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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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 Miriam Gilbert, Religious Education Coordinator
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 Kathleen Witts, Youth Coordinator
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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

Thank you!

Our parish has raised \$96,206.00 from 177 donors. This is 81.6% of our goal.

Your support of the 2017 House of Charity- Bishop's Annual Appeal ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the healing, teaching and redemptive Presence of Jesus Christ throughout Southern New Jersey.

If you haven't already given, please return your completed pledge card to the parish office.

Your gift matters.

Encounter the Living God

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. If you have made a pledge, we remind you to keep your payments current.

... 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 23, 2017 was \$8,985.00 from 187 donors. As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Women's Club Board Meeting 9:30 am Wednesday, May 3, 2017



Stewardship Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Easter Stewards Listen

Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us along the road while He opened to us the Scriptures? Luke 24: 32



How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give-and-take, each side listening to the other and helping each other out. Take time in silence as a Christian Steward to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

Adult Faith Formation

Pivotal Players: This series created by Bishop Robert Barron pays tribute to the men and women whose friendship with Christ transformed not only their lives, but also the world.

Tuesday Evenings —7:00 PM

Parish Hall

May 23, 30; June 6, 13, 20, 27

Call the Parish Office to Register—424-3212

**Register by May 10th —
Fee required for new participants**



Blessed John Newman: was a Catholic cardinal and theologian who was an important figure in the religious history of England in the 19th century.



GK Chesterton: was an English writer, poet, philosopher, dramatist, journalist, orator, lay-theologian, biographer, and literary and art critic.



Michelangelo: was an Italian sculptor, painter, architect, and poet of the High Renaissance who exerted an unparalleled influence on the development of Western art.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 30, 2017

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for MAY 6/7

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Father	Joanne/Choir Julie	T. Petrone, K. Wislocky Sr. Sophia	J. Cepeda	C. & R. Cepeda N. Driscoll
8:30 am	Father	Mary Rich	P. Lavala, B. Massey R. VanderWeilen	J. Vecchiola	S. Russo C. Oatway
10:00 am	Father	Jerry Julie	E. Beckman, K. Glover M. Huynh	K. McFadden	C. McFadden JD Moyer
11:30 am	Father	Children's Choir Julie	M. Garber, M. Gorin H. Protzman	J. Arnold	M. & T. Dautle N. Ortega

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May Dates of Importance



May 7, 2017: May Crowning will take place after the 11:30am Mass. All are invited to attend.

May 9th: Last Religious Education Class for the Year! We will celebrate with an **Ice Cream Social, during class time, sponsored by the Women's Club.**



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

**MOTHER'S DAY CARDS/
REMEMBRANCES**



During the month of May the parish will remember all the mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased, of our parishioners. If you would like your mother or grandmother remembered in this special manner please return a Mother's Day envelope sent along with your weekly collection envelopes. Extra envelopes are available in the gathering space or parish office. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar during May. *Mother's Day cards are also available in the gathering space* which can be sent to your mother telling her that she will be remembered at the Masses at St. Thomas More.

STM Youth



Annual New Jersey Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure, Sunday, May 21, 2017.

\$50 per person; lunch buffet and return ticket to Holiday in the Park are included in the price. **A carpool will leave St. Thomas More Sunday May 21st at 9am and will return before 9pm. Families may also pick up your parking pass and tickets from Katie before and go on your own.** 8th—12th grade may attend without a parent. 7th grade and younger must have a parent/guardian. All are welcome to attend. All money is due by May 10th.

