to the tomb themselves. They heard many rumors about the empty tomb, but, no one reported actually seeing Jesus. But then, these two traveling in the wrong direction, away from Jerusalem and the community of faith, had their eyes opened in a simple act of breaking bread. They had been prepared to give up the cause and go home to their old lives. They had decided the disappearance of Jesus' body was the last straw. When the shared bread was put into their hands again, they saw what they had been missing. They saw Jesus in the stranger. They wouldn't lose sight of him again. In fact, they immediately left home and began the trip back to Jerusalem and to the community of faith.

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 Commentary resonates with me?



"Isn't it interesting that all of those people who support the 'choice' of abortion have already been born?" This is a perfect example of 'might is right'. We are the only defense the unborn have. Join Pro-life today.
Al MacElrath, Respect Life Coordinator 779-7130

Legacy Treatment Services Clothing Drive May 13 & 14

Donate New and Gently used:
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& seasons; books, toys,
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Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes.



**The Jubilee Mass for Priests
4:00 pm Thursday, May 11, 2017
St. Mary's Church
2001 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill
All are invited to attend this special Mass.**

**Community Health Fair
2:00 –4:30 PM Friday, April 28th
St. Mary's Villa**
FREE: health screenings fit and focused (yoga) demonstration, raffle prizes and Classic Car rally.



**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary
Mass
3:00 PM Sunday, June 18, 2017
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
500 Greentree Rd. Glassboro
Registration deadline: May 26,
2017.**

Registration forms available in the parish office. If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60, or 70 years or more, you are invited to join Bishop Sullivan for this Mass.

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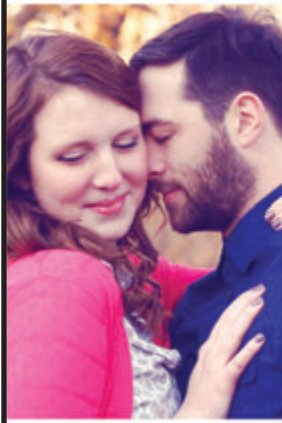


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