

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
	Al Shaffer	609-417-6770
Career Ministry	June Garafano	229-7461
	Bob Lento	424-4759
Funsters (over 50 club)	Committee	424-3212
Parish Festival	Eileen Withers	751-6838
Women's Club		

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 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

**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
2012 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Daily Mass

6:45 and 9 a.m. in the 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 Imagery Meditation

Thursday mornings after 9 a.m. Mass in Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Intergenerational Friday Lenten FISH FRY

March 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m. in Hall

**Intergenerational St. Joseph & St. Patrick Feast Days
& Father George's 25th Anniversary Celebration**

March 18 after the 10 a.m. Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

Regional Penance Service at Holy Eucharist



Ever thought about joining music ministry?

Hesitant about a long-term commitment?

We've got the answer: Festival Music Ministries for Easter!

This is available for a wide variety of our music ministries:

Children's Choir Youth Band Young Adult Group
Adult Choir Any instrumentalists

Rehearse during the month of March (frequency varies with each group but we can accommodate your schedule)

Then serve as part of the music ministry for any of the Holy Week/Easter Liturgies that fit your availability.

Contact Roger Pisani for more information – (856) 424-3212 x.108, ilftrek@aol.com

Last week's collection

February 19, 2012

\$9,608.00 - 243 Envelopes

May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.
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HAPPINESS COMES FROM GIVING to THE HOUSE of CHARITY APPEAL

Psychologists now know through research that happy people are more creative. They are more productive. They are better family members. They are better friends. They are better neighbors. They are easier to be married to. They are easier to work with.

Happy people are better citizens. They are more likely to give blood. They are more likely to be an organ donor. They are more likely to be altruistic. They are more likely to give more in charity.

Psychologists also know that practicing acts of charity can boost your level of happiness. Practicing acts of kindness can boost your level of happiness. Giving to the House of Charity can actually boost your level of happiness.

Giving to others can make you feel good about yourself. Volunteering can make you feel good about yourself. When you are volunteering, you are distracting yourself from your own self-existence.

Giving to others can distract yourself from your own concerns. It can lift you up out of your own self-pity. This can be very self-beneficial and self-nourishing.

Giving to others can induce a sense of meaning into your life. It says to you that you matter to someone else. It increases activity in some of the brain's pleasure centers. That is why it truly feels good to do good for others.

JESUS, like many of our modern day psychologists, says in the Gospels - you will be happy if you give food to the hungry. You will be happy if you give drink to the thirsty.

JESUS says you will be happy if you give welcome to the stranger. You will be happy if you give clothes to the naked. You will be happy if you visit the sick. You will be happy if you visit the imprisoned.

JESUS cared for the down and out. Jesus healed the sick. Jesus fed the hungry. Jesus poured his life out for the marginalized of our society.

JESUS challenges his followers to do what he had done. Jesus wants us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Moreover, Jesus reminds us in the story of the Good Samaritan that the person in need is our neighbor.

JESUS says to the rich young man "sell everything you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. You will have happiness in heaven. Follow me and you will be happy."

JESUS knew that money had become the young man's god. Therefore, Jesus challenged him to give it up and follow him. He wanted the man to put his trust in him and not in wealth. He wanted him to be happy and not miserable. Hence, the young man walked away very sad and miserable.

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature let me do it now...For I shall not pass this way again." The Road of Life

Blessings,

Monsignor Morgan

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for March 3 and 4, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	C Malatino R/C Pisanl	N/P Kirincic T Petrone, G Tyrrell	K Erickson	L Smith, M Dautle R Nicklous
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke E Zerone R Pisanl	Sr Dianna, J Andraka A Del Campo-O'Brien A Pajlc	T Andraka	A/T Rumell
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer R Pisanl	G Gadren, D Gould B/AM Lento	F Egges	N Brown, J Fabrclius H Rosenblatt
11:30 a.m.	Father Maher	J Garafano R Pisanl	E Beckman, S Kane B Massey, N Pro	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta R Rzepki

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., March 14, 7:30 p.m.
- **General Meeting:** Wed., March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students Jr. – 6th through 8th grades
Upcoming Event(s):

- **THIS SUNDAY, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.** — The Franciscan Mystery Players will be performing "Jesus the Healer" at Holy Eucharist Parish on Kresson Rd. All families are welcome to attend.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

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

ALL MEN ARE INVITED!

All men from the parish as well as those from outside our own community are invited to join us. Retreat starts after dinner on Friday, March 16 and finishes after Sunday Mass, March 18.

Please consider spending some time this lent for some personal prayer and reflection in this very peaceful setting.