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



Seventh Graders display Palm Crosses they made in Religious Education Class.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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 & Kay 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

MONDAY—MAY 1

6:45am people pf the parish
9:00 am Dorothy Listenberger
r/b Kathy & Henry

TUESDAY, MAY 2

6:45 am Communion Service
9:00 am Ann Powell r/b Sheila & John Mohan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

6:45 am people of the parish
9:00 am Paul Kelly r/b wife, Terri

THURSDAY, MAY 4

6:45 am Communion Service
9:00 am people of the parish

FRIDAY, MAY 5

6:45 am Communion Service
9:00 am Ann Morgan r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

SATURDAY, MAY 6

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Dominic Mastro Monaco
r/b Robert Sorrentino

SUNDAY—MAY 7

8:30 am John Randall Gritzan
r/b Patricia Phillips
10:00 am Bill Smith r/b Elaine & Rick Beckman
Bob Berberich r/b Carol Koelsch
Bernie Leber r/b wife, Mildred
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

Papal Intentions for the Month of May: That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

Pope Francis has encouraged the Church to look to Mary as the Mother of Mercy, praying, “Gazing toward you, our Immaculate Mother, we recognize the victory of divine mercy over sin and over all its consequences. May it reignite us in the hope of a better life, free from slavery, resentments, and fear.”

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.

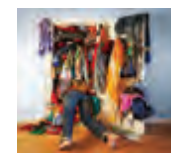


THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

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.

Options for Women Baby Bottle Drive begins the weekend of May 6/7 and runs through the weekend of May 20/21.

Baby Bottles may be picked up at the exit doors. Please take one per family. Make any checks payable to “Options for Women”. **Bottles are to be returned on the weekend of May 21/22nd.** Please return your bottles empty or full as they are costly for Options to replace.



Children’s Home Clothing Drive May 13/14th. An extra incentive to Spring Clean your closets! Accepting: clothes & shoes, books, toys, working electronics and housewares, small furniture, jewelry and seasonal/holiday items.



**Confirmation Class of Spring 2017
Celebratory Dinner**

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2017 - John 10:1-10

The sheep hear the voice of the shepherd as he calls his sheep by name and leads them out of the sheepfold. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.

Commentary:

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It's a good day to reflect on what religious leadership is and what it should be for the future. What makes a leader someone who gets your attention, respect, and cooperation? How many such leaders do you know? And most of all, if good leadership seems rare to you, what are you prepared to do to fill the gap? Many people are ready to complain about poor leadership in government, church, and family life, but if we are not prepared to exercise better leadership right where we are, in the context of our present relationships, then our criticism begins to sound a little hollow. Pray for the gift of strong and wise leaders. Pray for the grace to discern who they are. And pray most of all this day to grow into the role of leadership already assigned to you where you live, work, and pray.

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?

"Compassion for the mother is extremely important, but is never served through destroying the innocent.

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Al MacElrath, *Respect Life Coordinator* 779-7130



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Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass
3:00 pm Sunday, June 18, 2017
Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Glassboro, NJ 500 Greentree Road

Registration forms are in the parish office. If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary (of **25, 50, 60, 70 or more years married**) in the year 2017 you are welcome to attend. **Registration deadline: May 26, 2017.**

Jubilee Mass for our Priests
May 11, 2017 at 4:00 pm
St. Mary's Church
Springdale Road
Cherry Hill

All are invited to attend and celebrate with the priests of our diocese.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations May 7, 2017

"...In the depths of their heart, all missionary disciples hear this divine voice bidding them to "go about", as Jesus did. I have mentioned that, by virtue of baptism, every Christian is a "Christopher", a bearer of Christ, to his brothers and sisters. This is particularly the case with those called to a life of special consecration and with priests, who have generously responded, "Here I am, Lord, send me!" With renewed missionary enthusiasm, priests are called to go forth from the sacred precincts of the temple and to let God's tender love overflow for the sake of humanity. The Church needs such priests: serenely confident because they have discovered the real treasure, anxious to go out and joyfully to make it known to all..." *Pope Francis 2017 message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations.*

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

A room full of chatter, laughter and happy people, meeting new people— triplets, no less!-, at the same time doing a Corporal Work of Mercy. That was the setting in the St. Thomas More Room on Wednesday, April 19th as we made **429 sandwiches** and almost **500 utensil packages**. **Thank you all:** setter-upper, sandwich and utensil package makers, delivery persons, cleaner uppers. *And, of course, the Sklencars who fund this mission.* We break for the summer and hope to see you on **September 20th, October 18th & November 15th at 9:30am.**



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