

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 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.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (1-1-12 thru 12-31-12) you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more than 50 years of marriage, please join us in celebrating on Sunday, **April 15, 2012, at 3:00 Mass** at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 701 Little Gloucester Rd., in Blackwood. Please call 856-583-6132 for further information. **Registration forms are available in the parish office.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society - In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gifts to the Society you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping. The Society will be collecting food or funds to purchase food, next weekend after all Masses, during their regular monthly collection.

Frank Nicoletti, President



Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council will hold their winter fund-raising luncheon at Outback Steakhouse in Marlton on Saturday, February 25. For more information and tickets call David Galloway (609-980-6086).

Small Christian Community for Singles:

This Lenten Season there will be a new small Christian community for single people of all ages. This new group, for those who are not a couple, will complement our existing groups. This SCC will meet on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the parish center. The first gathering is Thursday, February 23. Please contact Gaye Pino (hrsx02b@yahoo.com, 609-603-4006) or David Galloway (dygselect@comcast.net) for more information.

Last week's collection

February 5, 2012

\$10,351.50

263 Envelopes

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



SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 11

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 4:30 pm Rose & Patrick McMenamin r/b the McMenamin Family

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 12

8:30 am Arline Jussaume r/b Sheila Moore
 10:00 am Lucretia & Carmen r/b Mother Arline Jussaume r/b Kay Turiano Sr. Camile Clark r/b Phyllis Kolecki
 11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 13

6:45 am Anna Bruno r/b Bruno Family
 9:00 am Thelma J. McIlmail r/b Stan & Maureen Kochanek

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 14

6:45 am James F. McHale r/b Michael Curtis
 9:00 am Albert Louis Lore r/b Benita & Norma Lore

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 15

6:45 am James F. McHale r/b Michael Curtis
 9:00 am Thomas Radula r/b Joan Radula

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 16

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish
 9:00 am Valentine Lento r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 17

6:45 am James F. McHale r/b Michael Curtis
 9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 18

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 4:30 pm Helene Uhland r/b Buzz & Loretta Cirillo

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 19

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
 10:00 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Mark & Liz DeYoung Dorothy Baldyga r/b M/M Bill Schetter
 11:30 am Evelyn Geria r/b Dick & Claire Spence

Women's Club News

- **Pancake Supper:** Tues., February 21, 5-7 p.m. *Save the date for this fun family event.*
- **General Meeting:** Wed., February 25, 7:30 p.m.
Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be an Enrollment Mass this Sunday, February 12, at 10 a.m. for the children who will be receiving First Eucharist this year and their families. Following this Mass, a mandatory class for both parent and child will take place in the Saint Thomas More Parish Hall from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At least one parent and their child are expected to attend.

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students Jr. – 6th through 8th grades
THANK YOU! The Youth Group's 10th Souper Bowl of Caring project raised \$1,927.00. The collection will go to St. Thomas More's St. Vincent de Paul Society who will distribute it to six local organizations [Cathedral Kitchen (Camden), Cherry Hill Food Pantry, St. Francis Inn (soup kitchen), South Jersey Food Bank, Joseph's House (Camden) & Francis House (St. Anthony of Padua)] to help those with their food related needs.

We really appreciate your generosity!

Upcoming Event(s):

- **NEXT SUNDAY,** Feb. 19 - Cherry Hill Regional YG Mass at Holy Eucharist, Kresson Rd., at 7 p.m. The Mass is open to all Jr. & Sr. youth and their family and friends. After Mass food and fun in the Holy Eucharist Hall.
- Saturday, Feb. 25 - Serving breakfast at the SJ Ronald McDonald House

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120



When the record of our life is set down, there are three pairs of eyes who see it in a different light. There is the life as I see it, as others see it, and as God sees it. While there is still time in our life to do the will of God, we must protect all life, from conception to natural death.

