

St. Thomas More Church

1439 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003

856-424-3212

Web Site: <http://stthomasmorenj.org/> • E-mail: info@stthomasmorenj.org

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in the Chapel

First Saturdays: 9:00 AM in the Chapel
Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namiotka, Pastor
Father Victorino Coronado, In Residence
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Sheila Tartamosa, Business Manager



Find us on:
facebook®

Send all bulletin announcements to:
smtartamosa@comcast.net by 2:00pm Monday

DIRECTORY

Parish Trustees

Jeannine Mc Menamin
Henry Glover

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement

Staff 856- 424-3212

Consolation Ministry

Ann Marie Lento 856- 344-7454

Jon Lisitski jonl11@comcast.net

Faith & Justice Team

Chris Baeckstrom 856-912-7078

Hospital Visitors

Staff & Euch. Ministers 856-424-3212

Intercessory Prayer

Ann Vigrass 856-428-7217

Knights of Columbus

John Galati 856-424-3212

Marriage Formation

Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa 856-795-1160

Order of Christian Init. Of Adults

Parish Rel. Ed. Prog. 856-424-3212

Respect Life

Staff

Rosary Ministry

Marian Kapischke 856-424-2053

Small Christian Communities

Spiritual Retreats

John Galati 856-428-7073

St. Vincent de Paul

Chico Febus 856- 424-3212

Stewardship

Sheila Tartamosa 856-424-3212

Welcoming Team

Shirley Kane 856-424-8022

Worship

Altar Servers

Church Environment

Ch. Art Environment

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Linen Committee

Sacristans

Ushers

Social Development

Bridge Groups

Parish Festival

Women's Club

Administration

House of Charity

Parish Finance Council

Parish Pastoral Council

Committee Committee

856-424-3212

Ann Vigrass

856-428-7217

Greta Tyrrell

856-428-2412

Dom Sacca

Dave Bongiovanni

Joe Centonze

Chico Febus

Joyce DeMichele

856-424-4008

Barbara Cerquitella

856-795-7323

Committee

856-424-3212

Barbara Cerquitella

856-795-7323

Lorraine Kennedy

856-489-0031

Sheila Tartamosa

856-424-3212

Robert Crawford

856-424-3212

Marie Enny

856-751-8893

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER—May 25, 2025

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.

OCIA

The Order 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 call 424-3212

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades One through Eight - Sunday 9:30 AM—10:45 AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 2 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



Make Us Filled in Your Presence We bless You for giving us grace through the night, that we are alive and healthy is by Your power. You even provided for all of our needs that we are not lacking any good thing. We worship Your holy name for this. Accept our worship in Jesus' name. We pray as we continue in today's Mass, You visit us mightily. Let us feel Your presence amidst us. We pray for those here and those coming, don't let us go home the same. At the end of everything, let us glorify Your name for a prayerful time in Your presence.



The Collection for May 11, 2025

Sunday	\$4,633.00
E-Giving	\$2,154.00
Total	\$6,787.00

Next weekend the second collection will be for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the U.S. using the internet, television, radio and print media. Your support spreads the gospel message.



Memorial Day Mass Schedule at Cemeteries *Remembering Those Who Have Served and Who Have Gone Before Us*

Please join us for our Memorial Day Masses held on Monday, May 26, in most of our Catholic Cemeteries to honor those who have served our country and paid with the ultimate sacrifice. For a complete listing of locations and times, please visit us at SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

6th Sunday of Easter

Stewards Care

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

Stewards make God their first choice and not their last resort



From the Pastor's Desk

2025: A Jubilee Year of Hope

Dear Parishioners,

Let me begin my writing by expressing my total surprise at the election of **Pope Leo XIV**. Something I thought absolutely certain was that there would never be an American-born pope in my lifetime. Like so many others, I was completely wrong. With his missionary experience, worldwide perspective, Augustinian spirit, devotion to the Blessed Mother, love of the poor, proven intellect, leadership skills, grasp of languages and gentle, humble demeanor, he appears to be a great choice by the cardinals. The passing of time will truly tell the whole story.

