

# 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

<b>Pastoral Leadership</b>			<b>Worship</b>		
Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren	424-3212	Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212	Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
<b>Christian Life/Education</b>			Ch. Art Environment	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Bereavement	Sheila Mohan	795-6137	Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Friday Adoration	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053	Lectors	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212	Linen Committee	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217	Sacristans	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Knights of Columbus	Dick Haughwout	429-8598	Ushers	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160	Music Ministry	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart	429-6948		Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Pastoral Counselor	Claire Spence	428-8325		Roger Pisani, Director	609-702-7858
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137		Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130		Len Kolojejchick	346-4078
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212		June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461
	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212	<b>Social Development</b>		
	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053	Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
<b>Rosary Ministry</b>	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	424-4759		Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Small Christian Comm.	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212	<b>Career Ministry</b>	Al Shaffer	609-417-6770
Spiritual Direction	John Galati	428-7073	Funsters (over 50 club)	June Garafano	229-7461
Spiritual Retreats	Denise Radziwill	424-0494	Parish Festival	Bob Lento	424-4759
	Frank Nicoletti	424-3212	Women's Club	Committee	424-3212
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212		Eileen Withers	751-6838
Stewardship	Stan Thompson	424-1120	<b>Administration</b>		
Youth Ministry			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.

**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

**AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**

Help Earn Money *EFFORTLESSLY*

*Don't forget* about this Program:

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to Saint Thomas More Parish based on the average balance in all members' accounts: checking, savings, money market, CD & IRA accounts. There is no cost to Saint Thomas More Parish or the participating members. Members' accounts are not affected in any way by this contribution. Your account balances are used to determine the level of contribution and are KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

Visit any TD Bank to enroll. If you have any questions, call George Sierra, TD Bank Mgr., 428-8545.

**Training Session for SCC Facilitators:**

Small Christian Community Facilitators will have a training session with Sister Honora Nolty, OP on Saturday, January 28. Sister Honora ministers at Renew International and works primarily with small groups in parishes. The gathering will be held in the St. Thomas More Hall from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Sister will review the facilitators' Advent experiences and demonstrate the key elements of facilitating a small group. For more information contact Sister Ann at 424-3212 ext. 104.

**Last week's collection**

**January 8, 2012**

**\$10,061.50**

**262 Envelopes**

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

## CHURCH IS GOOD MEDICINE FOR BODY AND SOUL

Young and old came in great numbers on Christmas morning. They were motivated to come by inner longings that were both conscious and unconscious. But, the good news was that they came that morning thirsting for a spiritual overhaul.

They came to worship God. They came to seek God. They came to find God. They came looking for God. They came to ask God. They came to praise God. They came to heal their broken hearts and their empty souls.

They came with inner hungers to connect with the Lord. It may have been unconscious but many wanted a deeper union with their Lord. They passionately desired that new life over which death has no power anymore. They wanted to celebrate the continued living presence of Jesus in time.

They came with their hidden wounds in their hearts. They came with unrevealed and unexposed wounds. They came with secret and silent wounds. They came with infected and negative wounds. They came with bitter and cruel wounds. They came with family inflicted wounds. They came with incurable diseases and unavoidable divorces.

In the narthex of our church, one woman said she was returning to her spiritual roots. Her early childhood conditioning was not good. Yet, when she was a child, the figure of Jesus was very powerful for her. Then as an adolescent, she rebelled against everything.

For years, she had great anger toward God. She stopped going to church altogether. She never expanded her religious knowledge. Her knowledge of the faith was remarkable shallow. Her insecurities and her anxieties made her sharp-tongued and over-direct. She could convey scorn and judgment with ease. She alienated just about everyone.

For a long time she felt unaccepted and alone in the world. She is now trying to cut through the underlying beliefs and self-defeating thought patterns that have kept her from changing her life. She now sees herself making a commitment to honestly examining her beliefs about herself, God and Sunday worship.

In our brief exchange, the words poured easily out of her mouth. She made the comments that *"I have struggled to quit drinking... I am attempting to upgrade my shallow religious knowledge... I did not rekindle my interest in spirituality until my late forties... my religion really does matter to me now...I have great human and divine yearnings...I went back to church on Christmas Day and continue on Sunday mornings..."*

Clinical studies done at Duke University on church attendance are remarkable. These studies have shown that church attendance is good for your health. Those who had high church attendance had lower blood pressure than those who attended church infrequently.

Even when lifestyle factors and genetic factors were taken into account, the findings were the same. High church attendance meant lower blood pressure. High church attendance meant an overall better quality of life.

