

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

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| Parish Trustees | Gary Gadren | 424-3212 |
| | Pat Lachnicht | 424-3212 |

Christian Life/Education

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 Maida, Jerry & Jeannine McMenamin, Arleen Pajic, Dick & Claire Spence, Joe & Chris Torello

GRADUATES RECOGNIZED:

In June we recognize, in the bulletin, all those graduating in our parish community. If you are graduating from college or graduate school please call the parish office, 424-3212, so we can include your name in the bulletin.



ALL ARE INVITED!
THIS Sunday, MAY 13 - 1:00
African/Ghanaian Mass—Fr. George, Celebrant

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

May 6, 2012

\$10,244.50 - 238 Envelopes

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

It was a cold November day. The cold gale force winds were blowing across the green fields. The time for delivery had arrived. The midwife came to our home and was able to make a well-informed decision about the birth process.

Of course, the midwife had already known that there were no irregularities. Thankfully my mom had an enjoyable, safe and healthy gestation. It was a safe and natural childbirth. The delivery room was right there in our country home. I was born into the warmth of my own home.

Giving birth and bringing new life into the world is one of the most challenging and sacred tasks that any human being can achieve. My mom like most married women of that time did not deny herself the pleasures of conception.

It was early in the morning that her third child was born. He was received with ecstatic joy. She said that giving birth was much easier the third time around. It was less daunting. She had a self-confidence, courage and determination that she just did not have two and half years earlier.

Mom had a breastfeeding relationship with all of her children. This nursing experience of resting my head on her breast was my primary source of comfort during the first few months of my life. This intimate exchange set up a powerful intimate and complex connection with my mom. This was followed with months of sensitive and gradual child-led weaning.

Like most other mothers at that time, my mom got married with the full intention to have children. She wanted to become a mother. She wanted to experience the joys of co-creating with God and watching her children grow and mature.

In all likelihood my mom unconsciously wanted to be re-introduced to the innocence of her own childhood. She wanted the opportunity to introduce her offspring to the beauty of God's creation. She wanted to guide, teach and parent alongside my dad.

Like most other mothers she was not prepared for the sleepless nights. She was not ready for the myriad household chores that needed to be done. Her life was busy with preparing meals, washing the dishes, doing the laundry, mending tattered clothes and changing diapers. Her life was busy helping anyone and everyone navigate the inevitable hurdles of daily living on the farm.

Like most other mothers she was not ready for the messes and the constant repetitions that are part of child rearing. She was not ready for the many distractions and the lack of time for herself. She was not ready for the demanding task of just being there for all the big "milestones" like the *first words* and the *first steps* in the lives of her children.

Yet, I believe that the slow-paced life on the farm although very busy gave her lots of time to reflect on the ultimate meaning of life. She had her own special practices and meditations. There was always time for Sunday worship, the family rosary and visits to the Knock shrine. She had her own special prayer style and at the same time she knew full well that motherhood was her primary path to God.

My mom was very committed to doing the different novenas that are immersed in the liturgical calendar. It was her zest for spirituality that deepened her appreciation for the mystery of life. Through her awareness of the omnipresence of God her everyday activities became her path to God. It was her belief in the power of prayer that enabled her to remain centered in the midst of the sometimes rather chaotic demands of family life.

Like Saint Teresa and many of the saints my mom enjoyed nature. She loved working with the soil. Planting a spring garden always turned out to be relaxing and a sheer fertile experience. She was always happy sowing bulbs and seeds and waiting for the outcomes. She could hardly wait for those bulbs to show their gorgeous blooms. She was especially happy when the daffodils, tulips and gladioli came back to life every spring. She loved rose bushes and any flowering shrub.

My mom was always grateful for any acts of kindness. She loved attention of any kind. She loved a phone call or any caring, empathic connection with her. She was always glad to receive flowers from the garden or any source at all. Encouragement and support helped her deal better with the twists and turns of mothering.

My mom was forever grateful for a card or a visit. She especially liked simple cards that were made by her children or grandchildren. She was always welcoming of sentiments of appreciation and gratitude. She savored the good memories and the good times. I knew deep down in my soul that she was always proud of any good news about me or other family members.

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. This is the time to say a heartfelt *thank you mom*. We buy cards. We make phone calls. We give flowers. We dine out. We speak nice words of thankfulness. Happy Mother's Day!

Blessings, *Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Ministry Schedule for May 16, 17, 19, and 20, 2012

| Mass Time | Presider | Music | Extraordinary Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
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| Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m. | Monsignor Morgan | D Kreal L Kolojchick | G Gadren T Petrone | T Smith | E Thompson R Nicklous |
| Ascension of the Lord 7:30 p.m. | Monsignor Morgan | Music Ministry | P Hengy J DeMichele | C Spence | E Barbera M Lender |
| 4:30 p.m. | Monsignor Morgan | D Kreal B Casey | J Kenney, E Kleinz I Rellosa, B Scarpa | Sr. Barbara | A/I Cammlsa J Pol |
| 8:30 a.m. | Father Romano | J Garafano L Kolojchick | J/L Duffy, Sr. Dianna A Del Campo-O'Brien | P Lachnicht | E Barbera D DeMarco |
| 10:00 a.m. | Monsignor Morgan | M Kramer L Kolojchick | N/P Kirincic D/L Lyon | K McFadden | C/J McFadden L Smith |
| 11:30 a.m. | Father Maher | R Kapischke B Casey | S Kane, S Moore D/C Spence | R Ciccotta | M/T Ciccotta H Rosenblatt |

