

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
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Ch. Art Environment Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
Lectors Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Linen Committee Tom Petrilli 751-1367
Sacristans 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 344-7454
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

Regional Penance Service

Monday, March 19, 7 p.m.

at Holy Eucharist Parish

Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill

**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

Easter Flower donation envelopes

are included in your weekly envelope packet. Your Easter Flower offering will be used for altar flowers, lilies for the shut-ins and church decorations. Your envelope can be put in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off at the parish office. Please indicate, on the envelope, if you wish to have your donation made in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will help to enhance our Easter liturgies.



Thank you to the committee and all those who worked, participated, volunteered and supported our second Lenten Fish Fry. It was another enjoyable and successful evening.

Monsignor Morgan

Last week's collection

March 11, 2012

\$9,849.50 - 241 Envelopes

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

WHAT MAKES SAINT THOMAS MORE A PARISH

I think it is true to say that despite all the changes in society and despite all the changes in the church the parish for the average Catholic continues to be hugely important.

The parish is a focal point of faith. It is a focal point of celebration. It is a focal point of faith formation. It is a focal point of spiritual growth.

Certainly, those who go to church with regularity identify very strongly with their parish. It is their home away from home. It is their haven of support and validation.

The parish is where we are baptized. It is where we receive our first Holy Communion. It is where we are Confirmed. It is where we are Married. It is where we are Buried.

The parish is a core cell of the church. It is a living cell in the Body of Christ. It is where the universal church comes into being. It is where the spiritual needs of God's people are cared for. It is grounded and founded in the Sacrament of Baptism.

The parish is fundamentally people. It is where we care about one another. It is where people are comfortable with one another. It is where we feel at home with one another. It is where we greet one another by name. It is where we call one another by name.

The parish is people desiring to know God. It is people desiring to love God. It is people desiring to serve God. And, in the knowing, in the loving, and in serving God they bond with each other and establish lasting friendships.

The parish is parents bringing their children to Mass every Sunday. It is parents praying with their children. It is parents modeling and exemplifying how to live well. It is children growing into moral and faith-filled adults.

The parish is the older generation of people who have raised families in the faith offering the example of their lives in support and encouragement to the new generation of Catholics. It is people coming together in Small Christian Communities to share their faith.

The Parish is women knitting shawls for the sick and dying. The Parish is men and women witnessing their faith in our Religious Education Program. The Parish is the bereavement committee reaching out to those who have lost a loved one. The Parish is the Knights of Columbus who have many years of generous service to our faith community.

The Parish is musicians and leaders of song helping us to find God in our Liturgies. It is Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers, and those who take Holy Communion to our sick and elderly.

The Parish is women who wash altar linens and clean the church. It is the Sunday hospitality volunteers and the St. Thomas More Vincent de Paul Society who bring food and life to the poor and needy.

The Parish is the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council. It is the raffle committee and the golf committee who do so much to build community. It is the collection counters, the funsters and all who volunteer their time, talent, and treasure.

The Parish is the Women's Club who do much bonding and out-reaching both within and outside the parish confines. Parish is our Small Christian Community facilitators and members.

The parish is people leading other people to God. God is reaching down to touch humanity through the hands and feet of loving human beings who care about one another. It is where interpersonal ties are strengthened and community is born.

The front cover of our Sunday bulletin with the names of those in leadership roles within our parish is a symbolic reminder that the parish is people. The parish is the baptized people of God. The life and vibrancy of the parish depends on you. You are our parish. You embody the Father, Son and Spirit.