Additionally, our *relatively* new **Bishop Joseph A. Williams** is guiding the Camden diocese with an emphasis on **prayer** as the center of all things, including the search for a *Vicar for Prayer*. This newly established position shows the priority our bishop has on prayer in the lives of the clergy and the faithful. I am proud to say that we, at *St. Thomas More Parish*, have a solid group of daily Mass attendees who also pray the rosary afterward and regularly spend time in Eucharistic adoration. I think this is an important step in the right direction and a core group which we can certainly build upon. Moreover, the bishop's concern for vocations to the priesthood and religious life needs to be grounded in prayer to the *master of the harvest to send out workers* (Mt. 9:38) as Jesus taught.

A few weeks ago I mentioned that we are currently in a **Jubilee Year of Hope** in the Catholic Church. Such a Jubilee Year has its origin in Sacred Scripture, specifically the *Book of Leviticus*, chapter 25. The ram's horn would sound announcing the *Day of Atonement* beginning a sacred 50th year of Jubilee for the Jewish people. Characteristic of the year, according to jubilee and biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma, is the **forgiveness** of sin, **freedom** from debt (and slavery), reunion and restoration of **family** lands leading to the **fullness** of all prophetic expectations. What is emphasized at this time of jubilee is **redemption** by God, **release** from bondage, **restoration** of family and **rest** from work.

Think of what Jesus says when He begins his public ministry according to the Gospel of St. Luke:

[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4: 16-21)

Ultimately, Jesus fulfilled all ancient Jewish jubilee and prophetic expectations by *redeeming* us on the cross, *releasing* us from our slavery to sin and death, *restoring* our spiritual family relationship through the Catholic Church and providing eternal *rest* for body and soul.

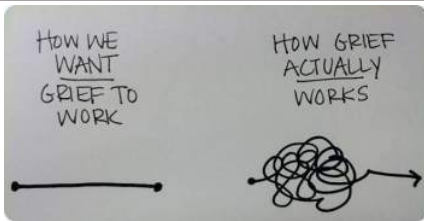
To benefit from the special graces offered us during this *Jubilee Year of Hope* we should, first of all, participate in the *Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation* frequently. We should become aware and partake in the various recommended actions granting an indulgence to alleviate the temporal punishment for sin--both for ourselves and our deceased loved ones. We can make a spiritual pilgrimage to a designated church or shrine (holy sites). We should engage more fully in the *spiritual and corporal works of mercy*. Active participation rather than passive observation should be our goal for this extraordinary year of hope.

Fr. Ed Namiotka, Pastor

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER—May 25, 2025

Ministry Schedule May 31/June 1

Mass Time	Clergy Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Florence	Sr. Agnes	J. Cepeda	T. Johnson
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	K. Witts	S. Oatway	Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	J. Galati	L. Galati	L. Vascisin S. Andino



The St. Thomas More Consolation Ministry to the bereaved will be holding its next meeting on Thursday, May 29th at 1 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Our mission is to be a source of love, comfort, and support to those who experience loss through death. We work to reach out to those who experience loss, so they will feel the healing comfort of God through this faith community. We hope you will allow us to walk alongside you through your grief journey as a companion who has seen the same terrain. Join us or call for more information. **Jon Lisitski 856-905-6162, Marian Kapischke 856-424-2053**



A note of gratitude and appreciation to Pat Byrnes, Marie Flowers, Carol Petrone, Nancy Tagland and Marianne Wilkins for laundering and organizing by size the Altar Server Robes.



Council 6173 **Knights of Columbus:**
Information or to join us,
www.kofc.org/joinus
with this QR code
include "Council 6173"
when asked and use the



promo code:
BLESSEDDMCGIVNEY to join.



"Our Journey United in Hope," **Campaign Prayer**

Heavenly Father,

In this time of planning and service, we ask that you bring us hope. Hope that will renew us in this journey to build up the Church in South Jersey.

Accept and use our Stewardship to the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal in the same way you Multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed a multitude.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and Reigns One God forever and ever. Amen.

