

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

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|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| Parish Trustees | Gary Gadren | 424-3212 |
| | Pat Lachnicht | 424-3212 |

Christian Life/Education

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 | 344-7454 |
| Parish Festival | Committee | 424-3212 |
| Women's Club | Eileen Withers | 751-6838 |

Administration

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|-------------------------|------------------|----------|
| 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

For Our Country:

We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our constitutional rights.

We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our Religious liberties.

We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our Freedom of conscience.

We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our Catholic Christian values.

We pray that the leaders of our country will understand that marriage involves at least one male and at least one female person.

This is God's definition of marriage that has prevailed for thousands of years in both highly civilized and primitive cultures.

Monsignor Morgan

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.**

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 5:30-8:30
Here at St. Thomas More

St. Thomas More's 2nd Annual Intergenerational



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

Last week's collection

February 19, 2012

\$9,065.50 - 251 Envelopes

May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.
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EIGHT LENTEN PRACTICES TO BOOST YOUR LEVEL OF HAPPINESS

All through his life Ned was fired by the dream of becoming a doctor. That is where he expected to find *happiness* some day in his life. Some doubted that he would ever find *happiness* in this profession. But he continued to believe that it was in medicine he would find *happiness*.

Ned felt extremely let down when no medical school would accept him. Nevertheless, he picked himself up. He used his biology training to get himself a job teaching in a local high school. In fact, he had the new hope that one day he would find *happiness* as a high school counselor. Again, this never happened.

All through his experiences he struggled for self worth. He experienced a great deal of futility, worthlessness and unhappiness. Even the love of his students and his girlfriend was not enough for him. There was no happiness. There was no sense of peace and joy in his life.

Ned was looking for *happiness* in all the wrong places. He was looking for happiness in status, money, self-interests and by living in the future. He eventually became severely depressed. He was medicated for a time and then was hospitalized for more intensive treatment.

A University of California psychologist, Sonja Lyubomirsky lists some practical suggestions based on her own research and based on the research of others on where to find *happiness* and how to lift up the level of *happiness* that you now enjoy.

1. *Count your blessings.* One way to do this is to write down on a weekly basis three to five things for which you are currently thankful. It could be anything from the mundane to the magnificent.
2. *Practice acts of kindness.* It could be both random and systematic acts of kindness. Being kind to others can have a positive effect on your life and boost your level of happiness.
3. *Savor life's joys.* When you pay close attention to momentary pleasures and wonders you increase your level of happiness. It could be anything as small as jogging in the warmth of the sun in the middle of the winter.
4. *Thank a mentor.* If there is someone whom you owe a debt of gratitude for guiding you and helping you don't wait to express your gratitude. Express it now.
5. *Learn to forgive.* Let go of anger and resentment. Write a letter to a person who has hurt you or wronged you. The inability to forgive is associated with revenge. Forgiving allows you to move on.
6. *Invest time and energy in friends and family.* Where you live has a small effect on your satisfaction with life. How much money you make has a small effect on your satisfaction with life. Your job title has a small effect on your satisfaction with life. The biggest factor appears to be strong personal relationships.
7. *Take care of your body.* Getting plenty of sleep, exercise and a healthy diet can enhance your mood. Practiced regularly, they can help make your daily life more satisfying.
8. *Develop strategies for coping with stress and hardships.* There is no avoiding of hard times. Religious faith has been shown to help people cope. Also secular beliefs enshrined in axioms like "*this too shall pass*" and "*that which does not kill me makes me stronger*". The challenge is that you have to *believe* in these axioms.

