

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

Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan, Pastor
Reverend George Donkor Tang, In Residence
Reverend Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
Sister Ann Byrnes, R.S.M., Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Deacon John Harrington
Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader
Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy
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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 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 Irene Rellosa

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.

Introducing the Revised Roman Missal

“Institution Narrative”

Corinna Laughlin and Kristopher W. Seaman

The Institution Narrative—sometimes called the **consecration**— is the moment during Mass when we hear again the story of the first Eucharist: the story of how Jesus gave his disciples his own Body and Blood in bread and wine on that last night before he died. The priest lifts up the chalice filled with wine and says: “Take this, all of you, and drink from it, / for this is the **chalice** of my Blood, / the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many / for the forgiveness of sins.” Chalice is not a word we use in ordinary speech, but is a word we tend to reserve for the Eucharist. A **second change** is from “**for all**” to “**for many.**” Of course, this doesn't represent a change in our belief about the saving mission of Christ, who “takes away the sins of the world” (Invitation to Communion). Rather, it is a more faithful rendering of the Latin *pro multis*, and reflects the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper according to Mark and Matthew.

Preparing Your Parish for the Revised Roman Missal: Homilies and Reproducibles for Faith Formation

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PARENTS and MASS ATTENDANCE

Mass attendance is an integral part of your child's faith formation. Mass attendance goes hand in hand with the Religious Education Program. One cannot do the work of the other. If your family is not already worshiping regularly with our parish family, you are invited most sincerely to join us each week in the celebration of the Mass.

Because we are Catholics, we can never really understand nor live our faith apart from the Mass and the faith community of the parish. Religious lessons are prepared with the presumption that the students are familiar with liturgy through regular participation in the Mass. To be eligible to enter a parish sacramental preparation program, a child must attend Mass regularly.

Monsignor Morgan

Last week's collection

August 7, 2011

\$9,427.00 — 244 Envelopes

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

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

I am often asked the question “Father, how did you ever become a priest?” Well, it is not easy to reconstruct the past because there is always the temptation to read into the past something which was not there. Yet, I think it is fair to say that my childhood and early life experiences, with the grace of God, had a great impact on my choice to become a priest.

I grew up very close to nature and to God on a mixed farm in Ireland. There cows, sheep, pigs, horses and hens were raised. Milking the cows each morning before going to school and feeding the sheep each afternoon were done with the regularity of a paperboy doing his route in the neighborhood in this country.

The frequent trips on the tractor with my dad as he drove through the farm or went to the local market were always prefaced with a very deliberate sign of the cross on the forehead, which was a reminder that I lived and moved and had my being in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

My mom’s commitment to the First Friday devotion of Mass and Holy Communion in hail, rain and snow was a concrete visible sign of her commitment and fidelity to the great gift of the Eucharist. Both my parents seemed to integrate prayer into the daily life of the family. The family Rosary was a part of the daily regime. Sunday worship was never missed. May Crownings and Corpus Christi Processions as well as Altar Server outings were annual events for me.

My neighbors next door were exceptional people. Our families were very close emotionally and geographically. There were three of them in a small thatched cabin. A widowed mother in her seventies along with her son and daughter who were in their fifties. They lived very simply on very little. They were an enmeshed family, but they seemed to cope very well. They were extremely nurturing and supportive of my siblings and me.

My neighbors had an old, well-used Bible from which they would read about the life of Christ. They would talk about the kind of person He was; the stories He told; the way He treated people. They were very familiar with the Gospel stories and with the life of Jesus.

My neighbors seemed very content and very happy to manage a small farm, read the Bible and say two Rosaries daily. The morning Rosary was for world peace and the long Rosary in the evening was for the family. They were special and I always felt special and unique in their home.

My childhood experiences and programming helped me realize very early in life that there was a God and that I had one life to live and one journey to walk. I wanted that journey and walk to be the best possible. This early conditioning also enhanced for me the priestly lifestyle. So that the apparent dramatic decision to enter the seminary was the outgrowth of a whole series of childhood experiences, happenings and events at home, on the farm and in the wider Christian Community.

