

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
 Sister Clare Sabini, Religious Education Coordinator
 Julie Linn, Music Ministry
 Kathleen Witts, Youth Coordinator
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 Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

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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

Healing Mass

**Monday, August 21, 2017
7:00—9:00 pm**

Fr. Matthew and the Team from the Potta World Evangelization Ministry.

The program will focus on inner reflection of the Word of God, followed by Mass and Eucharistic Adoration accompanied with Spirit-filled music.

Please call the Parish Office (424-3212) to register.

Call or email if you plan to attend

St. Thomas More Parish Office— 856-424-3213 or email: sthomasmore@comcast.net



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The collection for Sunday, August 13, 2017 was \$7, 579.00 from 163 donors. As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

"... 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

Stewardship Reflection: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Stewardship Calling

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."
Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good **Stewards** by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.





**SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH PICNIC
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 FROM 12:30 – 3:00 PM.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

A Time for Fellowship, Food and Fun!

A Time to Connect after the Summer!

A Time to Welcome Back our Catechists and Students!

Time to Launch our Religious Education Year!

Music!

St. Thomas More Adult and Children's Choir!

Cherry Hill K-9 Demonstration!

Children's Games and Crafts!

Pig Roast, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages and More!

Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share!

This is a one day event. No long-term commitment involved. You decide what area and the amount of time you can undertake. Whatever you decide will be much appreciated.

*******Look for an area that catches your attention and volunteer to help out.*******

Gary Gadren: 609-605-5451 Event coordinator

**Grill Area food, Pig Roast and Sausage/Peppers station, Raffle tickets,
Desserts and Coffee, Children's Races, Games for Children, Teens and Adults
Salad Station**

*****Volunteers will be needed for set up on Saturday, September 16, 2017 and clean-up after
the picnic.*****

Call Gary Gadren 609-605-5451.
The Parish Office at 856-424-3212
Email sthomasmore@comcast.net

Small Christian Communities

***Small Christian Communities help ordinary
people connect faith with everyday life
experiences.***



This is accomplished through prayer,
sharing, listening, learning, mutual support and outreach.
***Consider joining an SCC this coming year during the Advent and
Lenten Seasons....Call Sister Ann at 424-3212 for more
information.***

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 20, 2017

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for August 26/27

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Father Bernard	Becca Joe	G. Tyrrell, I. Rellosa	T. Andraka	K. & E. Quay
8:30 am	Father Bernard	TBA Len	J. & L. Duffy	J. Vecchiola	M. Widmer S. Russo
10:00 am	Father Bernard	Choir Julie	K. Glover, D. Staton J. Galati	L. Galati	A. Librojo L. Hutchinson
11:30 am	Father Bernard	Jr. Cantors Eugene	A. Thompson, M.. Gorin	R. Ciccotta	M. & T. Dautle D. Ha

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Peace and All Good to YOU.

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More parish, I am Sr. Clare V. Sabini, a Franciscan Missionary Sister of the Infant Jesus. I have been based here in Cherry Hill and in this parish for many years, even though I moved around some. Now I will be here at St. Thomas More as the Catechetical Leader. It is my hope to serve the parish in this role, meeting the required standards of the Diocese and enhancing the spiritual and religious formation of our children/students and their families.

This task, though, is best fulfilled when all parishioners and families work together in creating an atmosphere where children/students are captivated by what they see and feel drawn by the example around them. We are all in this together. The first responsibility we have is to PRAY for our children, their catechists/teachers and , “Yes, please do pray for me, for God’s grace that I will serve well.”

Volunteers are needed to help out in various ways and the talents needed are good will and commitment. The Holy Spirit does the rest...

This is an open invitation to all to consider sharing time and talents, and serve in the Religious Education/ Formation of our children. My contact information is: srclarefmij.stmc@gmail.com; 856-424-3212 ext. 106. Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00—4:00pm.

If you haven’t registered your child/children, please do so without further delay. First grade religious instruction is required to enter second grade and prepare for the sacraments. We need to plan for volunteers, supplies, etc. Newcomers to our parish are welcome in our program whatever grade level.

Sr. Clare Sabini 424-3212

STM Youth

Our high school graduates and college students are starting to leave for school. We pray that you enjoy this transition and that you will have much success and happiness as you move forward!

Things to think about:

1. **Seek out the Newman Center or Local Catholic Parish...**Most colleges or college towns have a very active Young Adult Ministry. Many times dinner is shared after Sunday evening Mass. Check it out...get involved.

2. **Always know God is with you. College is fun, exciting, scary, difficult...**You will need to make easy and tough decisions, get up for class, do homework when NO ONE, not even the teacher tells you to! You will make friends, have fun, learn more about yourself than you thought you could! And through it all know God is with you...in the easy times, the fun times, and the late night study times. Do not forget you are never alone and you can do ALL things through God who strengthens you!!!

God bless you and protect you as you move forward.

