

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



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**

MENU: *Hors d'oeuvres:* Cheese, Potato Chips & Pretzels *Salad:* Garden Salad w/Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing *Entrée:* Tenderloin Filet Mignon Tips w/ mushrooms & pepper in Au Jus—Broiled Salmon in Dijon Mustard Sauce—Chicken & Broccoli DeMarco over Penne Pasta, Fresh Vegetable & Roasted Potatoes, Rolls & Butter & Assorted Desserts, Coffee & Tea

Tickets are now being sold after all Masses.

Golf Committee:

AJ Ariani (983-5761) & Tom Pajic (795-7520), Co-Chairs
Carol Ariani, Michael & Helen Hawksley, Bill & Rosalie Maيدا, Jerry & Jeannine McMenamin, Arleen Pajic, Dick & Claire Spence, Joe & Chris Torello



EXPECTANT FAMILIES

For over 20 years we have had the tradition of blessing expectant parents at two different times (Masses) during the year. At these special Masses the expectant parents and their unborn children are blessed. As a parish family we support and promote parenthood and the sanctity of life.

On May 20 at the 10:00 Mass we shall once again bless and support expectant families. If you are expecting or know someone who is please call the parish office, 424-3212, or Pat Lachnicht, 424-5636, by May 17 to sign up for this special occasion.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

April 22, 2012

\$10,015.50

240 Envelopes

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

Saint Thomas More Baptismal Font Is a Well of *Blessings*

When I was growing up, a good spring well was a valuable commodity. A good well added to the appraised value of a farm. We were lucky enough to have a good spring well on our farm.

The water from the family well was always clear and always clean. The water was always fresh and always ice-cold. The water was always overflowing and never stagnant.

These were some of the signs of a good spring well: There were no chemicals in the water. Chlorine was never heard of and never considered.

The water was as healthy and as pure as you could ever imagine. It came straight from the heart of the earth. It came without any contaminants. It was truly holy water.

The water was a gift straight from God. Every farmer recognized that gift. He treasured that gift. The water was a holy and valued gift from God. It was especially valued during the summer dry spells.

You can come across wells with holy water in every corner of Ireland. You can find them in big farms and small farms. You can find them in wooded areas and you can find them on the roadside. You can find them in secluded spots or in very public areas.

The water from the holy well is believed to have some healing properties. There are legends and stories of miracles and cures that have been derived from drinking the water or just simply touching the water.

These wells have been a great part of the history of Ireland. These holy wells go back a long time. Many of these wells were originally the sites of pagan shrines. When Christianity came in the 5th century, these wells were adapted and assimilated into the new religion.

I remember that Saint Patrick's well, which is about 5 miles from where I was born, has its own ritual. This usually consists of doing the "rounds." That means encircling the well three times. You go around the well clockwise. You go around the well at sunrise. You recite a set number of prayers.

Down through the years there are some great stories about the comfort and peace that have come from some of the wells. The people who live near these wells tend to the wells and appropriately decorate the holy places at different times of the year. Easter is one of those special times when the decorations are colorful and at their best.

In Jesus' time, the river Jordan was another holy well. It had its own rituals. It had its own prayers. It had its own meaning. It had its own healing and its own curing. People found forgiveness, comfort, care, hope, strength and encouragement. They found their identities as forgiven and loved by God.

It was there at this holy well that Jesus found his deepest identity. He found his identity in the water of the Jordan. Jesus heard, "this is my beloved Son." That voice identified him as Son. He never forgot it. It gave Him hope for the future. He was assured that God was with Him and would never leave Him.

On the day of my Baptism, the holy water cleansed my insides and opened my ears to God's loving and affirming message. That same message was re-spoken and re-proclaimed as I once again was sprinkled with the newly blessed Easter water.

