

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 Phillip M. Johnson, Priest-in-charge
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	Dom Sacca	
	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Ushers	Roger Pisani, Director	609-488-0020
Music Ministry	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
	Len Kolojejchick	346-4078
	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461

Social Development	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Bridge Groups	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

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.

CATCH THE SPIRIT!

Mark your calendar

PARISH FESTIVAL 12:30 - 3 p.m. on



2012 Theme: "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization"

ALL Parishioners are Invited & Welcome!

Great food, Entertainment & Fun Games for Children & Adults

Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share

Gary Gadren, Festival Chairperson

SCRIPTURE STUDY:

This Fall the scripture study "Parables of the Kingdom" will be offered beginning Monday, September 24 after the 9 AM Mass. In exploring the parables, participants will reflect on some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus as found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Please call Sister Ann at 424-3212 to register for this Little Rock Scripture Study.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

August 19, 2012

\$7,809.00 - 198 Envelopes

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

A Married Priest? – Part V

Fr. Phillip Johnson

Copies of the previous articles in this series are available in the narthex of the church or online at the parish website: stthomasmorenj.org.

Why?

Why would a late-middle aged Lutheran Pastor give up his vocation and livelihood, estrange himself from many beloved colleagues, and willfully suffer a breach in communion within his own family in order to enter the Roman Catholic Church? What would so compel his conscience? When I began this series I promised that I would finally get around to that question. But it's hard to give a brief account of so long a struggle. After all, my “conversion” took 30 years! For this reason I often take pity on inquirers, answering in short hand. “Why? – Because I needed a lot more help being a Christian,” or “Because I came to accept the Catholic Church's ecclesial claims,” or “Because, well, a Catholic finally has to be a Catholic.” Here, for any who will not find it too ponderous, I begin a slightly longer account.

From Protestant Sectarianism to Lutheran Sacramental Confessionalism to Roman Catholicism

There are many and varied expressions of “protestantism.” Scattered among *thousands* of different denominations, protestant Christians can be as different from one another as they are different from Catholics. To answer the question “why Catholic,” I will have to give account of *two* “moments” of conversion: (1) from a conservative protestant sectarianism to a broad “Catholic” understanding of the Faith shared especially by “high church” Anglicans and Lutherans, (2) to Roman Catholicism as the true center and fullest expression of the Catholic Faith.

My first Christian community was not the Lutheran Church. Both my wife and I were first nurtured in the Faith in a fervent sectarian denomination in the Deep South that called itself simply “the churches of Christ.” In some ways this spiritual environment was typical of much American anti-Catholicism. However, one rather unusual practice made it distinctive: the celebration of the Lord's Supper every Sunday, albeit in a radically non-liturgical manner and as a mere symbol or pious reminder of Christ's saving death. I do not doubt that this practice planted a Catholic “seed.” Other seeds also were planted. The hearts of the people were larger than their theology. And I will never forget the mutual love in the congregations, the passion for studying scripture, the beautiful *a cappella* singing. Mine was a happy childhood, at church as well as at home. Following in the footsteps of my father and uncles, I began my studies toward the ministry upon entering college. I was later ordained in spite of growing theological tensions—even though I had wandered outside the usual bounds to study at Princeton Theological Seminary rather than at an approved church school.

It was partly to flee increasing conflict with the sectarianism of my church that I accepted an invitation to serve in England. I needed to find ecumenical “space” in which to explore. It was there that I began to be drawn toward a more sacramental and Catholic understanding of the Faith—through the Anglican liturgy, through associations with the Taize community in France, through my studies. Catholic writers influenced me deeply in my search. I went so far as to seek out a Catholic priest for guidance. But I could not get past certain troubling doctrines (the papacy, prayers to the saints, veneration of Mary). At the time it seemed to me that it was the Lutheran tradition, with its high sacramental understanding of the Holy Eucharist, with its loyalty to the historic creeds and its traditional liturgy that offered a way of being Catholic without being *Roman* Catholic. In 1986, returning to the U.S., I was received into the Lutheran ministry. I understood Lutheranism according to the best Lutheran theologians of the day, as a “confessing movement within the Western Catholic Church.”