(Time, Jan. 2005)

Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan,
Pastor

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for March 10 and 11, 2012

| Mass Time | Presider | Music | Extraordinary Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
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| 4:30 p.m. | Father Maher | M Kramer L Kolojchick | J Kenney, D Kreal E Kleinz, I Rellosa | B Scarpa | K Johnson R Nicklous I Witting |
| 8:30 a.m. | Father Romano | G Nacarelli L Kolojchick | M Gorin J/S Mohan D Staton | M Maggart | E Barbera D DeMarco M Lender |
| 10:00 a.m. | Father Maher | J/L Rabc | J Mazzagatti, K Glover N/P Kirincic | K McFadden | C/J McFadden J Pol |
| 11:30 a.m. | Father Maher | R/C Plsanl | S Moore, D Spence J/L Duffy | C Spence | G/M Gray M Ronan |

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The sixth Confirmation I class will be held *this Sunday, MARCH 4*, 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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are meeting this Thursday, March 8, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Sheila Mohan, Chair

SAVE THE DATE!

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

2012 GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 4th

at Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton

ALL LADIES AND MEN ARE INVITED



'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.

The Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council wish to express gratitude and heart felt thanks to the parishioners of St. Thomas More Church for their generous support of our fundraising luncheon on Feb. 25, 2012.



We had a larger than expected turnout. We appreciate Monsignor Morgan, Sister Ann, Father George and Father Ed Maher joining us and being a part of helping to make the day enjoyable. It was a successful afternoon of community sharing and a superb meal - everyone had plenty to eat from the open buffet.

Our thanks to Mr. John Hollibaugh, owner of the Outback Steakhouse on Rt. 73 in Marlton, NJ for his generosity in donating the food and soft drinks that were enjoyed at his restaurant. The staff was very hospitable.

Your generous donations will be used to support Seminars, the Cathedral Kitchen and members of the parish who can use some assistance at this time.

With Grateful Appreciation,
Richard Haughwout
Grand Knight

House of Charity, Bishop's Annual Appeal *"Stirring the Waters of Grace"*

Thank you to those who have pledged toward our parish goal of \$110,000.00. Pledge cards are available in the gathering space — please mail in or drop off at the parish office.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

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

MONDAY - MARCH 5

6:45 am Special Intention of George Haggerty r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Donald Iezzi r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - MARCH 6

6:45 am Richard Pelcz r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Gerardina Del Vecchio r/b Bruno Family

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 7

6:45 am Stella Mucci r/b daughter, Lorraine & Family
9:00 am Lucretia r/b Mother

THURSDAY - MARCH 8

6:45 am Special Intention of Peter Yurcisin /Get Well r/b Greta Tyrrell
9:00 am Maureen Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Arline Jussaume r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Prayer Shawl Ministry
Edwardo Sung r/b Elaine Sung

FRIDAY - MARCH 9

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish
9:00 am George Erickson r/b Family

SATURDAY - MARCH 10

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


SUNDAY - MARCH 11

8:30 am Charles Fitzpatrick r/b Fitzpatrick Family
10:00 am Roger Quinlan r/b Demcsak Family
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

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

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| 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 | Sister Peter Marie | | |

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

**St. Thomas More
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.

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



The Stations of the Cross are being held on Friday evenings during Lent at 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 of Lent, March 11, 2012 - John 2:13-25


Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture; *Zeal for your house will consume me.*

Commentary:



The dramatic action of Jesus—driving out the merchants and money changers—is not the most shocking feature of this Sunday's gospel. Not only does Jesus cleanse the Temple, he replaces it. The place of God's presence among people is no longer a building but the "temple of his body." In Jesus we encounter the living God.

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?




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.

The inherent value of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance, is not a sectarian issue any more than the Declaration of Independence is a sectarian creed.

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

PILGRIMAGE to Medjugorje Bosnia-Hercegovina
 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 pilgrimage information call Denise Radziwill, 424-0494.



REMINDER:
 Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend, March 10/11. Turn clocks **FORWARD**, one hour, late Saturday evening.

ALL ARE INVITED! Sunday, March 11 - 1:00
 African/Ghanaian Mass - Fr. George, Celebrant



Last Saturday members of the Youth Group, Women's Club and Society of St. Vincent de Paul volunteered to make and serve breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House in Camden. Residents received a warm greeting and hot breakfast. We were reminded of our many blessings as we served families during a very difficult time in their lives.



Not just giving something up for Lent but DOING something good for Lent!