

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
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	609-488-0020
	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
June Garafano	229-7461
Bob Lento	344-7454
Committee	424-3212
Eileen Withers	751-6838

Career Ministry

Funsters (over 50 club)
 Parish Festival
 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

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY



SPECIAL YOUTH RECOGNITION:

Our parish community is very grateful to Maureen Quay who has served as an Altar Server for 8 years and to Stanley Thompson, Jr. who has served as a Lector for 4 years. We ask God's blessings on Maureen and Stanley as they begin their college studies in the fall. We commend them for their faithful service to our parish and for the responsible and respectful way they carried out their Ministries. We are pleased to recognize them this Sunday at the 10 a.m. Liturgy.

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Meeting: THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 19 at 1 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. **Purpose:** To discuss dates & costs for the Broadway Show "Nice Work If You Can Get It" with Matthew Broderick, a trip to the new Barnes Museum along with Christmas trip ideas. **All welcome to give input.**

Bob Lento, 344-7454

MARKET DAY IS COMING TO ST. THOMAS MORE!

In lieu of selling the Entertainment Books, to raise money for the children's Communion clothes at Holy Name Cathedral in Camden, the St. Thomas More Women's Club will be having a summer Market Day frozen foods sale in July. **Order forms will be available in the gathering space the weekends of June 16/17 & June 23/24. WE WILL BE COLLECTING YOUR ORDER IN THE GATHERING SPACE WEEKEND OF JULY 7/8 OR PLEASE MAIL your order form with check (made payable to Market Day) to Marianne Wilkins, 1936 Cardinal Lake Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 by JULY 8th.** Any questions call Marianne at 428-4924.

Clare DiGiacomo & Marianne Wilkins, Coordinators

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

June 10, 2012

\$9,241.00

223 Envelopes

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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

It was Father's Day. I was invited to the family cook out. Just before the charcoal got hot the mother and children gave cards and gifts to Dad. There was an assortment of shirts, shorts and ties. There was even an extra large green swim suit.

On the bottom of one big card, Bob wrote, "*Dad, thanks for all you have done for me over the past seventeen years.*" Bob was honoring his Dad for those daily incalculable sacrifices that were made over the years.

Bob knew that his Dad had loved him and supported him over the many years. Deep down he knew too that he had never expressed his full measure of appreciation. This was his moment to say "*Thank You!*". This was his moment to express gratitude.

Dad always wanted the best for Bob. He wanted him to be a good person. He wanted him to be successful, happy and capable in the world. He wanted him to be able to make friends and to use his talents. He wanted him to make the world a better place for all humankind.

Dad wanted him to grow up with a strong sense of self-esteem. He knew that self-esteem is the great armor that would protect Bob from the great dragons of life. It would protect him from drugs, alcohol, unhealthy relationships and even delinquency of any type.

The big card gave a big thrill to Dad. It communicated to him something about how Bob felt. It said volumes to him about the dignity, worth, and sacredness of fatherhood. It said that Bob believed he did not miss out on a father's love and a father's care.

Bob was smart enough to know that we live in an age when about 17% of all babies born are without a father's name and without a father's care. He knew that there are runaway fathers and part-time fathers. He knew that there are fathers with visitation rights and joint custodies. He was insightful enough to know that he had a special blessing in his life.

Bob knew that most males are capable of fathering a child. They are capable of the biological act. But it takes a special kind of male to be a loving and providing father. It takes a special kind of male to be able to promote the emotional health and spiritual well being of a child; to be in touch with the needs of his child.

Bob knew it was his dad and his mom who led him to see himself as competent, effective and lovable. It was his parents who gave him forgiveness, recognition and admiration. It was his parents who appreciated his dreams and his special abilities. It was his parents who gave him the psychological armor that will protect him for the rest of his life.

Dad knows that to be a good father is a lot of hard work. It requires a lot of time and a lot of energy. It entails the *cross* in so many forms. It means choosing your words carefully. It means listening with great attention. It means tuning into your children's good days and bad days.

Dad knows that to be a good father demands an acute awareness of self, others and God. It means knowing that ultimately everything we have as a family is a gift from God. It means going as a family to Sunday worship. It means never missing the liturgy of the Eucharist. For it is the great prayer of the church. It means having a sense of God's presence. It means praying regularly as a family.

Dad knows that being a good father means eating meals with the family. It means being present for nightly prayers. It means reading a story before the children go to sleep at night. It means going on family outings and picnics. It means being *available*. It means giving good example. Of course he knew that example speaks louder than words.

There is no greater vocation than to be a father. To be a good father is a great challenge. It is a great service to society. It is a great blessing for the local faith community. It is an awesome service to raise a child who is spiritually and emotionally healthy.

Unfortunately it is difficult to predict how well a father will parent. At least I know Bob thinks his father has done a great job. That's what counts.

Blessings
Monsignor Morgan

Parish Celebration of the Feast of Saint Thomas More



Novena Prayer: June 14---June 22

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday, June 22

Chapel 9:30 a.m.---7:30 p.m.

