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 Spence	428-8325
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
Ushers	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Music Ministry	Roger Pisani, Director	609-488-0020
	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
	Len Kolojejchick	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

House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal

Many businesses have begun their Employee Giving Campaigns. Whether through United Way or another corporate giving campaign, employees welcome the opportunity to participate when they can direct their donations toward charities that reflect their beliefs and social concerns. If you do participate, the *House of Charity* is a qualified non-member Donor Option Agency. Please use a specific code that can be found on the Poster located in the gathering space.

Expectant Families

As a parish family we support and promote parenthood and the sanctity of life.

NEXT Sunday, October 14 at the 10:00 AM Mass, we will bless expectant families and their unborn children.

If you are expecting or know someone who is please call the parish office at 424-3212 or Pat Lachnicht at 424-5636 by October 10 to

Saint Thomas More Parish 2012 Fundraiser

Everyone is invited to participate.
Seize the Opportunity!
Stop by the ticket sale table after Mass next weekend!

You Could Be the Lucky Winner while helping our Parish meet our necessary and essential financial obligations.

1st Prize	$10,000.00
2nd Prize	$ 3,000.00
3rd Prize	$ 2,000.00

(If all tickets are sold)

Ticket Price: $100.00
Drawing: December 7th
Refreshments will be served.
AJ Ariani 983-5761, Tom Pajic 795-7520 Chairpersons

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
September 30, 2012
$9,544.50 - 235 Envelopes
May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.

A Married Priest? – Part VIII

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

As a Lutheran pastor, for years I considered myself a Catholic Christian. Roman Catholic liturgists are aware that the liturgies of the *Lutheran Book of Worship* are Catholic in structure and content. I sought to lead parishioners toward a Catholic piety, including private confession according to Luther's own order. I had opportunities to advocate for a corporate reunion with the Catholic Church (see part VII in this series). This article gives an account of how Catholic hope and optimism among Lutherans proved illusory (at least to me), and how the question of entering the Catholic Church became yet more urgent to me personally.

Faith and Morals: The Moral Dignity of the Person

Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue, like most ecumenical discourse, has focused on explicitly doctrinal and theological issues: the sacraments, the nature of the Church, the ordained ministry, apostolic succession, the saving work of Christ, devotion to saints, etc. Concentration was on matters of *faith.* Twentieth Century ecumenists did not, in general, discuss matters of the *moral life*, because in the early days of the ecumenical movement, there was an *assumed* consensus on fundamental moral questions. Protestants, like Catholics, abhorred abortion and divorce, assumed sexual intimacy belonged solely to marriage, and understood that openness to the gift of children was inherent to the very definition of marriage (although no Protestants save the Anglicans called marriage a "sacrament"). Large cracks in the consensus began to show as early as the 1930's, when the Anglican Church approved the use of contraception. In the decades that followed, Protestant Churches in general did not so much consciously break with the Catholic moral tradition as simply lose their moral memory and will. Divorce became so common (also among clergy) that any moral censure seemed hopeless and cruel. When the largest Lutheran communion in North America approved the funding of abortion by its health care insurance program any continuity with the Christian moral tradition seemed to have been lost. And so it was hardly a surprise when, a little later, this same Lutheran body began first to tolerate, then to formally approve, the "blessing of same-sex unions." It seemed clear to me that the integral link between theological faith and moral life has been severed. The "and" in the phrase "Faith and Morals" had vanished.

From three perspectives, this aggressive moral revisionism seemed disastrous and wrong. (1) These sweeping revisions took place *without any formal conversation whatsoever with our Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, or conservative protestant dialogue partners;* in fact this unilateralism deepened the fissures of division. (2) In one way or another, all the revisions struck at the Catholic Tradition's understanding of marriage. Therefore, these were not "just moral judgments" as opposed to "real issues" of faith. After all, most Christians round the globe belong either to the Roman Catholic or the Eastern Orthodox Church; they hold *by faith* that marriage is a sacrament of the Church. (3) These redefinitions of the moral life would wreak chaos and suffering in the lives of millions, especially in the lives of children and the poor.

