

# 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 Life Long 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
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212

### Christian Life/Education

Bereavement	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
Friday Adoration	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Knights of Columbus	Dick Haughwout	429-8598
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart	429-6948
Pastoral Counselor	Claire Spence	428-8325
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212
Rosary Ministry	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	424-4759
Spiritual Direction	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073
	Denise Radziwill	424-0494
St. Vincent de Paul	Frank Nicoletti	424-3212
Stewardship	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Youth Ministry	Stan Thompson	424-1120

### Worship

Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Ch. Art Environment	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Eucharistic Ministers	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Lectors	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Linen Committee	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Sacristans	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Ushers	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Music Ministry	Roger Pisani, Director	609-702-7858
	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
	Len Kolojechick	346-4078
	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461

### Social Development

Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Career Ministry	Al Shaffer	609-417-6770
	June Garafano	229-7461
Funsters (over 50 club)	Bob Lento	424-4759
Parish Festival	Committee	424-3212
Women's Club	Eileen Withers	751-6838

### Administration

House of Charity	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Parish Finance Council	Robert Crawford	424-3212
Parish Pastoral Council	Marie Enny	751-8893

**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.

**St. THOMAS MORE PARISH MISSION:**

Father Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap will direct a parish mission on Sunday, January 29 and Monday, January 30 in our parish.

Father will speak at all the Masses the weekend of January 28/29 as he invites parishioners to attend the Mission.

**Mark your calendars now and plan to participate in this opportunity for spiritual renewal.**

**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.

*Newly registered Parishioners*

Frank, Brenda, Isabella, Sofia, Mia & Cecilia Masino

Steven Rotter Sarah Pricoli

William & Patricia Landrigan

Jacqueline, Matthew & Alison Armendinger

Christopher, Elizabeth & Dante Matarese



**Statue of Our Lady of Grace**

We continue to research the best possible financial route to replace or restore the vandalized statue at the base of the Bell Tower. The perceived delay is the result of negotiations with the Insurance Company. Be assured that everything will work out satisfactorily. Again we thank Lou and Deborah Regina, the original donors of this beautiful statue.

*Monsignor Morgan*

**Christmas Collection**

**\$46,212.00**

**Last week's collection**

**January 1, 2012**

**\$9,007.00**

**214 Envelopes**

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

## A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND HOLY NEW YEAR

At this time of year, I am generally more reflective and meditative than any other period of the year. I become more keenly aware of the journey I embrace and the challenges along the way. I can dream of the good things that are still to come.

At this time of the year, I find it easy to remember the loved ones I have lost. I can easily pray for those who died for our safety and freedom this past year. It is the season when it is easier to forgive and forget. It is the season to extend a helping hand to those in need. It is the season to be thankful for our blessings.

This is the ideal season to get a new perspective on things. Even in the midst of the demands and distractions, the bigger picture seems to unravel. It is the season to review the past year. It is the ideal time to focus on the present and its preciousness. It is the time to prepare with hope for the future that is ultimately in God's providence.

For me the year 2011 was not the best of years and it was not the worst of years. It was rather an unsettling year on many fronts. As a believer, I can say it was what God gave us. And in a real sense, it was what we made of it.

The year 2011 was a time when almost everyone was stressed out over almost everything. It seemed almost everyone was getting into the victimization thing. Ordinary things for many were becoming too much to bear.

In 2011, some were caving in to the idea and belief that things were too much to bear. Things seemed terribly out of whack. Some experienced that things seemed terribly unfair, and overly difficult.

In 2011 and in life, there are so many distractions. Troubles seemed overwhelming. It was so easy to become anxious. It was so easy to be worried about the future. At times discouragement and despair were all around us.

In 2011, our retirement savings were slowly coming back. Home prices were slowly coming back. The cash infusion was slowly beginning to work. Unemployment continued to be troublesome.

In 2011, poverty was still widespread. Drug abuse was still rampant. Homelessness continued to be a problem. The food warehouses were half-empty. The donations and supplies were inadequate for the growing needs. Hopelessness was still widespread. At times, the war situation was bleak and barren.

Therefore, for many obvious reasons, we want to enter upon this new phase of our lives and our journey with hope. That is what it is to be a Christian and to be a believer.

At the beginning of the New Year, we want to settle into the realization that God is with us. We want to sink into the conviction that God has entered into our time. He has taken up a dwelling with us through the coming of His Son as a man. *"God sent his son, born of a woman.....so that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters."* (Gal. 4:6)

At the beginning of this New Year, we come to realize that God has entered into the fears and tensions of all of our lives. He has given our mortal nature immortal value. There is a new oneness with God and us.