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Please give generously to the Catholic Missions Among the Black & Native Americans Collection.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The fifth Confirmation II class will be held this Sunday, February 26, 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 sixth Confirmation I class will be held next Sunday, February 26, 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



SAVE THE DATE!

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

2012 GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 4th

at Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 5:30-8:30

St. Thomas More's 2nd Annual Intergenerational



LENTEN



Fish & Chips provided by Dubb Linn Square
2 seatings (5:30 & 7) - Pre-sale tickets available after all Masses until March 4: \$12 Adults, \$7 Kids ages 4-11, Kids 3 & under Free. At Door: \$15 Adults, \$10 Kids
Questions?? Email stthomasmoreff@gmail.com

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Joe D'Souza r/b Kathryn Eclar & Family

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 26

8:30 am Elizabeth Wilson r/b M/M Charles Cerquitella
10:00 am Elizabeth Wilson r/b Mary Lou & Dudley Thomas
Linda M. Krupa r/b Ed & Amelia Rivero
11:30 am Pilar Castillo r/b Angel Nocito

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 27

6:45 am Bart Regazzi r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Elaine Cairns r/b Family

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 28

6:45 am Frank Romano r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am Ruth Luther r/b Thursday SCC Group

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 29

6:45 am Bart Regazzi r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am William Harley r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY - MARCH 1

6:45 am Frank Romano r/b Matilda Sacca
9:00 am Dorothy Baldyga r/b Kay Schetter & Family

FRIDAY - MARCH 2


6:45 am Bart Regazzi r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Thomas Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SATURDAY - MARCH 3


9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm John Bouillon r/b Balco Family

SUNDAY - MARCH 4

8:30 am Elizabeth Wilson r/b Monday SCC Group
10:00 am Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family
Velia R. Provencio r/b Ed & Amelia Rivero
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch



Once again the parishioners of St. Thomas More will be celebrating the Feast of **St. Joseph**. Also this year, **St. Patrick** and **Father George's 25th Anniversary** will be included. The festivities will take place on Sunday, March 18 following the 10 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall. Any food donations will be appreciated. Please contact Eleanor Perrotto at 428-7824.




PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... Ernesto Cusla, brother of parishioner Irene Rellosa and **Pearl Amabile**.

THE SICK...

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

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. 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.

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TWELFTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE

PROGRESSIVE DINNER 

St. Thomas More Parish's always popular Progressive Dinner will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Caffè 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 or Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323.

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 of Lent, March 4, 2012 - Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them...Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus...Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.' As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant."

Commentary:

Throughout Mark's Gospel, we hear the question "Who is Jesus?" In the Transfiguration, we hear the clearest answer. But this foreshadowing of the Resurrection comes between two predictions of suffering and rejection. Even Jesus' closest apostles fail to understand what Jesus means by "rising from the dead," and they do not want to hear his predictions of his Passion. But Mark makes it clear to his audience that resurrection can only be understood in the mystery of suffering and dying.

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?

"ACTS OF SACRIFICE" for Lent

In the Gathering Space is a Large Cross draped with a purple shroud. We invite all parishioners to write an "Act of Sacrifice" they are performing for Lent on one of the small white crosses in the gathering space. Then place the cross in the box provided as a sign of your commitment. These crosses will be placed on the shroud during Lent, and will be burned in the Lighting of the Easter fire at the Easter Vigil. May our personal sacrifices be a concrete sign of our love for Christ, and may they enhance our spiritual preparation during this Holy Season.



We call on U.S. Catholics, especially those in positions of leadership...to recover their identity as followers of Jesus Christ and to be leaders in the renewal of American respect for the sanctity of life.

*Priests for Life, Political Responsibility
Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*



'FUNSTER NEWS'

Funster trip to Atlantic City - Tues., May 22nd to the Caesars Casino. \$76 includes: Bus & driver tip, Buffet at Caesars or Wild West Hotel Casinos, \$25 slot bonus, & all taxes.

Make checks payable to St. Thomas More Funsters and mail to Bob Lento, 7 Merryton St., Voorhees, NJ 08043 *no later than March 29.*

Next Funster Meeting: Tues., March 20, 1:00.

All Funsters going to Lancaster, March 27, & those going to Atlantic City should attend. You may submit your check for the Atlantic City trip at this meeting. Any questions call Bob at 344-7454.

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.**

Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus

Spring Dinner Dance Benefit

March 11, 2012 at Auletto's, Almonesson, NJ

(All proceeds to benefit our Delegation House-Spirituality Center, Novitiate House and Center of Hospitality)

Call Sr. Angela Pia at 428-8834 for tickets/more info.