Blessings,
Monsignor Morgan

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for March 24 and 25, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	B Casey R Kaplschke R Pisanl	J Andraka, B Massey D Staton, G Tyrrell	T Andraka	E/K Quay L Smith
8:30 a.m.	Father Maher	M Kramer L Kolojehclck	J Kenney, B Massey A Pajlc, P Rossi	P Lachnicht	A Rzepski A/J Zleba
10:00 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	R Pisanl L Kolojehclck	G Gadren, K Glover D Gould, B Scarpa	L Dombrowski	A/I Cammisa I Witting
11:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	R/C Pisanl	M Garber, M Gorln S Moore, D Spence	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta M Ronan

Women's Club News

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

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

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.**

Deadline date: Register by *March 23, 2012.*

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Confirmation session for both eighth grade students AND their parents will be held NEXT 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



'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.

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

AJ Ariani & Tom Pajic, Co-Chairs



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

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 Reighn r/b Gary & JoAnn Gadren
Louis Sorrentino r/b Sorrentino Family
11:30 am **Helen Ruocchio** r/b Anne Soldo

MONDAY - MARCH 19

6:45 am **Luann Avery** r/b Holly Jaroslaw
9:00 am **Karen Browning** r/b Kolecki Family

TUESDAY - MARCH 20

6:45 am **Special Intentions of People of the Parish**
9:00 am **Maureen Sweeney** r/b John & Sheila Mohan

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 21

6:45 am **Special Intentions of People of the Parish**
9:00 am **Rosalie Iezzi** r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY - MARCH 22

6:45 am **Special Intentions of People of the Parish**
9:00 am **Albert Bach** r/b Ted & Rosanne Bach & Fa.
Jerry Alabanzas r/b mother, Corazon

FRIDAY - MARCH 23

6:45 am **Special Intentions of People of the Parish**
9:00 am **Emily Ryszkiewicz** r/b Bev & Jim Penman

SATURDAY - MARCH 24

9:00 am **Jose Danny Padolina II** r/b Joselisa Padolina
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm **William Wislocky** r/b Ken & Kim

SUNDAY - MARCH 25

8:30 am **Emily Ryszkiewicz** r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
10:00 am **Ann Deighan** r/b Dick & Claire
William Flynn r/b Mrs Ralph Stilley
11:30 am **Helen Borny** r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... Nellie Graham.

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		

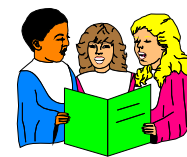
THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



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.

Congratulations and Blessings to Father George Donkor-Tang on his 25th Anniversary in the priesthood.
St. Thomas More Parishioners

Youth Choir Rehearsals for Easter:
MARCH 25 and APRIL 1
after the 10:00 Mass



If you are interested in joining, please plan to attend the next rehearsal. For more information contact June Garafano; 229-7461 or juneanng@hotmail.com.



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 Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 25, 2012 - John 12:20-30

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."

Commentary:

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of real resurrection. And he tells his followers that the only way to come to this life of glory is by dying. The image of the grain of wheat offers a powerful example of this reality. A single seed is limited and alone. But if the seed dies to its present state, it will grow into a stalk filled with seeds. The message for us is that the present is good, but because Christ has brought an end to death through his own death and resurrection, we can look forward to a future that will be far more than our limited lives here and now.

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?

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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.

Career Transition Partnership Job Search Training

Those in employment transition must master many skills to effectively navigate the job search journey. CTP has developed a curriculum of free training programs and a mentoring service to assist job seekers in their transition (CTP has helped over 140 individuals gain employment).

On March 28, 2012, the CTP will present a training program entitled, "Working with Recruiters." Training is at St. Isaac Jogues' parish hall, Marlton, NJ. Networking starts at 6:30 p.m., training program begins at 7 p.m.

Pre-registration is not required for this free training. Any questions call Thom Scattaregia, 235-0181 ext 124.



You know that there are the world's standards of perfection, and then there are God's, and these are the final measure. Every child is beautiful before God, and dear to Him for their own sake. And the truest measure of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable.

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

Stewardship Reflection

Title: Thankful Stewards

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." (John 3:16a)

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in living *Stewardship* for Him.



The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue have been placed there, this weekend, in loving memory of Fran Boesch, requested by her husband, Jack.