This last point requires elaboration. My years as a Lutheran pastor were spent almost entirely in poor, inner-city parishes. In this context it was forced upon me that a large part of the sorrow, suffering, and despair I encountered had directly to do with the collapse of the moral life, especially in relation to sex, marriage, and family. The questions of "social justice" among the city's "underclass" were hardly unrelated to the "merely personal matters" of sexual love and sustained loving relationships. I no longer bought the contemporary division of "social ethics" and "personal morality." At the center of both was the *moral and spiritual dignity of the human person, who thrives in the structures and atmosphere of covenant relationships.* For pastoral reasons, I unexpectedly found myself deeply preoccupied with *moral theology.* I needed to look, not simply *at* the issues of the day, but *through* those issues at the Christian understanding of human person. During this time I wrote for the American Lutheran Publicity Board a series on the meaning and morals of sexual love with titles like *What Does Your Marriage Mean?* and *What Kind of Love Can Be Promised?*

Maybe some reader of this series will notice that, in turning to this question, my long Catholic search came full circle. It had begun with the discovery of the crucial place of the *body* in prayer (see part VI). Now I was seeking to understand the nature of the *body* in the human capacity for covenant love. And, of course, amidst all the moral contention, the question of *authority in the Church* once again proved central (see part VII). It was at this point that I first began to read the writings of Pope John Paul II and of the unofficial circle of "personalist" theologians that were important to his many approaches to a "theology of the body." [*The final piece in the series will appear next week.*]

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for October 13, and 14, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir D Kreal, R Pisani	E Kleinz, D Kreal T Petrone, G Tyrrell	K Erickson	D Ha, M Lender L Smith
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	P Kelton R Pisani A Rivero	A Del Campo-O'Brien J Kenney, B Massey, J Mohan	P Lachnicht	A/I Cammisa A Rzepski
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	J Garafano R Kapischke R Pisani	D/L Lyon N/P Kirincic	F Eggles	H Rosenblatt G/M Gray
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R/C Pisani	M Gorin, P Rossi M Santiago, D Staton	B Scarpa	E Thompson R Seminara

Women's Club News

- *Board Meeting:* Wed., October 10, 7:30 p.m.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

IT'S COMING!

'APPLE PIES & MORE'

October 20/21

after all Masses

Donate a HOMEMADE baked good.

Need more information?
Call Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924.

Sponsored by the
St. Thomas More Women's Club

'FUNSTER NEWS'

For the FUN of it

The Barnes Trip on November 9 is a go!

We will be leaving at 1 PM and we return by 6:30 PM (PLEASE NOTE: *New time; lunch first*). For more specific details please attend the **Funster Meeting on Thursday, November 1 at 1 PM** in the St. Thomas More Hall.

This meeting is also for those going to the *Tomasello Winery Christmas Gala* on Sunday, December 9 and for all who wish to give input for Spring 2013 trips.

Your $95.00 check for the Tomasello Trip which includes dinner, entertainment and wine will be due no later than the meeting on November 1.

Send check (made payable to St. Thomas More Funsters) to Bob Lento, 7 Merryton St., Voorhees, NJ 08043.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

An enrollment of all seventh grade candidates into the Confirmation preparation program will be held this Sunday, October 7, during the 10:00 Mass.

The first Confirmation I class for all seventh grade students and their parents will be held from 11:00 to 12:30 in the St. Thomas More Hall immediately following the Enrollment Mass.

A meeting outlining the preparation program for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be held for parents of all second grade children *next* Sunday, October 14, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Liturgy of the Word for Children - **This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages 3 through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed.**

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

ST. THOMAS MORE YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsal: **THIS Sun., Oct. 7**
Next Sun., Oct. 14

Time: **11 a.m.**

All rehearsals will be held in the Chapel. We are singing at the 10:00 Mass on Sun., October 21. Plan to arrive by 9:30 a.m.