Blessings,

Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan, Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Ministry Schedule for May 5, and 6, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Romano	Adult Choir B Casey, R Pisanl	R Crawford, J DeMichele T Petrone, G Tyrrell	Sister Barbara	A/W/Me Quay
8:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	R Pisanl L Kolojejchick	Sr. Dianna, J/L Duffy A DelCampo-O'Brien	J Vecchlola	A/J Zleba
10:00 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	J Garafano R Pisanl	B/AM Lento J/S Mohan	F Eggles	M Ronan M/N Brown H Rosenblatt
11:30 a.m.	Father Maher	C Pisanl R Pisanl	M Gorin, M Santiago D/C Spence	D Haughwout	G/M Gray J Pol

Women's Club News

- **Women's Day of Reflection** — Thurs., May 10, 9 am-1:45 pm — PLEASE JOIN US.

"Awakening the Spirit Within"

Keynote Speaker: Sr. Suzanne Mayer, IHM on "Spirituality for the Contemporary Woman"

Presenter - Lisa Mele, one of our very own parishioners, from Future Fitness-low impact Zumba Lunch by Outback Steakhouse

Call Clare for more information: 428-9251.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

CHILDREN'S HOME CLOTHING DRIVE JUNE 9/10



A truck from *The Children's Home* will be in the church parking lot collecting gently used clothing (children's & adults), used small appliances and athletic gear. Thank you for your support.

*Gary Gadren, Sponsored by
St. Vincent de Paul Society*

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*

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Saturday, April 21, our First Communicants gathered here at our church for a special retreat in preparation for their First Communion on May 5. They prayed and listened to a Bible story, sang songs, made "stone soup" and barley loaves, and each child assembled a remembrance banner for First Communion Day. Thank you to all who made the morning a big success: Sister Angela Pia, Frank Acito, Dawn Alexander, Erica Andino, Kristine Bailey, Jennifer Burmood, Margaret Cammisa, Sandy DiLullo, Kathy Reganata, Cheryl Rosselli, Dana Wheeler, and Pat Maggart.

Rehearsals for First Communion will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 2 and 3, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Attendance by all First Communicants is expected.

The annual May procession and crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother will be next Sunday, May 6, following the 10:00 Mass.

During the months of April and May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

Parish Religious Education Program registration forms for the 2012-2013 school year have been mailed to the homes of all current students. Please complete and return with appropriate fee as soon as possible, but no later than May 31. *Additional forms for first grade students and for students who will be new to the program are available in the gathering space.*

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

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - APRIL 28

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm James McHale r/b Frank & Marie Glaviano

SUNDAY - APRIL 29

8:30 am George Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan
10:00 am Special Intention of Ilana Begall r/b
Monday afternoon St. Thomas More SCC
Group
Scott Roncace r/b Dr. & Mrs, Roncace
Esdras Filart r/b Kathryn Eclar & Family
11:30 pm Rapetti Family r/b daughter

MONDAY - APRIL 30

6:45 am Sr. Rose Mary Roy r/b Sr. Mary Ann &
Sisters
9:00 am Harry Hansen r/b Paul Schneider

TUESDAY - MAY 1

6:45 am Sr. Rose Mary Roy r/b Sr. Mary Ann &
Sisters
9:00 am Lorraine Kapischke r/b Chuck & Marian
Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - MAY 2

6:45 am Joseph Pietraszewski r/b Sr. Bernadette
9:00 am Ann Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan

THURSDAY - MAY 3

6:45 am Maria Pietraszewski r/b Sr. Bernadette
9:00 am Robert Middleton r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

FRIDAY - MAY 4

6:45 am Wanda Cygan r/b Sr. Bernadette
9:00 am Jerry O'Shaughnessy r/b Ron & Gail
Bizzoso

SATURDAY - MAY 5

9:00 am Ann Morgan r/b the Beaney Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Jim McHale r/b Mr & Mrs John Clary

SUNDAY - MAY 6

8:30 am Virginia Risse r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
10:00 am Ann Deighan r/b Suarez Family
John & Gloria Galati r/b Galati Family

