

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	344-7454
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 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
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...**

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

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!