Blessings,

Monsignor Morgan

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Ministry Schedule for January 21 and 22, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	C Pisani R Pisani	R Crawford, E Kleinz D Kreal, I Rellosa	D Miller	G/M Gray
8:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	J Garafano L Kolojechick	A Del Campo-O'Brien Sr. Dianna M Gorin, A Pajc	P Lachnicht	P/S Wachman
10:00 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	G Nacarelli E Zerone	D/L Lyon D/ML Thomas	D Haughwout	J Cole K Johnson
11:30 a.m.	Father Maher	C Pisani R Pisani	B/AM Lento N Pro, M Santiago	S Thompson	M Ronan E Thompson

### St. THOMAS MORE PARISH MISSION:

*"A Spirituality for Relationships"*

Father Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap will direct a parish mission on

Sunday, January 29 7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 30 7:30 p.m.

Father will speak after the 9 a.m. daily Mass on January 30, 31 and February 1, 2012.

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

Mark your calendars. We look forward to sharing this opportunity for spiritual renewal with you. Sister Ann Byrnes

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fourth Confirmation II class will be held next Sunday, January 22, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 Mass prior to class.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated for the first time by 29 of our parish children next Saturday, January 21, at 10 a.m. All parents and other family members in attendance will also have the opportunity to have their own confessions heard.

*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):

- More than 20 years ago, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: *"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl game, help us to be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."* Since that day, funds have been raised for local charities across the country by the Youth of America. It has transformed Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. *February 4 & 5 will be St. Thomas More Youth Group's 10th year of conducting the Souper Bowl of Caring Project.*



- February 25 - Serving breakfast at the SJ Ronald McDonald House

*Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120*

Sophomore students from Paul VI High School will participate in a special

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service*

at Saint Thomas More Parish on Monday, January 16, 2012. The students will join us for 9 a.m. Mass followed by a brief introduction to Ministry opportunities and then work on a service for the parish.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*Stewards Searching*

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"*

(John 1:38a)

**What are you looking for? It is a question Jesus asks each of us. Are we wasting our time looking for the material pleasures of the world? Or are our hearts really longing to be Stewards and find something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God?**

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

**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  
**Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish** r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society  
**11:30 am** Maryann McKeever r/b Mary Maggi

**MONDAY - JANUARY 16**

**6:45 am** Carmela Sillitti r/b Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
**9:00 am** Mary Kleinz r/b Eileen Kleinz

**TUESDAY - JANUARY 17**

**6:45 am** Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family  
**9:00 am** Nelson Matos r/b Jim & Pat Beaney

**WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 18**

**6:45 am** Carmela Sillitti r/b Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
**9:00 am** James Pente r/b Mrs. Ralph Stilley

**THURSDAY - JANUARY 19**

**6:45 am** Special Intentions of People of the Parish  
**9:00 am** James Rosselli r/b Cheryl & Jim

**FRIDAY - JANUARY 20**

**6:45 am** Recovery of Brother Alberic O'Connor, OCSO r/b Michael Curtis  
**9:00 am** Anthony Gestautas r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 21**

**9:00 am** Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
**4:30 pm** Emma Duval r/b Tom Kahrigier

**SUNDAY - JANUARY 22**


**8:30 am** Ralph Stilley r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht  
**10:00 am** Thomas J. Cairns r/b daughter, Chris Cairns  
**Ruth Luther** r/b Mrs. Mary Finn  
**11:30 am** Lillian Iannuzzi r/b Beckman Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
**THE DECEASED...** Francisco Padolina and Velica Provencio.

**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 Aboagyie-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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Scripture Series:** The second part of the Scripture Series **"Women in the Old Testament"** will begin this 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.

**MISSION MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY**

Next weekend, January 21/22, a second collection will be taken to help support worldwide missions in over 1,000 dioceses; help to provide financial resources to assist priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists.



**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
TUESDAY, **JANUARY 24**, 7:30 p.m.  
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 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 22, 2012 - Mark 1:14-20

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

#### Commentary:

Repent and believe...what do these words really mean? Repent actually is a call to change, a willingness to change my thoughts and ways to those of God. Sometimes change is radical as we see with the disciples who leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus. More often than not, modest changes are more likely, that is, turning our little everyday behaviors, such as impatience, disrespect, gossiping or losing my temper to the more God-like behaviors of patience, respect, holding my tongue and my outbursts. These changes, radical or modest, are evidence of my belief in the Gospel of God, where the final answer is "love" and the gift I receive is God's presence, with me, for me and through me.

#### 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?

### *The Franciscan Missionary Sisters Of the Infant Jesus*

*Cordially invite you to the Blessing of their*

#### **Center of Hospitality**

DATE: January 22, 2012  
TIME: 2:00 PM  
PLACE: Franciscan Missionary Sisters  
1215 Kresson Road  
Cherry Hill, NJ

Open House and Refreshments immediately following

RSVP by January 19, 2012  
856-428-8834 or  
fmijusdel@yahoo.com

### Women's Club News

•**General Meeting: GAME DAY & Soup, Wed., Jan. 25 at 12 Noon - don't forget your soup mug!**

*Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838*

### *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.

### '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.



The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue have been placed there, this weekend, in loving memory of Fran Boesch, requested by her husband, Jack.