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., MAY 16, 7:30 p.m.
- **End of Year Gala:** Wednesday, May 23, begins at 6:30 p.m. Please call Pat Lachnicht to RSVP, 424-5636, by May 21 and indicate whether you will bring an hors d'oeuvre or a dessert.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students Jr. – 6th through 8th grades

Youth Group Quote of the Week:

Your talent is God's gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift
back to God. *Leo Buscaglia*

You have many talents (intelligence, the arts, sports or being a good listener) whatever your talents are, use them to help or inspire others... that is your gift to God.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

EXPECTANT FAMILIES



NEXT SUNDAY, 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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the month of 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

ATTENTION: Anyone who would like to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen is welcome...



Date: Wednesday, May 16

Time: after 9:00 Mass

Where: St. Thomas More Hall

See you then, thank you!

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION COLLECTION

How the GOOD NEWS Gets Around... TO YOU.

NEXT WEEKEND — This Collection funds programs that make it easy for Catholics to incorporate the Good News into their daily lives through sacramental preparation videos, social media sites, and print media. Half of all proceeds of this Collection stay in our diocese to fund local communication projects.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - MAY 12

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Anna & Joseph Ariani r/b Angelo & Carol Ariani

SUNDAY - MAY 13

8:30 am Dorothy Sciacca r/b Armetta Family
10:00 am Frances Pisera r/b Gould Family
Elizabeth & Buster Wilson r/b Kathy & Stephen Drechsler Family
11:30 pm Marie D'Ippolito r/b Radziwill Family

MONDAY - MAY 14

6:45 am Mother's Day Intentions
9:00 am Theresa Kapischke r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - MAY 15

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish
9:00 am Scott Roncace r/b Dr. & Mrs. Roncace

WEDNESDAY - MAY 16

6:45 am Special Intention for 70th Birthday of Father Pat Lavin
9:00 am Hank Seppanen r/b Mr & Mrs William Seibert
7:30 pm Pearl Amabile r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

THURSDAY - MAY 17, *The Ascension of the Lord*

6:45 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
9:00 am Bob Middleton r/b Dave & Lyn Lyon
7:30 pm Chester Szymczak r/b John & Sheila Mohan

FRIDAY - MAY 18

6:45 am Mother's Day Intentions
9:00 am Robert Middleton r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

SATURDAY - MAY 19

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

SUNDAY - MAY 20

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Nadine Sears
10:00 am Special Intentions of John & Lena Galati on their 35th Wedding Anniversary
Anthony Ricca r/b Monday afternoon St. Thomas More SCC Group
Elizabeth Betson r/b Ray, Chris, Lauren & Jacqueline Smith
11:30 pm Special Intentions of Maggi Family r/b Mary

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE SICK...**

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

Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? This invitation is open to those who are not baptized as well as those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation. The RCIA process would prepare you for these sacraments.

Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 - ext. 104, or Deacon John, 424-3212 ext. - 103, to receive more information about the RCIA classes.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 13, 2012

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 20, 2012 - John 17:11-19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them...but now I am coming to you. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.

Commentary:

As Jesus prepares to return to the Father, he consecrates the disciples (and us) to be his continuing presence in the world. Even though we are consecrated, we cannot avoid the tension between belonging to Christ and belonging to the world: we will be at odds with the world, but one with each other; we will be confronted with the evil one, but be protected from the evil one. In the midst of this tension we are assured of Jesus' love, prayer, and protection.

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?

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING/PIZZA PARTY

Tuesday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Church. Sr. Ann and Deacon John will review altar server responsibilities, meeting will be followed by a Pizza Party in the parish hall. **REMINDER:** Please respond to this invitation by calling the parish office, (424-3212).

THANK YOU

St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you."

By your gift to the Society you fulfill this Commandment. We will be collecting food and funds to purchase food after all Masses next weekend.

Frank Nicoletti, President



Let us celebrate motherhood and marvel at how perfectly a mother's body provides a nurturing environment for her tiny baby to grow and develop.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

CAR RAFFLE—Drawing on June 23, 2012

Win a 2012 LEXUS CT 200h HYBRID!

To purchase tickets (\$100 per ticket), please call 856-428-8834. All proceeds benefit the FRANCISCAN SISTERS.

COURTYARD ROSARY

To honor Our Lady
Thursday, May 31, 7:30 p.m.
ALL are invited!



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 6173

St. Thomas More Church

Come *Dine for Dollars* in support of the Knights at Tutti Toscani on Brace Rd., on Tuesday, May 22, 4-10 p.m. (Reservations Requested; Please mention this fundraiser when booking & bring your flyer, available in the gathering space. Each member of your party must have their own flyer—if you do Tutti Toscani will donate 20% of your bill to the Knights).

David Galloway

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