June Garafano, Youth Choir Leader

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 6

9:00 am **Arnold Gilden** r/b Florianna
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm **Carmen Spinelli** r/b Buzz & Loretta Cirillo

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7

8:30 am **Robert Middleton** r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
10:00 am **JoAnn Gadren** r/b the Wachmans
Helen Copperthwaite r/b Terri Conway
Marciano Dizon, Jr. r/b John & Letty Duffy
11:30 am **Kathleen Frain** r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - OCTOBER 8

6:45 am **Jean Barbagallo** r/b Dr. John Vivone
9:00 am **Anthony Pezzella, Sr.** r/b Pat & Nick Kirincic

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 9

6:45 am **People of the Parish**
9:00 am **Sue M. Buttacavoli** r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 10

6:45 am **Peggy o'Malley** r/b Martin O'Malley
9:00 am **Intentions of Msgr. Morgan** r/b SCC Wednesday Group

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 11

6:45 am **People of the Parish**
9:00 am **Patricia Kennelly** r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
Bryan Callaghan r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
Robert Schadt r/b Phyllis & Family

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 12

6:45 am **Joan Radula** r/b Florianna Gilden
9:00 am **Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary of Stan and Maureen Kochanek**

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 13

9:00 am **JoAnn Gadren** r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm **Diane BiFrett** r/b Robert Sorrentino

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 14

8:30 am **Emily Ryszkiewicz** r/b Mary Jane Wagner
10:00 am **Deceased Members of Leber Family** r/b Mildred
JoAnn Gadren r/b Galati Family
Eugene Finn r/b daughter, Roseann & Family
11:30 am **Joe Turiano** r/b Kay & Family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

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

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Lt. 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.

HELP WANTED
FOR APPLE PIE MAKING
WHEN: Friday, October 19 after the 9:00 Mass
WHERE: in Classrooms 1 & 2
If you peel apples, you qualify to help!
Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

The 2013 MASS BOOK IS OPEN for your Mass intentions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are meeting this Thursday, October 11, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Sheila Mohan, Chair

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 14, 2012 – Mark 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"...Jesus responded, "You know the commandments: You shall not kill, etc." The man said to Jesus, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement, the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Commentary:

Today's Gospel illustrates the frequent conflict between wisdom and wealth. The man who asked the secret of everlasting life was clearly a thoroughly good person. But Jesus senses in this man an attitude of not needing anyone else. Jesus tells him, in effect, "All the resources on which you rely are useless. Get rid of them, trust in God, and follow me." The challenge here was not to *poverty* as such, but to trust. Salvation is God's gift, not a reward for human efforts.

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?

The St. Thomas More **St. Vincent de Paul Society** has initiated a ***Soap for Hope*** program.

The purpose of this program is to collect unused soaps and shampoos that you may have from hotel stays or travel-sized items you purchased for a trip but never used. These will be distributed once a month to various homeless shelters in the area. A basket will be located in the gathering space on the weekends during all the Masses. You can drop off your donations during any weekend. If you have these items sitting at home, there are people who can use them and they will be grateful for your generosity. Thank you.

Paul Rossi, Coordinator

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
2012 WALK FOR LIFE and
CRAFT and HARVEST FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 20 at 10 AM
Benefitting **OPTIONS** *for Women*
1500 N Kings Hwy., Cherry Hill, NJ
For more details and to register visit:
www.optionswalknj.org or
call (856) 795-0166

Denise Radziwill

The late Rev. Richard J. Neuhaus wrote words appropriate for Respect Life Sunday: "We contend, and we contend relentlessly for the dignity of the human person, of every human person created in the image and likeness of God...every Human person, no matter how weak or how strong, no matter how young or how old, no matter how productive or how burdensome, no matter how welcome or how inconvenient."

(First Things, Summer, 2008)

Auxiliary of St. Mary's Catholic Homes in Cherry Hill

Our Auxiliary is looking to expand its membership. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, Sept. thru May, for a short meeting and light lunch. Our goal and purpose is to raise funds to be used for the comfort and entertainment of those who reside at St. Mary's Nursing Home and The Manor. It is truly a rewarding experience. Yearly membership dues are $15. For more information contact Shirley at 856-218-0695. We hope you will consider joining us!

Rev. Michael Romano, Dir. of Vocations, is hosting a "Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group" at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Williamstown, NJ. Young men 18 to 39 years old who feel the possible call to the priesthood are invited. First session is next Sunday, October 14th at 2:00 PM.