Prayer Service: Friday, June 22 Chapel 7:30

Social: Refreshments after Service prepared by Women's Club

Saint Thomas More and Saint John Fisher are two great saints and martyrs. They share the same feast day, June 22nd. Both were martyred in 1535. Both were great Christian role models.

These two great English saints lived at the very same time. They lived in turbulent times for the church in England. They lived in a society a little like our own. It was a time when the church had little credibility.

Both saints fearlessly stood up in defense of the faith. Both put their lives at risk for the Gospel. One used his abilities as a lawyer. The other used his abilities as a bishop. They were ever mindful of God. Both had fidelity in the midst of great change.

At that time Henry VIII was king of England. He wanted to set himself up as head of the Church in England. He wanted to break away from the pope in Rome.

King Henry VIII wanted to change the church to suit his wants and needs. However, both men refused to compromise their consciences. Both stood fast to their beliefs and to their faith. Neither was forgetful of God and His plan for our freedom and eternal salvation.

Saint John Fisher was the only bishop in all of England at that time to publicly disobey the ruling monarch. He knew that opposing the king meant that he stood in danger of losing his head. Nevertheless he was fearlessly courageous and literally lost his head.

Saint Thomas More a married man who at that time held the high office of Chancellor of England declared before his death: "I stand the King's good servant, but God's first". Not only is he the patron saint of our parish but also recognized as the patron saint of lawyers, statesmen and politicians.

Blessings,

Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - JUNE 16

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Jim McHale r/b Mr. John Roman

SUNDAY - JUNE 17

8:30 am Jerome A. Lachnicht & James P. Culhane
r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
10:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
Richard Kolecki r/b Kolecki Family
Deceased Members of St. Thomas More
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

MONDAY - JUNE 18

6:45 am Father's Day Intentions
9:00 am George Pisera r/b Gould Family

TUESDAY - JUNE 19

6:45 am Maureen Grogan r/b Barbara White & Tim
Moran
9:00 am Ernesto Cusia r/b Paul Charette

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 20

6:45 am Margaret MacElrath r/b Sheila Moore
9:00 am Margaret Richardson r/b Tomas & Marie
Manalo

THURSDAY - JUNE 21

6:45 am Petronela Anna Kuys-Janssen r/b the Daly
Family
9:00 am Sandra Morgan r/b Sherri & Alan Green
Anna Bizzoso r/b Ron, Gail & Family
Lucretia Visceglia r/b Mom

FRIDAY - JUNE 22

6:45 am Roy F. McGeady r/b the McGeady Family
9:00 am George Erickson r/b Family

SATURDAY - JUNE 23

9:00 am Father's Day Intentions
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Reg & Natalie Kramer r/b the Kramer
Family

SUNDAY - JUNE 24


8:30 am Elizabeth Wilson r/b John & Sheila Mohan
10:00 am Father's Day Intentions
Hank Seppanen r/b St. Mary Eucharistic
Ministers
Scott Roncace r/b Maureen & Bob Miller
Bernie Leber r/b wife, Mildred
11:30 am Debra Schwartz r/b Tucci Family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... Joseph Scharff, Fern Flavion
and Mildred Wilson, mother of parishioner Carol
Parent.

THE SICK...

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

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.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



**Congratulations to all the
Graduates!**

**And a special thanks to Stanley
Thompson and Maureen Quay
for their years of leadership in
the Youth Group**

Happy Father's Day from the Youth Group!

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

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 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, June 24, 2012 - Luke 1:57-66, 80

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son...When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God.

All who hear these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Commentary:

Names carry meaning. They hold the hopes of parents and foreshadow the accomplishments of the child. 'John' comes from the Hebrew and means 'God's grace': the female form is Joanne or Joanna.

John the Baptist is graced by God and is also an instrument of God's grace. John knows who he is and what he has to do. He is not the Messiah and he refuses to accept the adulation of the crowd. John's story keeps giving way to that of Jesus and the community that forms around him. In a sense, we are all called to do what John does, namely to point beyond ourselves to the one who incarnates the fullness of God's life and love.

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?

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.

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



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.

CAR RAFFLE

Win a 2012 LEXUS CT 200h HYBRID!

Drawing on June 23, 2012

You can purchase tickets in the gathering space this weekend (\$100 per ticket), or please call 856-428-8834. All proceeds benefit THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE INFANT JESUS.

Ministry Schedule for June 23, and 24, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Romano	B Casey R Pisanl	J Galati, T Petrone I Rellosa, G Tyrrell	Sister Barbara	A/Ma/W Quay
8:30 a.m.	Father Romano	P Kelton R Pisanl	Sr. Dianna, J/L Duffy A DelCampo-O'Brien	B Scarpa	A/J Zieba
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	D Kreal, A Rivero R Pisanl	J/S Mohan D/ML Thomas	F Egges	M/N Brown M Ronan
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisanl R Pisanl	B Haughwout, N Pro D/C Spence	D Haughwout	G/M Gray J Pol

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. Pg. 6 - 632