

# 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 Vigil: 7:30 pm  
Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 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, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Lifelong Faith Formation  
Deacon John Harrington  
Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader  
Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy  
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary  
Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

## DIRECTORY

### Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees  
Gary Gadren 424-3212  
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### Christian Life/Education

Bereavement Sheila Mohan 795-6137  
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Career Ministry June Garafano 229-7461  
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Parish Festival Eileen Withers 751-6838  
Women's Club

### Administration

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Parish Pastoral Council Marie Enny 751-8893

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - DECEMBER 25, 2011

### 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 called Living in Love. 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. Contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 24, Vigil of Christmas

4:00 pm Special Intentions of Joyce Family

6:00 pm Thomas J. Cairns r/b daughter, Tracey Eng

#### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 25, The Nativity of the Lord

12:00 Morgan Family r/b Erickson Family  
Midnight

10:00 am D'Ippolito Family r/b Radziwill Family  
Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family  
All Deceased Zielinski Family r/b Cindy & Family

Richard Kolecki r/b Family

Karen Marie Browning r/b Mom

11:30 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish

#### MONDAY - DECEMBER 26

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish

9:00 am Peggy O'Malley r/b Family

#### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 27

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish

9:00 am George Read r/b Marie

#### WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 28

6:45 am Dick Schweitzer r/b wife, Sally, & Family

9:00 am John Mohan, Sr. r/b John & Sheila Mohan

#### THURSDAY - DECEMBER 29

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish

9:00 am Alice Charette r/b the Charette Family

#### FRIDAY - DECEMBER 30

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish

9:00 am Brian Uhlman r/b parents, Ted & Kay Uhlman

#### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 31

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

4:30 pm Special Intentions of McCabe Family r/b  
(Vigil) Jim & Ann Tobin

#### SUNDAY - JANUARY 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30 am Joseph & Stella Mucci r/b daughter, Lorraine, & Family

10:00 am Ralph Stilley r/b Rosemont College Faculty Members

Thomas J. Cairns r/b son, Tom Cairns

Special Intentions of Matos Family r/b Norma

11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

## **A WARM CHRISTMAS WELCOME**

**Dear Baptized people of God,**

**We warmly welcome you here this Christmas. If you come to Mass every week we are grateful you are here. If you come to Mass less often, we are grateful you are here.**

**If you were not raised as a Catholic, we are grateful you are here. If you are new in the faith, we are grateful you are here. If you are a guest, we are grateful you are here. If you are a stranger, we are grateful you are here.**

**We warmly welcome you if you grew up as a Catholic and have not been to Mass lately. If this is true then you might notice that some of the words we use during the celebration of the Mass have been changed. These changes just came into use in late 2011. So everyone here is still getting used to the new words and the new responses.**

**We warmly welcome you as you wonder why we changed the words. The easy answer is that in the new words we pray are words that reflect the mystery of our faith better. These words have actually changed quite often in our history. Regardless of the word changes, it is helpful to remember that the mysteries we celebrate remain the same.**

**We warmly welcome you as we celebrate together the great truth that God loves us all very much. No matter what our state in life God loves us extravagantly. We celebrate the Feast of Christmas because this Feast is such a clear sign of God's infinite love. This love is embodied in Jesus the son of God becoming human like us. He became a living, breathing, walking, talking human being.**

**We warmly welcome you as the Holy Spirit guides us to believe ever more deeply in the mystery of God's unconditional love. It is this mystery that draws us here this Christmas. The mystery is God coming in human flesh; God living in human flesh; God dying in human flesh, God rising in human flesh; and God continuing to live in our human flesh. We celebrate this mystery each Sunday.**

**We are grateful you are here. We hope you will return again and again. Let us know if there is anything, we can do to show you Christ's love and care while you are with us. You may call us at the parish office. You may email us about any questions you may have. Our parish phone number is in the parish bulletin given out after Mass.**

**We are grateful you are here. You can easily talk with any one of the ministers of hospitality. Ministers of hospitality are found in the gathering space prior to and after Mass. The ministers are ready to warmly welcome you home. They are delighted you came this day to pray with them.**