ATTENTION Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Altar Servers

The Ministry Schedule can be found on the St. Thomas More Web site: <http://stthomasmorenj.org/> - click on Liturgy Ministry Schedule.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

Don Kreal	Helen Copperthwaite	
Ed Rivero	Bob & Claire Boylan	
Maria Storms	Tracey Alexander Bruni	
Owen Smith	Andrea Buonincontro	
Mary Flacco	Naomi Willingmyre	
Ron Massey	George Sweeten	
Olga Mignone	Frank Cappetta	
Frank Colbert	Anna McMullen	
Mary Cowan	Michael Kapischke	
Yolanda Burke	Betty O'Donnell	
Jean Colbert	Marie Mazzagatti	Leona Novak
Dorothy Brink	Stanley Kochanek	Danny Perla
Pat Barton	Pauline Rosberg	Joanne James
Leila Lore	Joseph Console	Alfred DiFrank
Chase Lupica	Geralyn Coticone	JoAnn Gadren
Pat Beaney	Jerry McMenamin	Gloria Daniels
YunYun Shen	Chuck Kapischke	Denise Daniels
Ed McKenna	Pasquale DiFronzo	Chris Kolodzey
Virginia Foley	Dorothy Wolenter	Marie DiFrank
Fran Swider	Fr. Joseph Aboagye-Tawiah	Ethan Killeen
Rose Hession	Mary Branciforte	Avery Caruso
Shirley Birch	Sister Peter Marie	Carlos Santiago
Earl Cargen	Al & Marge Mac Elrath	Betty Brennan
		Sharon Bushelli
		Sally Callaghan
		Michael Suralik
		Grayson Caruso

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.

Stewardship Reflection

Stewards Take Refuge

"Better to take refuge in the Lord than to put one's trust in mortals. Better to take refuge in the Lord than to put one's trust in princes." (Psalm 118:8-9)

Too often our society trains us to oppose Stewardship and take refuge in man-made riches. Yet Thomas Merton once wrote, "There is no poverty so great as that of the prosperous." Too many possessions can leave us empty - always questing for more things that do not really matter - while we ignore Our Lord.

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 6, 2012 - John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower... Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit because without me you can do nothing."

Commentary:

The demands of being Christ's disciples are evident: we are told five times that we must "bear fruit." There is only one way to do this: by a relationship with Jesus so close and so intimate that we remain in him like a branch on a vine. Only his life in us enables us to bear fruit.

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?



If we understand the human person as the "temple of the Holy Spirit" — the living house of God — then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house's foundation. These directly and immediately violate the human person's most fundamental right, the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand.

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

Enlightening and Spiritual Morning

Talk given by **Fr. Joshi Kochukudiattil Devasia**
Catholic Priest of the Vincentian Congregation

Thursday, MAY 3

After the 9:00 Mass

9:30 a.m.

Refreshments in the gathering space

10:00 — 12:15

Talk in the St. Thomas More Chapel

ALL ARE INVITED, PLEASE JOIN US!

Diocese of Camden - Office of Communications

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

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS/REMEMBRANCES

During the month of May the parish will remember all the mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased, of our parishioners. Ten Masses will be celebrated in the chapel in their honor. If you would like your mother or grandmother remembered in this special manner please return a Mother's Day envelope that was sent along with your weekly collection envelopes. Extra envelopes are available in the gathering space or parish office. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar during May. *Mother's Day cards are also available*, in the gathering space, which can be sent to your mother telling her that she will be remembered at the Masses at St. Thomas More.



Newly registered Parishioners

Ted, Jackie & Luca Cammarata

Denise Gurcsik

Brian McCabe & Ilana Begall

Harry Davenport

Sean & Alison Sweeney

Joseph Smith Pauline Montes

CAR RAFFLE

Win a 2012 LEXUS CT 200h HYBRID!

Drawing on June 23, 2012

To purchase tickets (\$100 per ticket), **please call 856-428-8834**. All proceeds benefit THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE INFANT JESUS. Pg. 6 - 632