My childhood experiences affected my life choices. Even though much of my time now is spent doing the same kind of work as other professionals like counseling, comforting, helping, teaching, budgeting and managing-there is one big difference. I do it all for someone. That Someone is Jesus. God’s grace was quietly, and in hidden way, flowing throughout my decisions and movements.

*“When you have abandoned all things that hamper the human heart;
When you have sought Him alone and have been together with Christ from morning till night;
When you have had Him alone as guide for your heart;
When in everything you are in Him and for Him, then you can tell yourself: I am a priest.”*

Saint Jakob Gopp

Blessings,

Monsignor Morgan

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for August 20, and 21, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	C Malatino B Casey	J Andraka, E Kleinz T Petrone, M Santlago	T Andraka	G/M Gray
8:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	M Sullivan E Zerone	J/S Mohan J Neff, A Pajlc	M Maggart	A Rzepski E Thompson
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer E Zerone	G Gadren, P Hengy J Mazzagatti	K McFadden	C/J McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	D Kreal A Rivero	N/P Kirincic D/C Spence	D Haughwout	J Fabricius J Zieba

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for our 2011-2012 Religious Education Program for first grade students, as well as students who are new to our parish, will continue throughout the summer. If your child has not been registered, please do so immediately. Registration forms are available in the gathering space.

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



**The Autobiography of
Father George Donkor Tang**

On Sale after All Masses on
Saturday August 20th
Sunday August 21st

Father George has written his autobiography and it will be on sale next weekend in the gathering space.

Father George's book is an amazing story of his journey as a young boy in Ghana to becoming an ordained priest and coming to our parish of St. Thomas More.

The book includes pictures of Ghana and Father George's family.

Only \$10.00.

The net proceeds will be used to help the people of Ghana.

Questions call Bob Scarpa; 795-1160.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

September is Volunteer Month.

Great opportunities to help others while earning service hours. Below is a list of events:

Parish Festival set-up; Sat. morning, 9/17 & clean-up; Sun. afternoon, 9/18

Youth Group CAR WASH: Tentative date is Sun., 10/2

Are you going to Wildwood this summer?

If you are... the Youth Group has been given access to discounted Morey's Piers Amusement and Water Park tickets.

- 1) Visit www.MoreysPiers.com/Eticket
 - 2) Enter exclusive code: **STTHOMAS**
 - 3) Purchase & Print your discounted tickets
- Flyers and brochures with more information are available in the Gathering Space.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120



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 Wed., August 24.

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator—428-4924

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

Respond with love for your neighbors who have nothing by donating, food or funds to purchase food, to the Society during next weekend's collection after all Masses.

Frank Nicoletti, President

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - AUGUST 13

9:00 am Thomas Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 14

8:30 am Marie Merkov r/b Nicole Cerquitella
10:00 am Alice Pottackal r/b Family
Special Intention of Alexander Kim r/b
Isabella Kim
Walter Lennon r/b Dick & Claire Spence
11:30 am Phyllis Galie r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

MONDAY - AUGUST 15 *Assumption of BVM*

6:45 am Darlene Maggart
9:00 am Patrick White r/b Elizabeth & Bob Scarpa
7:30 pm Dick Smith r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

TUESDAY - AUGUST 16

6:45 am Kathy Haughwout r/b her husband, Dick
9:00 am Gerardina Del Vecchio r/b Bruno Family

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 17

6:45 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & daughter, Mary
9:00 am Special Intention (Birthday Blessings) of
Marianne Gorin r/b Marie Budroe

THURSDAY - AUGUST 18

6:45 am Harry Richman r/b the Turner Family
9:00 am Mary Wixted r/b Joe & Jane Kenney
Richard Wilson, Sr. r/b Sheila Moore