**A blessed and holy Christmas season.**

**Monsignor Morgan,  
Pastor**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - DECEMBER 25, 2011**

Ministry Schedule for December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Romano	C Pisanl R Pisanl	J Andraka, J Kenney N Pro, I Rellosa	Sister Barbara	A/J Zleba
8:30 a.m.	Father Maher	P Kelton R Pisanl	A DelCampo-O'Brien Sr. Dianna, S Moore B Scarpa	V Marchesani	M Lender A Rzepiski
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	D Kreal B Casey	G Gadren, K Glover M Gorln, S Mohan	J Mohan	M Ronan K Johnson
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Pisanl L Kolojchick	J/L Duffy B/AM Lento	J Arnold	C Arnold R Seminara

**Introducing the Revised Roman Missal**

Welcome to Our Parish: Changes in the Mass Texts

For more than a decade, the English translations of our prayers and responses have been undergoing a revision. The Holy See wanted our English translation to be more sacred in tone, and to be more faithful to the original Latin. This past November 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent, we began using the revised prayers and responses. One change you will notice right away is when the priest greets us with the familiar words, "The Lord be with you." Our response will now be, "And with your spirit," a literal translation of the Latin text. The text of the Gloria has also changed slightly. In the Creed, instead of saying "We believe," we will say, "I believe," emphasizing our personal assent to the faith of the Church. Just before Holy Communion, we will say, "Lord, I am not worthy / that you should enter under my roof, / but only say the word / and my soul shall be healed." This new translation more clearly echoes the Roman Centurion's words to Jesus in Matthew 8:8. The changes to our responses at Mass offer us an opportunity for renewal. May we listen to Christ, present in our hearts and present through the words of the liturgy, and grow in the love of God.

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

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**Women's Club News**



*from the Women's Club*

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

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**NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
**Saturday, December 31, 2011**  
 (Vigil) 4:30 PM  
**Sunday, January 1, 2012**  
 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The children's Christmas Sharing Tree has been decorated with over 200 pairs of socks and mittens collected and donated by the students in our Religious Education program. They will be delivered to Sister Claire at The Parish of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden to be distributed to the children in their Religious Education Program.

There will be NO Religious Education classes on Tuesday, December 27 in celebration of the Christmas holy days. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 3.

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

**YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
*The Youth Group appreciates all of your support and wishes you a*



*Stanley Thompson — Sr. YG Co-President*  
*Sam Wachman — Sr. YG Co-President*

- Jan. 8 - Cherry Hill Regional Youth Group Mass at St. Mary's
- Feb. 5 - Souper Bowl of Caring

*Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120*

## THE HOLY FAMILY



Dear Parishioner,

Christmas is about the birthday of Jesus of Nazareth; it is about our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas is about rejoicing that God sent His Son to be with us; it is about the Almighty transcendent God taking on flesh; it is about God becoming a living, breathing, walking, and talking human being.

Christmas is the most beautiful and splendid season of the year. The celebration of the unique birth of Jesus Christ, God and Man, makes this season both splendid and beautiful. The celebration of His birth into a family makes this season a time of joy and a time of thankfulness; a time to reflect and a time to convert; a time to focus on our individual as well as our family lives.

Of all the families in human history, the family of Jesus stands above all others. This family is outstanding for its holiness, genuineness, understanding and acceptance of one another. This family is featured on greeting cards, in display windows and in the carols of the season.

It is not health, wealth, education, location or social status that accounts for their place of prominence in human history. To the contrary, Mary and Joseph were poor. They were unschooled country people. They struggled to make ends meet.

Mary and Joseph, on the outside, had nothing to distinguish them above any other Israelite of their time. On the inside, what distinguished them were their holy hearts and their close personal relationship with God. It is this that has given them lasting greatness. It is this that motivates us to look at them as a model family. They illustrate God's plan for a family. They challenge all of us to pattern our homes after the heart of God.

The Sacred Scriptures describe Joseph as a just and holy man; as a gentle and sensitive man; as a compassionate and merciful man. He loved Mary and was unwilling to expose her to public shame or disgrace. He listened to the voice of God and was committed and yielding to everything God asked of Him.

Joseph was not a passive uninvolved husband and father. Instead, he led his family in seeking God. His faithful walk with God provided a spiritually secure environment in which his wife and child could grow and develop emotionally, physically and spiritually.

The Sacred Scriptures describe Mary as a pure woman who lived in Nazareth which was a center of commerce known at that time for its moral corruption. She separated herself from anything that would defile her body, mind and spirit. She was a spirit-filled woman who was chosen for the special task of carrying in her womb the Son of God.

Mary offered her body to be used by God for His purposes. She was willing to endure the physical pain of childbirth. She was willing to endure the challenge of raising a Son for the joy of being used by God. She encouraged His vocation.