My Catholic journey had reached its end, so I thought. In fact, it had only begun; the “pilgrimage” would continue for another twenty years. *[To be continued next week]*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for September 1, and 2, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisanl R Pisanl	R Crawford, J Kenney T Petrone, G Tyrrell	T Andraka	A/E/M Quay
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	G Nacarelli R Pisanl	A Del Campo-O'Brien Sr. Dianna, J/L Duffy	B Scarpa	A/J Zieba
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer R Pisanl	J Galati, P Rossi D/ML Thomas	F Eggles	M/N Brown M Ronan
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	P Kelton R Pisanl	B Haughwout, N Pro D/C Spence	D Haughwout	G/M Gray J Pol

Women's Club News

Board Meeting: Wed., Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.
25th Anniversary Tea: SAVE THE DATE! Sun.,
 September 30 - more details coming soon.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ATTENTION First Graders & New Parishioners
 Registration for Religious Education classes continues for children entering the First Grade in September and for new parishioners of any grade.

If your child is not yet registered, please obtain a registration form from the gathering space or online at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>.
Classes begin September 25.

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



St. Thomas More Children's Choir resumes for the Year!

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 9th after the 10 a.m. Mass in the Chapel. Children grades 1 and higher are welcome.

Contact June Garafano at juneannng@hotmail.com or 856-229-7461 or just attend the first rehearsal.

**The 2013 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN
 for your Mass intentions.**

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (**Child Assault Prevention**) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the diocese is that adults will attend CAP once every 5 years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is No More Bullies, No More Victims and is a workshop on bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyberbullying is also addressed. Both sessions are 90 minutes. Adults must attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2. After 5 years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1 again if they prefer.

The following sessions will be offered in September:

CAP Phase 1: Wed., Sept. 5, 7 p.m. at Holy Eucharist, Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill, Room 108-109
 Mon., Sept. 17, 7 p.m. at Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center

CAP Phase 2: Thurs., Sept. 6, 7 p.m. at Holy Eucharist, Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill, Room 108-109

Bullying Prevention Mon., Sept. 24, 7 p.m. at Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center

To attend a class, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856) 583-6165 or email ddiggons@camdendiocese.org to register.

Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.

The CAP schedule, location phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website at www.camdendiocese.org.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY - AUGUST 25

9:00 am Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Ann Marie Lento
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Nelson Matos r/b his sister, Norma & Fa.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 26

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Mary & Bob Wiech
10:00 am Ruben Padre, MD r/b David & Pat GardeHill
Grace Regina r/b Sue Regina
JoAnn Gadren r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
Grace Marie Regina r/b Larry & Rhonda Drossner & Family
Mary Lou Caputo Yanelli r/b Larry & Rhonda Drossner & Family
11:30 am Ed Butterfas r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse

MONDAY - AUGUST 27

6:45 am Cesarius Szawlewicz r/b the McGeady Fa.
9:00 am Joseph Scharff r/b John & Sheila Mohan

TUESDAY - AUGUST 28

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Joe & Toni Andraka
9:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 29

6:45 am Marge Mac Elrath r/b Henry & Kathy Glover
9:00 am Pearl Amabile r/b John & Sheila Mohan

THURSDAY - AUGUST 30

6:45 am Michael G. Hagan, Jr. r/b Dominic Sacca
9:00 am Special Intention of Tim Cyberey r/b Greta & Family
Marciano Dizon, Jr. r/b John & Sheila Mohan

FRIDAY - AUGUST 31

6:45 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley
9:00 am Elizabeth Wilson r/b Beverly & Vincent

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Rodrigo Agnes r/b Agnes Family

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 am Bob Middleton r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
10:00 am JoAnn Gadren r/b Gaye Pino
Special Intention of William Mitchell r/b John & Sally Callaghan
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... Fr. Tom Kelly and Eileen Hunter.
THE SICK...**

