

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

**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 SCHEDULE – 2012

Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 1

Masses – Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt after 10:00 Mass

Chrim Mass

Tuesday, April 3

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood

SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 5

"Mass of the Lord's Supper" – 7:30 PM

Adoration at the Repository in the Chapel
until 10 PM

Good Friday, April 6

(A day of fast and abstinence)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 PM

Stations of the Cross – 7:30 PM

Holy Saturday, April 7

Blessing of bread and food baskets – 12 noon

EASTER VIGIL, April 7

7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 8

Masses – 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

Last week's collection

March 18, 2012

\$9,774.50 - 247 Envelopes

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

LENTEN JOURNEY from Darkness to Light

As I write this reflection the sun is shining and the ground holds the promise of daffodils and tulips and all kinds of new life in the spring.

The word *Lent* is an old English word meaning springtime. It is a time of new life. It is a time of new growth. It is a sacred time. It is a time of grace. It is a time of preparation for Easter. It is a time to ready ourselves for the greatest event in human history.

The Sacred Scriptures of Lent are filled to overflowing capacity with practical spiritual concepts. Daily they challenge us to learn more about ourselves. They challenge us to do some inner working and inner looking and inner cleansing. They challenge us to shine a lighted torch on the inner **darkness** that casts a shadow on our lives and on our relationships.

This is a season to look inward and see the **darkness**. The darkness can be anything that interferes with an authentic relationship with *self*; an authentic relationship with *others*; an authentic relationship with *God*. This threefold relationship is a central part of the Christian life. To have difficulty with anyone of the three is to have difficulty with each of the others.

The causes and the sources of our **darkness** are varied. The causes can vary from personality to personality. However, the most common darkness that most often interferes with the threefold relationship can be unresolved painful moments of our childhoods and adolescents. There are feelings that come from real or imagined hurt and rejection. These feelings can come from real or perceived neglect and misunderstanding. Sometimes they come from prolonged conflict, abuse or abandonment.

Many people are ensnared in the **darkness** of unresolved and unhealed wounds from childhood and from adolescence. They carry these wounds into adult life. They almost seem to nurse them. They have become vessels of negative forces. They are filled with anger and hostility. They don't know it. And in their lack of awareness they are unable to take responsibility for their denied injuries and negativity.

When people start thinking about **darkness** they often think it is out there. They talk about wars and racism. They see injustices and neglect. They see what people do to each other. They see what nations do to each other. They don't see the darkness within. They don't want to look within at their own judgments, entitlements and their own hostilities. It is too difficult and too threatening and too tough a job to look inward and see the darkness within.

When people are unaware of the **darkness** in their lives it is easy for them to project their negativity out and violate others. They violate boundaries and respect. They attempt to create secrets and bindings to justify their beliefs. They start to project their inner darkness outward rather than accept it as something that is within them.

Those living in **darkness** will often spray out gobs of negative past life debris onto a spouse or a friend or an employee or a co-worker. It can happen to in-laws or to neighbors. The whole world becomes a big ghost for their unconscious stuff. A blizzard of toxins can be propelled and sprayed everywhere.

When we start to look at the **darkness** within, we are humbled. We see our flaws and it can open our hearts. We shed the mask. We meet the truth. We face everything. We face what is crippling us and haunting us. We confess and we ask for forgiveness. We begin to open up to ourselves, others and God.

The **light** begins to shine when we stop projecting our negativity outward. This leads to a passionate acceptance of the self. It helps us realize that we have a lot in common with everyone else. It leads us to awaken to a space that is beyond our personalities. It leads to accepting *all* of ourselves. It leads to the acceptance of others including our God.

That journey from **darkness** to **light** is at the heart of the Lenten journey. It is at the heart of our hope in the Resurrection.