FRIDAY - AUGUST 19

6:45 am Special Intention of Alexander Kim r/b
Mom & Dad
9:00 am Don Marshall r/b Amy Osborn

SATURDAY - AUGUST 20

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm George Erickson r/b Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 21

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00 am Joe Turiano r/b Pottackal Family
Richard Wilson, Sr. r/b Ron & Barbara
Massey
Kathy Freeman & Larry Coyle r/b Family
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mon., August 15) we will celebrate three Masses; 6:45 & 9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE SICK...**

Denise Daniels	Helen Copperthwaite	
George Sweeten	Bob & Claire Boylan	
Chris Kolodzey	Naomi Willingmyre	
Maria Storms	Andrea Buonincontro	
Frank Cappetta	Margaret MacElrath	Owen Smith
Leona Novak	Joseph Console	Danny Perla
Ron Massey	Michael Kapischke	Anna McMullen
Olga Mignone	Betty O'Donnell	Don Kreal
Frank Colbert	Marie Mazzagatti	Joanne James
Mary Cowan	Stanley Kochanek	JoAnn Gadren
Yolanda Burke	Pauline Rosberg	Gloria Daniels
Jean Colbert	Mary Flacco	William Mitchell
Dorothy Brink	Geralyn Coticone	Alfred DiFrank
Ralph Stillely	Jerry McMenamain	Philip Hengy
Catherine Zee	Carlos Santiago	Avery Caruso
Marie DiFrank	Joe Pottackal, Sr.	Ed Rivero
Mario Caliva	Pasquale DiFronzo	Chase Lupica
Pat Barton	Grayson Caruso	Ethan Killeen

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, Sr. Airman John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, USN SR Lindsay Schaffer, Major James P. Tobin, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

**A Training and Praying Morning
Saturday, October 8, 2011
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Brother Loughlan Sofield will offer guidance on how we can be healthy, whole and holy as we minister to others.

Come learn valuable skills in Community Building and Conflict Resolution.

Catechists, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Music Ministry, Small Christian Community Facilitators and all members of parish ministry are encouraged to attend.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this enriching session with Brother Loughlan Sofield being held at Saint Thomas More Parish Hall on October 8th beginning with Mass at 9:00 AM in the Chapel.

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 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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 21, 2011 - 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 Reflection resonates with me?

CATCH THE SPIRIT!

Mark your calendar.

Parish Festival - September 18, 2011

12:30 - 3 p.m.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED.

**Great food, Entertainment & Fun Games
for Children & Adults**

Gary Gadren, Festival Chairperson



How much the world is in need of the mercy of God today! In every continent, from the depths of human suffering, a cry for mercy seems to rise. ...In those places where there is less respect for life and human dignity, one needs the merciful love of God, in whose light we see the ineffable value of every single human being. Mercy is needed to ensure that every injustice may find its solution in the splendor of truth. So today, in this Sanctuary, I solemnly wish to entrust the world to Divine mercy. I do so with the burning desire that the message of God's merciful love, proclaimed here through Saint Faustina, may reach all the inhabitants of the earth and fill their hearts with hope. ...May the binding promise of the Lord Jesus be fulfilled: from here has to come out "the spark that will prepare the world for his final coming."

-Blessed Pope John Paul II, Homily in Lagiewniki, Poland, 8-17-02

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

ANNUAL MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL

A representative of the **Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary** will be with us next weekend, **August 20/21**. The Sisters rely almost exclusively on funds provided through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the generosity of the people back home to support their sisters on mission. They are deeply grateful for your contribution. If you would like to see more about them, their website is: www.holyrosarymissionarysisters.org.

Ongoing Devotions... (In Chapel)

Novena of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Rosary

Tuesday mornings after the Novena

Wednesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Saturdays after 9 a.m. Mass

St. Thomas More Guided Meditation

Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. until 12 Noon

HELP OUR YOUTH

BECOME A BASEBALL UMPIRE

Call Joe McDyre -S.J.U.A. - 609-877-9642