Don Kreal	Bob & Claire Boylan
Maria Storms	Andrea Buonincontro
Owen Smith	Naomi Willingmyre
Mary Flacco	George Sweeten
Ron Massey	Frank Cappetta
Olga Mignone	Michael Kapischke
Frank Colbert	Betty O'Donnell
Mary Cowan	Marie Mazzagatti
Shirley Birch	Stanley Kochanek
Jean Colbert	Pauline Rosberg
Dorothy Brink	Joseph Console
Pat Barton	Geralyn Coticone
Leila Lore	Jerry McMenamin
Chase Lupica	Chuck Kapischke
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter
Virginia Foley	Al Mac Elrath
Fran Swider	Teddy Shaffer
Rose Hession	Virginia Gormley
Earl Cargen	Angelo DiGiacomo



Danny Perla
Joanne James
Alfred DiFrank
Gloria Daniels
Denise Daniels
Chris Kolodzey
Marie DiFrank
Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Betty Brennan
Sharon Bushelli
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Mary Branciforte
Bill Botensten
Wayne Mauri, Sr.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Commit to Serve

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

(Joshua 24:15)

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually live our Stewardship.

Going to Rutgers University-Camden?

Catholic Campus Ministry, Fr. Mike McCue OSFS,
Campus Minister - mccue1959@gmail.com
Sunday Mass - 6 pm Campus Ctr., Main Room
Daily Mass - 12 noon at Cathedral

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 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 2, 2012 - Mark 7:1-8

The Pharisees and Scribes questioned Jesus. "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" Jesus responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

Commentary:

Most of our mothers would side with the Pharisees: no one should come to the table with unwashed hands! Hygiene, of course, was not the issue in Jesus' day. The matter was one of respect for the authority of tradition. We might imagine today's Pharisees saying, "Why didn't that woman genuflect before going into the pew? Why didn't that man kneel during the consecration? Why did that family leave Mass early or arrive so late? Responding to the Pharisees and Scribes, Jesus moves the discussion from outward observances to inward intention, calling us back to the true purpose of Law and tradition: conversion of heart.

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?

Going to STOCKTON College?

Catholic Campus Ministry
 235 Pomona Road, Pomona, NJ 08240
 Lois Dark, Director Fr. Tom Kiely, Chaplain
 Sunday Mass - 6 pm
 Daily Mass - 12:05 pm, West Quad, Room 201 on campus

Going to Rowan University?

Catholic Campus Ministry (Newman House)
 1 Redmond Ave., Glassboro, NJ 08028
 Sunday Mass - 7 pm Mon.-Thurs. - 12:30 pm

Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
 at 1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill (424-1962)



FUNDRAISER Yard Sale



Frozen Polish Food & Other Food...

Mark your calendar:

Fri., September 14 (Noon to 4 pm)

Sat., September 15 (9 am to 3 pm)

**Donations in Cash & Items are
Kindly Welcomed!**

Our 44th Fundraiser Year — A New Venture!
Do Come!

For additional information call
Rosemarie Grabowski, Co-chair at 235-1521.



While at times human law may not fully articulate the moral imperative - full protection for the right to life - our legal system can and must be continually reformed so that it will increasingly fulfill its proper task of protecting the weak and preserving the right to life of every human being, born and unborn.

*- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
 Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*



In the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick** we pray for healing in body, in soul and in spirit. This sacrament will be administered here at St. Thomas More Parish within the 9 AM Mass on Saturday, September 22. The Church teaches

that this sacrament can be administered to:

- ▶ Those with a chronic illness
- ▶ The elderly and homebound
- ▶ Sick children if they have sufficient use of reason to be comforted by the sacrament
- ▶ Those suffering from mental illness, depression or addiction
- ▶ Those preparing for surgery

If you wish to receive the Sacrament you are asked to call Sister Ann at 424-3212.