Stephenson County Right to Life
Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

ATTENTION all previous Cathedral Kitchen sandwich makers and sandwich maker 'wannabes.'



Date: Wednesday, February 15

Time: after 9:00 Mass

Where: St. Thomas More Hall

See you then, *thank you!*
 Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924

Religious objections ignored

By James C. Capretta

The decision by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to reject the appeals of scores of religious leaders and retain a very narrow “religious” exemption from Obamacare’s so-called contraception mandate has ignited an uproar among Catholic leaders, as well it should — because it’s hard to fathom a government dictate more offensive than this one.

Here’s how we got where we are: Obamacare includes within its massive delegation of power to the federal government the authority to define what constitutes “preventive services” that must be covered by all health-insurance plans sold and purchased in the United States, including plans sponsored by employers. Services defined by HHS as preventive for purposes of this provision are required under the new law to be covered by the insurer or employer with no charge to the insurance plan’s enrollees.

Last August, in the course of writing a rule that would determine preventive health services for women, HHS decided that free contraception and sterilization services are a must. As a practical matter, that means all health-insurance plans sold in the United States in the very near future will include full coverage of products that terminate pregnancies, since some products classified by the FDA as contraceptives — and thus covered under the HHS definition — also act as abortifacients. While it is true that many insurance plans cover such products today, that’s mainly been the choice of the insurers and employers sponsoring the plans. HHS has now made such coverage obligatory nationwide, thus forcing tens of millions of pro-life Americans to pay for “services” with their health-insurance premiums that they find morally objectionable.

It gets worse. Not only must Catholics who work for non-Catholic employers pay for such products with their premiums, HHS also wants religious employers to cover such products in their health plans. Knowing that Catholic leaders and others would strongly object to this requirement, HHS included in the regulation issued last August a narrow exemption from this requirement for employers that are basically houses of worship.

Much larger religiously affiliated institutions, such as Catholic universities, hospitals, and charitable enterprises, do not fit within the HHS exemption.

Not surprisingly, Catholic leaders were more than alarmed by the promulgation of this rule and have spent the time since its publication imploring the Obama White House and HHS to reverse course and loosen the exemption definition so that the full array of Catholic institutions and social-service agencies could get out from under this onerous and pernicious requirement. Among the more prominent groups that have weighed in are Catholic Charities USA, the University of Notre Dame, and the network of Catholic hospitals.

This is not exactly a who’s who list of the Catholic Right. If ever there were a group of Catholic institutions to which you would think that the Obama administration would want to be accommodating, this would be it.

What was the administration’s reaction? Basically, the back of the hand. Sebelius recently announced that religious organizations that do not fit within the previously stated exemption criteria will have only one additional year to comply with the regulation’s requirements.

On one level, this was a truly stunning decision. Everything the administration has been doing in recent months has been political, with reelection plainly the primary motivation. But on the surface, this looks to be anything but a smart political move. With one decision, the Obama White House has made it all but impossible to sustain a serious Catholic argument in its favor. The veneer of religious tolerance, so carefully cultivated by Obama in 2008, has now been completely stripped away.

On another level, however, there’s nothing at all surprising about what has transpired. Indeed, with Obamacare, it was inevitable — only a matter of time.

The central purpose of Obamacare — and the reason it was and is so strenuously opposed by so many — is to transfer all of the critical decisions about how American health care operates to the federal government. Despite what the president contends, it is a federal takeover. The federal bureaucracy is now in the driver’s seat.

And, with the federal government calling the shots, it is a foregone conclusion that a decidedly

secularist and utilitarian point of view will be pervasive in everything that is done. It is beyond the capacity of the modern federal government to consider arguments questioning the wisdom of governmental policies promoting free and abundant contraception. Indeed, it is an article of faith in the modern bureaucratic context that pushing such “prevention” measures onto the American public is one more step on the long march to a more just and humane society.