Blessings,

Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan,
Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for March 31 and April 1, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	J Mitchell R/C Pisanl	R Crawford, J DeMichele I Rellosa, P Rossi	D Miller	M/M/W Quay
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kaplschke L Kolojejchick R Pisanl	M Gorln J/S Mohan S Moore	M Maggart	A/J Zleba
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir R Pisanl	G Gadren, K Glover D Gould, P Hengy	S Thompson	A/I Cammlisa E Thompson
11:30 a.m.	Father Maher	J Garafano R Pisanl	M Garber D/C Spence, D Staton	S Kane	J Arnold, J Pol R Seminara

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

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 which includes hot & cold butlered hors d'oeuvres, salad, choice of entrée, dessert, soft drinks, coffee or tea. Red & white wines throughout the evening provided by the Women's Club. For reservations (seating limited) and menu selections, please call Mary Lou Thomas, 856-429-1379 or Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323.

Women's Club News

- **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 this 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.

The seventh and final Confirmation I class will be held next Sunday, April 1, 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.

Deacon John will lead the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 27 at 4:30 p.m. for students in grades one through four and again at 7:30 p.m. for students in grades five through eight of our Religious Education Program. Parents are welcome to attend.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 1
After 10:00 Mass

Bring your Easter baskets; they will be blessed and then the egg hunt begins, by age, starting with our littlest ones.



*Kris Bailey, Co-ordinator
Pg. 4 - 632*

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

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

MONDAY - MARCH 26

6:45 am **Special Intentions of People of the Parish**
9:00 am **Special Intentions of Matos Family**

TUESDAY - MARCH 27

6:45 am **Leon E. Wetherill, Jr.** r/b Patricia Phillips
9:00 am **Lillian Iannuzzi** r/b Thursday Evening SCC Group

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 28

6:45 am **Claude E. Fusco, III** r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am **Ann Deighan** r/b Clare & Joe Deighan

THURSDAY - MARCH 29

6:45 am **Special Intentions of People of the Parish**
9:00 am **Ann Deighan** r/b Julianne Curry

FRIDAY - MARCH 30

6:45 am **Claude E. Fusco, III** r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am **Margaret Gondek**

SATURDAY - MARCH 31

9:00 am **Josephine Marchesani** r/b Vince & Emilia Marchesani
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm **Charles Kleinz** r/b Eileen Kleinz


SUNDAY - APRIL 1

8:30 am **Emily Ryszkiewicz** r/b Don & Dolores Kreal
10:00 am **Ralph Stilley** r/b Rosemont College Faculty Members
Deceased Members of Angelucci & Pino Families r/b Gladys
11:30 am **Kathleen Frain** r/b Jack Boesch

**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	Virginia Foley	
Michael Suralik			

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.

Easter Flower donation envelopes are included in your weekly envelope packet (there are extra envelopes in the gathering space). 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.



 The Stations of the Cross are being held on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

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

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 Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012 - Mark, Chapters 14 and 15

"While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many..." {pause} "While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said, "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about..." {pause} Pilate questioned Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said to him in reply, "You say so."

Commentary:

Apostles, who should know who Jesus is, betray, deny, and flee. Ironically, it is from enemies and foreigners that we come to understand who Jesus is: the religious leaders ask Jesus if he is "the Christ, the son of the Blessed One"; Pilate condemns him as the "king of the Jews"; the Roman centurion confesses that "Truly this man is the Son of God." As we stand this day at the foot of the cross, whom do we see?

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?

Youth Choir Rehearsals for Easter:

**This Sunday, MARCH 25,
and next Sunday, 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 juneang@hotmail.com.

OUR COMMUNITY BOOK OF PRAYERS

Your special intentions can be written into the Book of Prayer Requests on the lectern in the back of the Chapel. We will burn the pages of intentions before the Easter Vigil Mass symbolizing our total surrender to the greatness of God.



Abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others. They are committed against those who are weakest and most defenseless, those who are genuinely "the poorest of the poor."

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

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

Golf Outing: \$125

*Includes Green Fee, Cart, Door Prize & Dinner
Shotgun start at 12 Noon*

If golf is not your interest join us for a lovely dinner.

Dinner only: \$55

For both Golfers & Guests: Cash bar 5 pm, Dinner 6 pm
AJ Ariani (983-5761) & Tom Pajic (795-7520), Co-Chairs

Stewardship Reflection

Title: Living Stewardship

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." (Jeremiah 31:33b)

What does it mean to be God's people? It means that first we recognize that everything we have and everything we are truly belongs to God. It also means that we are willing to live in **Stewardship** by using our gifts and our lives to care for the world just as God cares for us.