Thank you to all who already made a gift!

If you have not, pledge cards are at the doors of the Church.

Please prayerfully consider donating.

Our Goal this year is \$74,300.00

Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry

A special toll-free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.

Diocese of Camden

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER—May 25, 2025



SATURDAY, May 24

4:30 PM Gerri Kurlej
r/b Dave and Lin Lyon

SUNDAY, May 25

8:30 AM Gerri Kurlej r/b Beaney Family

11:00 AM Dolly Staton r/b Pauline Montes

MONDAY, May 26

9:00 AM People of the Parish

NO Adoration Memorial Day

TUESDAY, May 27

9:00 AM Mary Halasz r/b Greta Tyrrell

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, May 28

**9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the
Morgan Family**

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY, May 29

9:00 AM Ryan M. Taylor
r/b Mark, Liz DeYoung and Family

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

FRIDAY, May 30

9:00 AM Gerri Kurlej
r/b Ellie and Dave Mayfield

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

SATURDAY, May 31

4:30 PM Sally Ann Schweitzer
r/b The Glaviano Family

SUNDAY, June 1

8:30 AM William Byrnes r/b Pat and Kevin Byrnes

11:00 AM Sr. Peter Marie Buttacavoli
r/b Tina Petrone

Prayer Intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Spanish Ministry Prayer Group

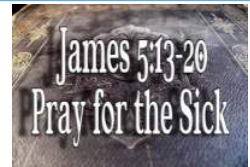
Meeting Dates
June 6, 13, 20, 27

Join us as we Pray the Rosary, Lectio Divina, and reflect on themes of faith.



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

SICK... Kristina Acevedo,
Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney,
Joe Centonze, Grace Cobin,
Joseph Console, Mary Cowan,
Catherine Diana, Linda Di Giulio, Fr. George
Donfurtang, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Gerie, Marjorie
Graham, Marion Kapischke, Michael Kapischke,
John B. Kennedy, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Kelly
Moore, Carter Oakley, Tina Petrone, Dom Sacca,
Carlos Santiago, Teddy Shaffer, Grace Sklencar, Claire
Spence, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed
Targonski, Sr., Ann Vigrass, Joanne Wachman, Sarah
Warner, Baby Finley, Arlene Pajic, Cecilia Sim,
Barbara Cremean, Mark DeYoung, Felician Lopez,
Jon Lisitski, Eileen Demcsak.



**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE
ARMED SERVICES...**

Sgt. Jordan Beckman, Captain
Patrick J. Bones, USMC,
Major Anthony R. Cosentino,
USAF, TSgt. John P. DeYoung, Sam Houston, USN
Special Forces, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris
Knaup, Capt. Jennifer LaSalce, US Army, Capt.
Christopher Mawn, Lt. Jacqueline A. McCabe, PFC
Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sisi Tyrrell,
USMC, Sgt. Nicole Williams, PFC Timothy Kenny,
US Army and Brendan Marcy, Ens., USCG and *all
those serving our country.*



On **Pentecost Sunday**, June 8, 2025,
after the 11 AM Mass you are invited
to attend our

Meet the Ministries Luncheon.

Primarily, we want to bring our parishioners together for a social opportunity in which we can meet one another and be introduced to the various groups, ministries and organizations currently active in the parish. In our parish hall (and the adjacent courtyard, weather permitting), we will have representatives from the various parish organizations and ministries explaining who they are, what they do, when they meet, etc. We encourage our parishioners to find out more about the various ministry opportunities currently available in our parish.

If you plan to attend our luncheon, please **notify** the parish office **before June 1** indicating your name and the number of people coming so that we can adequately plan for lunch. We want this to be a memorable time for all.

Call 856-424-3212

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER—May 25, 2025

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.