This is the environment in which we live. The hard truth is that the federal government cannot be trusted today with these kinds of decisions, and there’s no prospect of that changing anytime soon. That’s a big reason why Obamacare should never have been allowed to pass in the first place. Just the sight of Catholic leaders’ being forced to go begging before federal officials ought to be enough to convince most Americans that handing over so much power over such sensitive matters to the federal government was a terrible, terrible mistake.

If the Sebelius decision is allowed to stand, large Catholic institutions all over the country will be forced to stop offering health coverage to their workers, because continuing to do so will be incompatible with their mission. And when they drop that coverage, they will be forced by Obamacare to pay huge fines to the federal government (\$2,000 per worker at the outset). For a Catholic institution with 5,000 employees, that’s \$10 million that won’t go toward helping the poor, taking care of patients, or educating future leaders.

It is possible that the Obama administration will pull a political stunt later this year and broaden the exemption to curry favor with some gullible voters just before the election. But even if that were to happen, the real lesson of this episode should not be lost on anyone. Obamacare has handed over immense power to a federal government that is essentially hostile to religious sentiments. That’s a very dangerous state of affairs. Job number one must be to reverse course and replace Obamacare with a program more consistent with our Constitution and values.

James C. Capretta, associate director at the Office of Management and Budget from 2001 to 2004, is a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center. This article was written for National Review.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, Monday, February 6, 2012
Visit www.usccb.org/conscience to learn more or contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

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



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

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



- Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Staff Sergeant Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, Sr. Airman John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Ianuzzi, 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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



February 21, 5-7 p.m.

**\$4.00 for Adults,
 \$2.50 Ages 6-12,
 \$1.00 Ages 5 & under**



Price includes: Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, beverages, dessert & music.



Tickets on sale this weekend.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Women's Club

**Retreat Weekend at
 St. Joseph in the Hill, Malvern, PA
 March 16 - 18**

ALL MEN ARE INVITED!

Please contact John Galati, 428-7073, for more info.

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19, 2012 - Mark 2:1-12

"... that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth," he [Jesus] said to the paralytic, "Rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

Commentary:

The divine compassion and mercy of God are revealed in Jesus: the healing and forgiveness of God incarnate, God made man. Whether one is broken in body or burdened by sin, Jesus heals and forgives. We have only to come. It's often difficult to forgive even when asked. In this passage the mercy of God revealed: God forgives even before we ask.

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?

SAVE THE DATE!



St. Thomas More Parish's *always popular* Progressive Dinner will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Caffe Aldo Lamberti, Cherry Hill, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Price remains at \$48 per person. For reservations and menu selections, please call Mary Lou Thomas, 856-429-1379.

CONCERT with "THE SICILIAN TENORS"

Next Sunday, February 19, 2012
 Saint Mary Parish, Cherry Hill
 For tickets call: CHAIRPERSONS
 Jack and Mary Byrne (856-424-4423)
 Jim and Linda Rabic (856-489-4986)

'FUNSTER NEWS'



LANCASTER TRIP: Tour of Amish Country-side, 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. ***(Extension given—new due date is Feb. 18, you still have time to join us).***

Send check, made payable to St. Thomas More Funsters, to Bob Lento, 7 Merryton St., Voorhees, NJ 08043. For more details call Bob, 344-7454.

Diocese of Camden - Office of Communications:

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

Ministry Schedule for February 18 and 19, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	C Pisan R Pisan	J Andraka, B Massey D Staton, G Tyrrell	T Andraka	L Smith G/M Gray
8:30 a.m.	Father Maher	R Kapischke R Pisan L Kolojchick	J/S Mohan S Moore B Scarpa	P Lachnicht	A/Me Quay
10:00 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	G Nacarelli L Kolojchick	J Mazzagatti, M Santlago D/ML Thomas	L Dombrowski	A/I Cammlsa K Johnson
11:30 a.m.	Father Romano	D Kreal R Pisan	E Beckman, B/AM Lento D Spence	C Spence	I Witting J Wachman