Mary was a grateful and worshipping woman. In the "Magnificat" she unleashes one of the most magnificent songs of praise in all of human history. Her heart overflows with praise for the wonderful acts and mercy of God in her life. Her greatest delight was not in being known.

Mary wanted to make her Son Jesus known to everyone. She spends sleepless nights in prayer. She spends long nights in fasting. She relinquishes anything that would get in the way of fulfilling the purpose for which God created her.

Christmas is a time when we evaluate our homes in the light of the Holy Family portrait. How do we seek God? How do we walk with God? How do we grow in holiness? How do we encourage vocations?

In this Christmas Season, I pray that God will rise up this generation of husbands, wives and young people in the footsteps of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in building God centered and God focused homes.

Know that you are in my prayers and remembered at the altar of God.

Blessings,  
Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**THE SICK...**

Denise Daniels	Helen Copperthwaite		
George Sweeten	Bob & Claire Boylan		
Chris Kolodzey	Naomi Willingmyre		
Maria Storms	Joseph Console		
Mae Rose	Frank Cappetta		Owen Smith
Ron Massey	Margaret MacElrath		Leona Novak
Olga Mignone	Andrea Buonincontro		Danny Perla
Frank Colbert	Michael Kapischke		Anna McMullen
Mary Cowan	Betty O'Donnell		Don Kreal
Yolanda Burke	Marie Mazzagatti		Joanne James
Jean Colbert	Stanley Kochanek	JoAnn Gadren	
Dorothy Brink	Pauline Rosberg	Gloria Daniels	
Catherine Zee	Alfred DiFrank	Mary Flacco	
Pat Barton	Geralyn Coticone	Ed Rivero	
Ethan Killeen	Jerry McMenamin	Marie DiFrank	
James Louzon	Joe Pottackal, Sr.	Avery Caruso	
Grayson Caruso	Chuck Kapischke	Leila Lore	
Chase Lupica	Pasquale DiFronzo	Betty Brennan	
Carlos Santiago	Fr. Joseph Aboagyie-Tawiah		
Sharon Bushelli	Yun Yun Shen	Jim McHale	
Pat Beaney			

**Baptism Anniversaries:** All children baptized in our parish in the last 3 years are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 8. These newer members of our Faith Community and their parents will be recognized and blessed during this Liturgy.


**Post Abortion - Project Rachel** offers:

- A confidential hotline.
- Referral to professional counseling.
- A priest, sensitive to your particular needs.


• Healing services, Masses, Rachel's Vineyard Retreats and events held throughout the year. Project Rachel is a referral service sponsored by the Camden Diocese and is open to anyone in need regardless of his or her faith background. For more information please call: The Project Rachel Office (866-472-2435) - all calls are toll-free and confidential.

*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

**THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...**

 Lt. Col. Allison 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.

Once again our program "Christmas Gifts for Families of Holy Name Parish in Camden" was a wonderful success. Sincere thanks to the coordinators and all who donated gifts to the appeal to give to those in need of a brighter Christmas. *Sponsored by the Women's Club*



**Scripture Series:** The second part of the Scripture Series "Women in the Old Testament" will begin Monday, January 16. The class meets after the 9 am Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall. Parishioners who participated in the fall are already registered. The class will meet Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6 and 13. Call Sister Ann at 424-3212 for additional information.

**St. Thomas More MOVIE NIGHT**  
**Saturday, December 31**  
**6:30 PM — Food & Fellowship**  
 Reservation requested to order food; meatballs, sausage & peppers & pulled pork sandwiches will be provided. Donations will be accepted, kindly bring a Side Dish or Dessert to share.  
 Sign up this weekend after Mass.  
**7:15 PM — MOVIE**  
*The Ultimate Gift*  
 Life is how you live it...not how you spend it.  
 Committee: Marianne Gorin, Joe Centonze, Bob Lento, Gary Scarpa, Greta Tyrrell & Cindy Zielinski  
 Contact Marianne with any questions at 346-1811 or email Joe Centonze at joecent4@gmail.com.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**  
 "She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7b)  
 Where is Jesus in your life? Have you made room for Him or is He still in the manger wrapped in rags? If we are living our lives like all the rest of the modern and commercial world, we may be leaving Jesus out. Make Christmas a time to live in Stewardship by picking up this Infant Child and making Him a priority in your life.