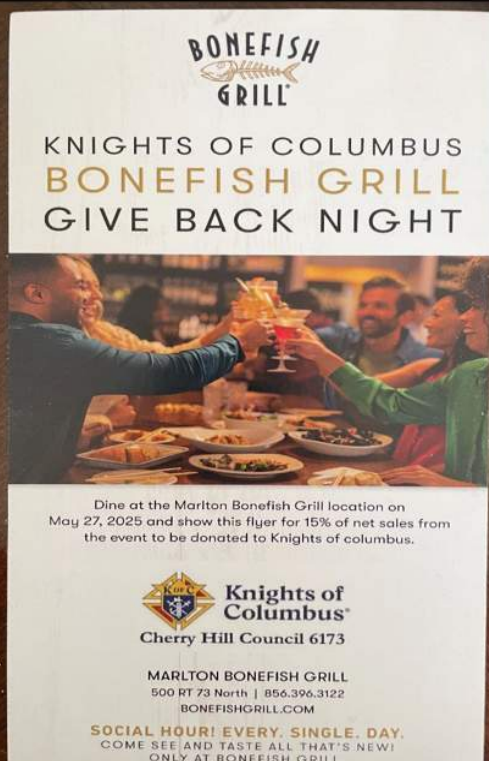
Excerpt from the Gospel for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1, 2025- John 17:20-26

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you love them even as you loved me.

Commentary:

This passage, known as the Unity Prayer was prayed by Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus was praying for you and for me. As Jesus saw it, the best last scenario for the human race is unity. As incredible as it sounds, Jesus desires for us the same total communion with God that he enjoys as "God from God, light from light." This is the final prayer of Jesus for his church both present and future until the end of time as we know it. We live in a world torn by violence and selfishness. It seems almost too wonderful to imagine the vision Jesus has for us. However, "unity" is Jesus' "end of the world" goalpost. Could there be a better one?

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?



Tell Congress to Protect God's Creation -
It's Easy to Do

Pope Francis called us to make individual, community, and public policy changes that advance environmental justice and an economy of inclusion. Pope Leo XIV also affirmed this call when he was Cardinal Prevost, saying, "It is time to move from words to actions."

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, and his legacy, ask your Member of Congress to protect these investments.

Go to : <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/126478/Respond>



Support the South Jersey Scholarship Fund's Spring Sprint for Scholarships appeal running now through June 30. Last year, the fund provided scholarship assistance for 165 Catholic school students in the Diocese of Camden. For many of these families, this support enabled them to continue sending their children to Catholic school.

For more information or to contribute, visit southjerseycatholicschools.org/springsprint
To donate offline, please send payment to:
South Jersey Scholarship Fund
631 Market Street
Camden, NJ 08102

YOUR
Catholic
Cemetery

CONSECRATED
Holy & Sacred Place

St. Thomas More
Parishioner
Discount

JESUS, BREAD of LIFE Cemetery & Mausoleum

A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS

HEATED & AIRCONDITIONED



Crypts * Marble Niches * Plots * Glass Niches * Columbariums - Professionally Landscaped

NEW

A Ministry of Hope
in Eternal Life

PRE-PLANNING OPTIONS
AVAILABLE: 0%/24 MONTHS

MILITARY/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
1ST RESPONDERS DISCOUNT

1.5 MILES FROM ROUTE 295 | 3055 FOSTERTOWN ROAD, MOUNT LAUREL NEW JERSEY | (856) 317-6400 | WWW.CATHOLICCEMETERIESSOUTHJERSEY.ORG



\$350 Off

Any New Stairlift
With This Ad

- FREE in home evaluations
- Family owned & operated for more than 20 years

1.888.900.8883

www.Tri-StateStairlifts.com

tri-state
STAIRLIFTS

Connecting businesses to
customers in realtime!