An integral part of our pilgrimage in this New Year is to find God. A better imagery is to allow God to find us. We make that mutual discovery in the midst of our messy lives. We make that encounter in the midst of our messy world.

It is a great challenge to find a caring and comforting God in the midst of our fears and doubts. It is a challenge that is met when we connect our faith with our daily lives.

The desire for God is planted in our hearts. This desire is sometimes contaminated on the journey. The desire becomes clouded and we become wearisome as we travel the pilgrimage. Yet, it is our deepest desire and our deepest need as we travel to our true home. St Augustine would say, *"Our hearts are restless until they rest in God."*

So, in this New Year the individual's deepest need is not a new house; is not new clothes; is not a new job; is not even happiness but rather **GOD**. Indeed, the deepest need for the whole world is to have a greater sense of **GOD**. Let this new sense of God begin with me.

Blessings,  
Monsignor Morgan

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Ministry Schedule for January 14 and 15, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	<b>Monsignor Morgan</b>	<b>Children's Choir J Garafano, R Pisanl</b>	<b>J Andraka, J DeMichele J Kenney, T Petrone</b>	<b>T Andraka</b>	<b>A/T Rumell</b>
8:30 a.m.	<b>Father Maher</b>	<b>J Garafano E Zerone</b>	<b>J/L Duffy N/P Kirincic</b>	<b>J Vecchlola</b>	<b>E Barbera J Fabricius</b>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Father Joyce</b>	<b>C Pisanl R Pisanl</b>	<b>G Gadren, K Glover D Gould, J Mazzagatti</b>	<b>D Mayfield</b>	<b>N Brown</b>
11:30 a.m.	<b>Father Joyce</b>	<b>P Kelton, R Pisanl L Kolojejchick</b>	<b>M Garber, S Moore D/C Spence</b>	<b>F Egges</b>	<b>A/W Quay</b>

### Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m.
- **General Meeting:** GAME DAY & Soup, Wed., January 25 at 12 Noon.

*Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838*

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fourth Confirmation I class will be held this Sunday, January 8, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 Mass prior to class.

*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  
Upcoming Event(s):

- **THIS SUNDAY, January 8, 7 pm at St. Mary's** - The "Youth for Jesus" ensemble from Bergenfield, NJ will add their own flavor and styles to the Mass songs. The Mass is open to all Junior & Senior youth (grades 6-12) and their families and friends. Food & Fun after the Mass.
- Feb. 5 - Souper Bowl of Caring
- Feb. 25 - Serving breakfast at Ronald McDonald House

*Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120*

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** - Thank you for your donations during the past year, you have brought comfort and peace to many in need.

Today we celebrate the feast of the epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts.

In the spirit of the Magi, please bring your gift of food or funds to purchase food, next weekend after all Masses, to the Society's regular collection. May peace and joy be yours in this New Year.

*Frank Nicoletti, President*

*Thank you to all who helped make the St. Thomas More Parish Movie Night a very enjoyable and successful evening. Many parishioners had a wonderful time.*

*Monsignor Morgan*

Committee: Marianne Gorin, Joe Centonze, Bob Lento, Gary Scarpa, Greta Tyrrell, Marie Budroe & Cindy Zielinski

### 'FUNSTER NEWS'



**LANCASTER TRIP:** Tour of Amish Countryside, Tuesday, March 27. Package includes guided tour, 4 course luncheon at an Amish Family home, Strasburg Railroad Ride & Famers Market—taxes, meal gratuity & bus trip all included for \$120 per person (due by Feb. 4).

#### PASADENA, CA TRIP - DEC. 29, 2012-JAN. 2, 2013:

New Year's getaway, includes 4 nights in Long Beach, CA, on beach, airfare, breakfast & dinner, daily transfers. Pre-parade concert of bands & upfront close look at floats, Gala New Year's Eve Party and reserved seats for parade along with optional excursions. Trip is \$1,999.00 per person. Deposit of \$250 due by March 1st—refundable up to Dec. 1st. For more details call Bob, 344-7454. Final Payment due Oct. 1st.

Send check for Lancaster made payable to St. Thomas More Funsters & mail to Bob Lento, 7 Merryton St., Voorhees, NJ 08043.

Checks for New Year's Getaway are made out to Collette Travel—address in future bulletins.

#### *Diocese of Camden - Office of Communications*

Sexual abuse is a grave wrong that can never be tolerated. For more information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.



