

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

HOUSE OF CHARITY

"Stirring the Waters of Grace"

Sincere thanks to all who made a gift or pledge to our House of Charity Appeal goal of \$110,000.00. Pledge cards can still be found at the doors of the Church. Completed cards can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office. We are so grateful for your support.

May the Lord bless and reward you for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS BOB SCARPA, Deacon in training, who is now an Instituted Reader which is a step in his formation in the diaconate program.

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

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

ALL MEN ARE INVITED!

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.

Last week's collection

March 4, 2012

\$10,655.50 - 270 Envelopes

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

OUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS CHALLENGED

The new ruling of January 20, 2012 by the United States Department of Health and Human Services demands that Catholics violate their deeply held moral convictions. In essence, all Catholics are asked to violate their personal consciences.

Our religious liberties and freedom are being violated. This is a major concern for all Catholics and many fellow Americans who stand together in this important moment in our country.

The only solution to this violation of religious freedom is for the Department of Health and Human Services to rescind this mandate of these objectionable services. This is a government intrusion into our personal lives and into the internal life of the church.

At this critical moment in our history, all of us must educate ourselves and become informed citizens. We need to learn and understand our most basic legal rights.

At this critical moment in our history, all of us are asked to send a clear message to our representatives in Congress. The message is that the violation of our constitutional and God given freedom is absolutely intolerable.

We have to voice our strong opposition to the infringement of our freedoms. Plain and simple, our religious freedom and other freedoms are under attack.

At this critical moment, all Catholic individuals and Catholic families are asked to pray earnestly that the Congress will support all our American freedoms.

- 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 the right of an educated conscience.
- We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our Catholic Christian values.
- We pray that the leaders of our country understand that human life is to be protected and revered from the moment of conception until death by natural causes.
- We pray that the leaders of our country will understand that marriage involves one male person and one female person.
- We pray that all better understand God's definition of marriage that has prevailed for thousands of years in both highly civilized and primitive cultures.

Blessings,

Monsignor Morgan

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for March 17 and 18, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Maher	R/C Pisani	E Beckman, R Crawford J DeMichele, P Hengy	D Miller	J/P/S Wachman
8:30 a.m.	Father Maher	R Pisani A Rivero	A Del Campo-O'Brien J/L Duffy Sr Dianna	J Vecchiola	E Barbera J Fabricius
10:00 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	R Pisani L Kolojchick	D/L Lyon D/ML Thomas	C Spence	J Cole K Johnson
11:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	Adult Choir D Kreal, B Casey	B/AM Lento N Pro M Santiago	S Thompson	N Brown E Thompson I Witting

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

A Confirmation session for both eighth grade students AND their parents will be held on Sunday, March 25, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. Sponsors are welcome to attend as well. All families should participate in the 10:00 Mass followed by the session at 11:00.

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **THIS SUNDAY**, Cherry Hill Regional Youth Mass — at Christ Our Light (Kings Hwy), 3/11/12 at 7 p.m. — The 4 parishes in Cherry Hill (St. Thomas More, St. Mary, Holy Eucharist & Christ Our Light) are co-sponsoring a once a month Youth Mass. The Mass is open to all Junior & Senior youth and their families and friends.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Everyday we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Thank you for your donations during the Society's regular monthly collection - next weekend after all Masses - of food or funds to purchase food, together we help the suffering and the poor.

Frank Nicoletti, President

'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.

Regional Penance Service

Monday, March 19, 7 p.m.
at Holy Eucharist Parish
Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: We will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection at all Masses. It supports 6 Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world with food, support to displaced refugees, & invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

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
Special Intention of Ed McKenna/Get Well r/b Family
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

MONDAY - MARCH 12

6:45 am Mary Yurcisin r/b Greta Tyrrell
9:00 am Sean Deffler r/b Donna Pisera

TUESDAY - MARCH 13

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish
9:00 am Karen Browning r/b Kolecki Family

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 14

6:45 am Suzanne Christman r/b Holly Jaroslaw
9:00 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Chris & Rick Widomski

THURSDAY - MARCH 15

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish
9:00 am Cheryl Young r/b Claire & Dick Spence Ernesto Cusia

FRIDAY - MARCH 16

6:45 am Pearl Amabile r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
9:00 am Michael Vigrass r/b Family

SATURDAY - MARCH 17

9:00 am John Mohan, Sr. r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Eleanor Scarpa r/b Gary & son, Robert

SUNDAY - MARCH 18

8:30 am Elizabeth Wilson r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
Walter Reignn r/b Gary & JoAnn Gadren
11:30 am Helen Ruocchio r/b Anne Soldo

**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		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	Chuck Kapischke		Betty Brennan
Chase Lupica	Pasquale DiFronzo		Pat Beaney
Carlos Santiago	Dorothy Wolenter	Sally Callaghan	
Sharon Bushelli	Fr. Joseph Aboagye-Tawiah		
Yun Yun Shen	Mary Branciforte	Sister Peter Marie	
Mary McCarthy	Ed McKenna		

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!

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
2012 GOLF OUTING
Monday, June 4th

at Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton

ALL LADIES AND MEN ARE INVITED

A.J. Ariani & Tom Pajic, Co-chairs




Stewardship Reflection

Title: Stewards Love God

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." (Exodus 20:4a)

Stewards do not create idols. Have you created idols for yourself in different shapes? An idol can be in the shape of money, sports, fashion, travel, or anything else we value more than God and His Word to us.



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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 18, 2012 - John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life..." Everyone who lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Commentary:

This gospel sets forth the tensions of Christian life in a series of contrasts: believe-not believe, light-darkness, and live in truth because God has loved us and sent his Son to show us the way that we might not perish but have eternal life.

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?



We are "having fun, helping others!" We had another record breaking Cathedral Kitchen sandwich making day on Wed., Feb. 15. And, again we had an SCC group helping and some more newbies.

Mark your calendars for the next get together; Wed., May 16 after the 9 o'clock Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall. All are welcome!

Thank you all for participating.

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator



We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power.

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

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.



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 next 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.



Actress GINA SMITH
brings to life

"THE WOMAN AT THE WELL"

at St. Mary Church, Cherry Hill — Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m.
Sponsored by the G.I.F.T. Ministry

Free Will Offering

COURAGE - The Catholic Support Group for Men and Women with Same-sex Attraction. For more information call Camden Diocese at 365-1570 or go to www.couragerc.org. CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURED