# 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: 3:15-4:00 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

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| **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 |
| 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 |

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| **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 | June Garafano | 229-7461 |
| Funsters (over 50 club) | Lin Lyon | 795-4396 |
| 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

## Confession on Saturdays
**During LENT here at St. Thomas More:**
**March 16 and 23**
**9:30 - 10:00 AM and 3:15 - 4:00 PM**

**Regional Penance Service**
**Monday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.**
**at Christ Our Light Parish**
**Kings Hwy. North, Cherry Hill**

**Extra Pamphlets on**
***How to Make A Good Confession***
**are available in the gathering space.**

## *PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!*

"*God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy*." (cf.Eph1:4) God has chosen each person in Christ to live out that holiness through a particular vocation.

**Rev. Michael Romano, Director of Vocations, will be at our parish next weekend, March 16/17, to preach about religious vocations. While here, he will be available to meet with any young person with questions about the call to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you would like to set up a time to meet with Fr. Romano next weekend, you can contact him beforehand at michael.romano@camdendiocese.org or 583 -2858.** ***Together, we pray that more people from our parish may generously respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life!***

## St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society

*Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home.*

**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Next weekend we will be collecting food and funds to purchase food after all Masses so that together we can help the suffering and the poor.**

***Frank Nicoletti, President***

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**
**March 3, 2013**
**$10,775.50 - 246 Envelopes**
***May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.***

# The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion

*Fr. Phillip Johnson*

*A series of reflections about professing, praying, and living the Faith of the Church, in celebration of the Year of Faith, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. Previous articles in the series can be found on our parish website: stthomasmorenj.org.*

## *Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread*

### *Today . . .*

The past is not to be simply forgotten, but it is, after all, the past. The future may be prudently anticipated, but it remains always uncertain and beyond our control. In the life of faith, it is *today* that claims our attention. "Today" is a recurring spiritual theme in Holy Scripture. "Oh, that today you would hear the voice of the Lord" (Ps 95:8). "Do not be anxious about tomorrow. Let the day's own troubles be sufficient for the day (Matt 6:34). "Encourage one another every day, as long as it is called "today" (Heb 3:13). So we are taught to pray: Give us *today*, bread enough for today.

### *Manna in the Wilderness . . .*

This petition calls to mind the Old Testament story of the "manna," the bread that miraculously fell from heaven to sustain God's people in their long wilderness sojourn (Exodus, ch. 16). The people were to collect only a "daily portion" (v. 4) – just enough for each household for that day. "Let no one keep any of it until tomorrow morning," Moses instructed. "And none had too much and none had too little." But "when some kept a part of it over until the following morning, it became wormy and rotten" (vv. 16-20). It is impossible to think that this story was not on the mind of Jesus as he taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread."

### *Bread . . .*

"Bread" stands for all our material needs. In fact, according to Jesus, this is where faith in God begins – with a creaturely, childlike trust that our heavenly Father will provide our most basic needs. But "one does not live by bread alone," says Jesus, "but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt 4:4). And so we pray: "Give us to know God's will for us *today*. Give us courage enough just for *today*. Give us our *daily portion* of love toward others, emotional strength and wisdom to guide our children *today*. Keep me *today* from that particular sin that stalks me and makes me ashamed. We don't need to hoard God's gifts against an uncertain future. Each day his promises are renewed.

### *Eucharistic Bread . . .*

Speaking of his Eucharistic Body, Jesus said, "This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate (the manna) and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:58). Not every one can attend the Holy Eucharist daily. But all of us can pray daily, from Eucharist to Eucharist, "give us this day our daily bread" – joining by faith with the voice of the gathered Church as she prays at Christ's altar every day, "Give us this day our daily bread", and receives the life-giving manna on the sojourn to heaven.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Ministry Schedule for March 16 and 17, 2013**

| Mass Time | Presider | Music | Extraordinary Minister | Lector | Altar Server |
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| 4:30 p.m. | Father Romano | D Kreal<br>R Pisani | Sr. Anna, D Kreal<br>J Mohan, I Rellosa | T Andraka | A/K/M Quay |
| 8:30 a.m. | Father Joyce | C Pisani<br>R Pisani | Sr. Bozena<br>A Del Campo-O'Brien<br>A Pajic, B Scarpa | P Lachnicht | J Pol<br>J Cole<br>B Scarpa |
| 10:00 a.m. | Father Joyce | R Pisani<br>B Casey | G Gadren, J Mazzagatti<br>D/ML Thomas | B McCabe | J/P/S Wachman |
| 11:30 a.m. | Father Johnson | G Nacarelli<br>R Pisani | J/L Duffy<br>B Haughwout, M Santiago | V Marchesani | A/J Zieba<br>R Nicklous |

### *Women's Club News*

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., March 13, 7:30 p.m.
- **General Meeting:** Game Day - Mar 27, 12 Noon
- **Women's Day of Reflection:** *Awakening the Spirit Within:* **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Wed., April 24, 9 am-2 pm

*Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838*

### YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Jesus the Healer** performed by the Franciscan Mystery Players (group of high school students & adults) on Friday Evening, March 15, 7:30 PM at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (located across pkg. lot from Paul VI HS). Hosted by combined Youth Ministries of St. Rose of Lima, Holy Eucharist & St. Joseph the Worker Parishes. *No Cost, free will offering accepted.*

*Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator-424-1120*

St. Thomas More

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE

St. Thomas More Parish's always popular Progressive Dinner will take place on **Sunday, April 7, 2013** at Caffe Aldo Lamberti, Cherry Hill, **5:30—9:30 P.M.** $49 per person. **For reservations & menu selections** please call Mary Lou Thomas, 856-429-1379 or Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323.

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Confirmation session for both eighth grade students AND their parents will be held this Sunday, March 10, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. Sponsors are welcome to attend as well. All families should participate in the 10:00 Mass followed by the session at 11:00.

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

### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

**If in this calendar year (1-1-13 thru 12-31-13) you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more than 50 years of marriage, please join us in celebrating on Sunday, April 28, 2013, at 3:00 Mass at Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Agnes Church, 701 Little Gloucester Rd., in Blackwood. Questions? Please call 856-583-6132. Registration forms are available in the parish office. Return form no later than 4/5/13.**

### St. Thomas More Easter Youth Choir

**Rehearsal Schedule**

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| Tues., Mar. 12 | 5:45 - 6:45 PM | Chapel |
| Tues., Mar. 19 | 5:45 - 6:45 PM | Chapel |
| Sun., Mar. 24 | 11 am -12 noon | Classroom |
| Sun., Mar. 31 | Arrive by 11:00 | Church |

**We will be singing at the 11:30 Mass on Easter Sunday, *wear your Easter Sunday Best*!** Students (K-High School) are invited to join the youth choir. If interested, please just come to rehearsals above or contact the Youth Choir Director, June Garafano, at 229-7461 or juneanng@hotmail.com.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY - MARCH 9
9:00 am **Living & Deceased Members of the Parish**
4:30 pm **Maria Riccarrdi** r/b Angelo & Carol Ariani

### SUNDAY - MARCH 10
8:30 am **Elizabeth Edapatt** r/b Pottackal Family
10:00 am **Caroline Forberger** r/b Norma & Family
**Michael Branca** r/b Mr & Mrs Richard Allchin & Family
11:30 am **Francesco & Lucrezia** r/b Wife & Mom

### MONDAY - MARCH 11
6:45 am **Charles Fitzpatrick** r/b His Wife
9:00 am **Sara Centonze** r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

### TUESDAY - MARCH 12
6:45 am **Noella Charron** r/b Paul Charette & Family
9:00 am **William Harley** r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

### WEDNESDAY - MARCH 13
6:45 am **Taryn Mokszycki** r/b Frank Geyer
9:00 am **Karen Browning** r/b Mom & Family

### THURSDAY - MARCH 14
6:45 am **Deacon Bill Steltemeier** r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am **Angelo Martino** r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento
**Netta Torlucci** r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

### FRIDAY - MARCH 15
6:45 am **Donald J. Condon, Sr.** r/b the Charette Family
9:00 am **Netta Torlucci** r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

### SATURDAY - MARCH 16
9:00 am **Michael Vigrass** r/b Family
**Living & Deceased Members of the Parish**
4:30 pm **John Mohan, Sr.** r/b John & Sheila Mohan

### SUNDAY - MARCH 17
8:30 am **Jim Bones** r/b Teri & Family
10:00 am **Gloria Ann DiMedio** r/b Kolecki Family
**James Gillece** r/b the Family
11:30 am **Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish** r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

***THE DECEASED...*** **Anna Stanzione**, sister of parishioner Fred Petrone.

***THE SICK...***

Don Kreal
Maria Storms
Phyllis Schadt
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
Danny Perla
Anna Bedrick
Bob & Claire Boylan
Naomi Willingmyre
George Sweeten
Frank Cappetta
Michael Kapischke
Betty O'Donnell
Marie Mazzagatti
Stanley Kochanek
Pauline Rosberg
Joseph Console
Geralyn Coticone
Jerry McMenamin
Pasquale DiFronzo
Dorothy Wolenter
Mary Branciforte
Virginia Gormley
Angelo DiGiacomo
Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Francesca Capra
Chuck Kapischke
Deacon Jim Smith
John B. Kennedy
Joanne James
Alfred DiFrank
Denise Daniels
Chris Kolodzey
Marie DiFrank
Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Betty Brennan
Sharon Bushelli
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Teddy Shaffer
Bill Botensten
Ed Rivero
Paul Charette
Pat Brink

***THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...***

Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Lt. 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 Sgt. Michael Willingmyre.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** for the annual **Collection for Black and Indian Missions.** Our financial contribution helps support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. It also supports African American schools and evangelization programs, particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting this collection.

The Stations of the Cross are being held on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

## 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2013 – John 8:1-11***

The scribes and Pharisees attempt to trick Jesus by bringing to him a woman caught in adultery. The law says that such women should be stoned to death. What would Jesus say?

"Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, Jesus straightened up and said to them, 'Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' Again, Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one...When Jesus saw that no one condemned the woman he said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

***Commentary:***

This Gospel is centered not so much on the woman or her sin of adultery as it is on a personal encounter with Jesus. Encountering Jesus always exposes the truth - both the woman and the crowd learn the truth about their own sin. They and we are not that different. We are all sinners who need to encounter Jesus, ask the truth about ourselves, and receive Jesus' mercy.

***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?

**How can we de-fund the multi-million dollar big abortion industry? Our elected officials are public servants, not king and queens. Unless we make demands, they will assume that the pro-death side speaks for us. We cannot and must not remain silent. As children of God, we must vote for moral, pro-life politicians at all levels of government.**

Pro-Life Corner

*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

**The *National* Catholic Youth Choir:** Choral camp and multi-state concert tour for students entering 10, 11, 12 grade in fall of 2013, June 17-July 2, 2013 at St. John's Abbey & Univ., Collegeville, MN - Applications online at www.CatholicYouthChoir.org, due March 18, 2013. Questions? Email dkantor@csbsju.edu or call 1-320-363-3154.

Diocese of Camden Office of Lifelong Faith Formation presents **Picking Popes - Resignation, Conclave, and the Future** - A special event with Christopher Bellitto, PhD (Assoc. Professor of History, Kean University) & media's primary expert on Pope Benedict's resignation on Wed., **March 27, 7:30-9 p.m.** at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Cherry Hill. **FREE admission. All are welcome.**

**Spring Musical at Camden Catholic High School**

***Once on This Island***, Performance times: March 15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 10 & 17 at 2 p.m. For Tickets ($10/person) call 663-2247 ext. 25; please leave your name, number of tickets needed and your phone number.

**Easter Flower donation envelopes** are included in your weekly envelope packet (there are extra envelopes in the gathering space). Your Easter Flower offering will be used for altar flowers, lilies for the shut-ins and church decorations. Your envelope can be put in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off at the parish office. Please indicate, on the envelope, if you wish to have your donation made in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will help to enhance our Easter liturgies.

**iRace4Vocations:** On **Sunday, April 21**, join us for our 2nd annual iRace4Vocations to raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the Camden Diocese. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate Mass at Noon followed by a 5k run/1.5 mile walk at Washington Lake Park, Sewell. Barbecue after race with children's activities. Represent your parish on this faith-filled day. To register now or get more info visit www.camdendiocese.org.