**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 7**

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Monsignor William Buchler r/b M/M  
William Turner

**SUNDAY - JANUARY 8**

8:30 am Irene Flattery r/b Teri Bones  
10:00 am Ann Lechner r/b the Tobin Family  
Thomas J. Cairns r/b son, Tom Cairns  
Lucy Rossi r/b the Rossi Family  
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**MONDAY - JANUARY 9**

6:45 am Special Intention/Recovery of James F.  
McHale r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Thomas J. Kochanek r/b Stan & Maureen  
Kochanek

**TUESDAY - JANUARY 10**

6:45 am Special Intention/Recovery of James F.  
McHale r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Eleanor Scarpa r/b Gary & son, Mark

**WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 11**

6:45 am Special Intention/Recovery of James F.  
McHale r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Ralph Stilley r/b Katalina Uyehara

**THURSDAY - JANUARY 12**

6:45 am Special Intention of People of the Parish  
9:00 am Anna Wislocky r/b Ken & Kim  
Virginia Risse r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

**FRIDAY - JANUARY 13**

6:45 am Carmela Sillitti r/b Franciscan Missionary  
Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
9:00 am Lorraine Ciampoli McPeak r/b Jane &  
Joe Kenney

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 14**

9:00 am Anna Youse r/b Richard & Elva Clark  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Louis Giannirea r/b Anthony & Loretta  
Cirillo

**SUNDAY - JANUARY 15**

8:30 am Ethel Kennedy r/b Teri Bones  
10:00 am Josephine White r/b Bob & Jude Brennan  
Thomas J. Cairns r/b daughter, Chris Cairns  
11:30 am Maryann McKeever r/b Mary Maggi


**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**THE DECEASED...** Elizabeth Wilson and Arline  
Jussaume.

**THE SICK...**

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

**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 Ser-  
geant Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. De-  
Marco, Sr. Airman John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuz-  
zi, 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.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

***Stewardship Prayer***

*"They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
Then they opened their treasures and offered him  
gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..."*

(Matthew 2:11b)

**Notice the distinct order of events in the  
Magi's visit. First they knelt before Jesus  
and prayed to Him. Then they presented  
Him with their gifts. We, too, as *Stewards*  
must take time to pray before we presume to  
present our gifts to the Lord. We never know  
what gifts God might be asking us to share.  
But when we kneel before Him in prayer we  
will find the answer.**



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

We meet this Thursday, Jan. 12, after the  
9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

*Sheila Mohan, Chair*

### 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 15, 2012 - John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

#### Commentary:

It seems that the disciples' decision to turn from following John, to following Jesus, was easy, instantaneous and without hesitation. If this is so, the disciples must have known all along that they were preparing, with John, for the One who was to come. John's proclamation: "Behold, the Lamb of God," led to their next new moment, the natural progression for their spiritual lives. We, as followers of Jesus, are continually invited to recognize, yes, **behold** [that is, see, feel, take in, be moved by, appreciate], the presence of Jesus as he walks by in our lives: in the people, events, and heartfelt moments, and follow his lead as the disciples did.

#### 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?



We need to go back to basic values. What we should be doing is working to achieve a world in which the power to bear children is viewed as a gift to be protected rather than a burden from which to be relieved.

*Compiled by Stephenson County Right to Life*

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

**ANYONE** interested in being on a rotating schedule to help serve at the Cathedral Kitchen please contact Marianne Wilkins at 428-4924.



#### FACTS TO CONSIDER:

**When we go:** 2nd Wednesday of month

**Time:** Carpool leaves St. Thomas More parking lot at 2:50 p.m., we return at approximately 6 p.m.

### PILGRIMAGE to

#### Medjugorje Bosnia-Herzegovina

This pilgrimage is sponsored by Caritas of Birmingham, Alabama. Medjugorje is a tiny village where apparitions of the Blessed Mother have occurred since 1981 to 6 visionaries. Our Lady has said, "God blesses in a special way all those who are here.." Are you called to go on this pilgrimage? You will know through prayer...

**Date:** April 25-May 4 (avg. temp. is 55 degrees)  
**Price:** \$1507, all inclusive (flight leaves from Philadelphia, hotel, 3 meals daily, guide, all taxes & gratuities).

For information/reading materials on Mejugorje go to mej.com.

For pilgrimage information call Denise Radziwill, 424-0494.

Caritas of Birmingham, 205-672-2000 (24 hours)



#### Christmas Eve 4:00 Mass

**MARY**—Tiernan Dautle **JOSEPH**—Michael Barrett

**KINGS**— Ian Fulton, Joshua Lee, Conner Fitzpatrick

**SHEPHERDS**— Nathan Acito, Frankie Benedetto, Joseph Rosselli

**ANGELS**—Olivia Reganata, Angelina Witting, Meredith Bailey,

Jaelyn Burmood, Silvana Russo, Anna Cammisa, Carina DiLullo,

Catherine Williams (angel not pictured—Jazmen Preziosa)