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

PERSONAL HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have a difficult time hearing at Mass. They are simple to use. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices at Mass, please see an usher before Mass and they will assist you. **To assure that these hearing devices are available for all in need, it is important that you return them after Mass.** Thank you

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 20, 2017



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Francis Ronald Vasile & Charles Neiner r/b family

SUNDAY—AUGUST 20

8:30 am Ray Desrochers r/b St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00 am Tom LaCasse r/b Teri Bones
Brian Bones r/b Greta Tyrrell
Marie Cammarasana r/b husband, Joe
11:30 am Fran Boesch r/b husband, Jack

MONDAY—AUGUST 21

6:45 am Msgr. David Budney & family
9:00 am Pat Brink r/b Don

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE
9:00 am Jane Kenney
r/b Tuesday afternoon SCC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE
9:00 am Frank & Brenda O'Malley
r/b Martin & Jean

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE
9:00 am Mena Ravena r/b family
Special Intention r/b Greta

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE
9:00 am Tom LaCasse r/b Gary Gadren

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00am living & deceased members of the parish
Brian Bones r/b sister, Mary
4:30 pm Renata D'Antonio
r/b Pam & Frank Johnson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30 am Laurretta Hoose
r/b Will & Carol Shubert
10:00 am Ray Desrochers
r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
Tom LaCasse r/b Claire & Dick Spence
Brian Bones r/b Phyllis Kolecki
11:30 am John & Henry Bantivoglio
r/b children

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Kuei-Lin Wang Kas (Jean Ho's mother)**



Papal Intentions for the Month of August: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation

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, Thomas Houston, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, Stephen Kaye, John B. Kennedy, Peggy Kiefner, Stan Kochanek, Don Kreal, Julia Lepre, Mary Ellen Lepre, Marie Manalo, Marianne Orlando, Vince Marchesani, Wayne Mauri, Sr., Jerry McMenamin, Youngmork Park, Hilda K Pellerito, Fred Petrone, John Pauline Rosberg, Joseph Ryan, John S., 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, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin

Do you know anyone interested in the RCIA Process?

Each journey of faith begins with an invitation, a call from beyond ourselves, a call from God.

Salvation history begins when God called Abraham, our Father in faith. It was a call to leave his home and family and go to an unknown, unspecified country. Abraham did not ask where, why, how or for how long. He just went. He started out on a journey of faith.

And so it was when Jesus saw Peter and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, and simply said, **"Come follow me."** They did not ask where, why, how or for how long. They just went. They started out on a journey of faith.

Come and Journey with other Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith!

Adults who have never been baptized
Adults who have been baptized in another Christian Tradition
Adults baptized Catholic but who have had no instruction in the faith or have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation.

Call Sister Ann (424-3212) for more information about the RCIA



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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 27, 2017 - Matt. 16:13-20

Jesus said to his disciples, "but who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it..."

Commentary:

The Children can be solidly built only on the person of Jesus. The Church can stand firmly only by faith in Jesus. The Church is a community of disciples which acknowledges that Jesus is "the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God." Peter's recognition of Jesus is a revelation from God. Thus, the Church comes into being through divine revelation. The builder of the Church is Jesus himself and the Church is his: "I will build my church" (16:18). The Church is unintelligible apart from the revelation of God and the work of Jesus. These divine origins account for the Church's ability to withstand the power of the netherworld and death (16:18).

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?



Abortion is an atrocity. Those who practice or praise it are either misguided fools, or treacherous devils. Learn how we have been deceived over the past 44 years by the pro-death forces. Then join Pro-life and proclaim the gospel of life.

Al MacElrath— Pro-Life Coordinator 779-7130

Mission Co-Op Collection next weekend

Fr. Bernard, from the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales will be at all the Masses telling us of the mission of this order, as they reach out to foreign mission fields. **Please be generous to this collection.**



Ignatian Spirituality A four-part series on aspects of Ignatian Spirituality

Where: St. Thomas More
Parish Springdale Road,
Cherry Hill

When: Thursdays, Sept. 14,
21, 28 & October 5

Time: 7:00—8:15PM

Presenter: Father Dan Joyce, SJ

**Call the Parish Office (424-3212) to
register**

House of Charity

Thank you to all of our parishioners who generously donated to the House of Charity Campaign. Your support enables us to **Encounter the Living God.**

Important note – If you made a pledge to the House of Charity Appeal, the Diocese sends you a statement around the third week of each month. To ensure that your installment is appropriately applied to your balance, please use the reply envelope supplied by their office.

Your continued payment on your pledge will help St. Thomas More Parish achieve our goal.

Who? What? Where? Discern your role in the church and the world. The **Samuel Group** discovers **how to make decisions for life's journey.** The **group is for men and women ages 18 -39 and will be forming this September.** Participants are encouraged to bring their unique questions, desires, strengths and weaknesses to God and learn to respond to His loving voice. **Sessions begin Sept. 17th from 1—5pm** at St. Thomas More. **To register, email Sr. Dianna Higgins at sisterdiannafmij@yahoo.com**

The 2018 Mass Book is now open and we are ready to record your Mass intentions for the coming year.

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