FindingFIBER



Almark Home Improvements

Handyman Jobs

Home Repairs & Remodeling

856-261-2460

Lic.#13VH09325300

Fully Insured



Sterling Tax & Advisory Group

3000 Atrium Way Suite 200, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

FRANK A. CHIACCHIO
Enrolled Agent

Office: (856) 209-5086 | Email: info@sterlingtag.com



TAX PREPARATION | ADVISING NJSEA

Jim Doyle

Church Bulletin Representative
I'm here to help your business
be noticed!



jdoyle@jppc.net
609-410-6325
www.jppcadvertising.com



JOHN PATRICK
publishing company, inc.
27 Richard Road - Ivyland, PA 18974

Advertise your business in the
Church Bulletin

- In print, online and interactive app
- Reaches parish families and visitors each week
- Constant presence keeps a strong link between you and customers
- Well-read publication - a trusted source
- Affordable Advertising - local, targeted to community

RIDESHARING SAFETY TIPS

BEFORE YOU GET IN A RIDE SHARE

ASK #WHATS
MYNAME

in remembrance of
Samantha Josephson

Morgan basement waterproofing

In Our 4th Decade of Quality Service

French Drains Foundation Repair Mold Remediation

All Work Guaranteed

877-401-4777

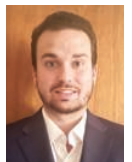
www.morganbasementwaterproofing.com



Memorial Planning

Edward McGlinn

Family Service Counselor
Locustwood Cemetery
& Arlington & Bethel Cemeteries



1500 Route 70 W • Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

856-685-9673 • emcgl@everstorypartners.com



BILL'S FLOORING & REMODELING

ABOUT BILL'S FLOORING & REMODELING

Serving the Tri State Area for over 32 Years.

We offer Luxury Vinyl Plank, Carpet, Hardwood and Tile.

We can install most flooring the next day.

We also offer Kitchen & Bathroom remodeling.

Call us at: **856-264-1079**



\$500 OFF With A Free Estimate

CONTACT US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE



BRADLEY FUNERAL HOME



"Celebrating 50 Years of Commitment to Community"

Jill Bradley Ingram, Mgr., N.J. Lic. No. 4226 • Wilson R. Bradley, N.J. Lic. No. 2917 • Patrick P. Smarrito, N.J. Lic. No. 3571
Brian J. Barnett, N.J. Lic. No. 3909 • Kevin T. Comber, N.J. Lic. No. 4660

One Location ~ Serving Your Family Since 1968 | www.BradleyFHMarlton.com | 856-983-1005

McNulty Roofing
SIDING & WINDOWS
DONE THE WAY THINGS USED
TO BE DONE, WITH PRIDE.
In Cherry Hill
Over 30 Years
856-667-4545
www.mcnultyroofingandsidingco.com

 **Batastini**
Orthodontics
www.braceme.com
Cherry Hill (856) 428-1888 Vineland (856) 696-2600 Hammonton (609) 561-2424
PFB NJ#3672

DOUGLAS A. FENDRICK, ESQUIRE
ELDER LAW
ESTATE PLANNING
SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING
LIFE CARE PLANNING
 **FENDRICK MORGAN**
LIFE REQUIRES PLANNING www.fendrickmorganlaw.com
1950 Route 70 East Suite 200
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
(856) 489-8388

BOCCO FUNERAL HOME

Joseph C. Bocco, Jr., Manager, N.J. Lic. No. 3323

Nicholas Joseph Lukaszewicz, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 5119

1300 North Kings Hwy. • Cherry Hill

(856) 795-5991

www.boccofuneralhome.com


Doctor HVACR
ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING
Serving NJ & PA • Licensed & Insured
\$25 AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM TUNE-UP
(\$125 Value) Residential & Commercial

Healing Your Home, One System at a Time
Mobile: 856-900-2260 • Kevin H. Nguyen, PhD
10 Year Warranty On Parts & Labor On New Installations

Family Owned and Operated Since 1987
FREE INSPECTION
Licensed & Insured

RIGHTWAY WATERPROOFING CO.
BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
MOLD REMEDIATION
FOUNDATION REPAIR
 Church Member Discounts
856-317-1111
 BBB ACCREDITED BUSINESS
www.RightwayWaterproofing.com

catholicmatch®
New Jersey

CatholicMatch.com/dateNJ

SCHETTER FUNERAL HOME

304 W. Route 70 • Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

www.schetterfh.com • 856-429-8545

William A. Schetter III, Manager, Lic. # 4826 • William A. Schetter, Jr. Director, Lic. # 3393

Edmund J. Putnick, Director, Lic. # 3949