

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
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
Church Environment

Ch. Art Environment
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Linen Committee
Sacristans

Ushers
Music Ministry

Social Development
Bridge Groups

Career Ministry
Funsters (over 50 club)
Parish Festival
Women's Club

Administration
House of Charity
Parish Finance Council
Parish Pastoral Council

Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Antonina Nicdao 751-6320
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Dom Sacca
Tom Petrilli 751-1367
Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
Frank Krenslak 309-1999
Roger Pisani, Director 609-488-0020
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Len Kolojechick 346-4078
June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461

Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
June Garafano 229-7461
Lin Lyon 795-4396
Committee 424-3212
Eileen Withers 751-6838

Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212
Robert Crawford 424-3212
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



ALL parishioners are invited to attend Confirmation Mass on Wednesday, May 1 at 5 p.m.

Please join in celebrating with our Confirmandi, and their families, as they are confirmed by Bishop Dennis Sullivan.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING:
Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Club News

- **Women's Day of Reflection: Wednesday, April 24** - Thank you to the women who have signed up, we have reached full capacity. For those going to the Women's Day of Reflection we will be meeting in the new retreat center (in the back of the Franciscan Sisters' grounds). Mass begins at 9 a.m.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal
Filling the Darkness with LIGHT



Thank you to those who have already pledged. We are still striving to reach our parish goal of \$110,000.00. Pledge cards are available in the gathering space — please mail in or drop off at the parish office.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: The *Catholic Home Missions Appeal* works to support home mission dioceses in the U.S. by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Home mission priests & lay ministers require training to attend to the unique needs of their faith communities. Please help strengthen the Church at home with your generous gift.

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Mon.-Fri., Sept. 9-13: MAINE TRAIN TOUR - 5 night bus trip includes: 1 night stop in Boston area, visit to Acadia National Park, breakfast & dinner daily, & 3 different train excursions. \$679 pp dbl occupancy—\$150 deposit per person to hold space. Limited availability. Call Lin, 795-4396.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
April 14, 2013

\$9,082.50 - 243 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 11)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

*A series of reflections about professing, praying, thinking, and living the Faith of the Church
in celebration of the Year of Faith, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI.*

Easter Hospitality (part one)

[The risen Jesus] went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. With that, their eyes were opened and they recognized him (Luke 24:29-31).

Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead (John 21:12-14).

Peter proceeded to speak and said, ... “We are witnesses of all that he [Jesus] did ... This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, *who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead*” (Acts 10:34, 39-41, italics added).

I was fortunate in my seminary professors. I can recall some insight gained, some useful path of reflection laid out, in almost every course I took. But one seminar especially has followed me, or rather guided me, through the whole of my ministry. The course was entitled “Hospitality and Table Fellowship in the Bible”. We read together *every* text of Scripture in which a hospitality scene played an important role or in which hospitality was employed as a significant image for Christian faith and life. This journey through the Bible took us from Genesis 19 (Abraham's welcoming of the three mysterious strangers) through the apostolic epistles in the New Testament. Once a week our small class gathered in our professor's home where our study took place in the context of a shared meal.

As you might guess, the course gave a great deal of attention to the “Lord's Supper” – *the* shared meal which, for Christians, is at the center of our life with Jesus. At this meal, the table of fellowship was transformed by the Word of Christ into the holy altar of his self-sacrifice.

We learned to approach this gospel scene in a wide context of Israel's covenant meals, especially the annual Passover Seder and the weekly Sabbath meal. We reflected on how such meals tied together the themes of covenant, sacrifice, mutual hospitality. We re-read the gospels, taking note of how often the ministry of Jesus took place from home to home. Even at birth there was no room in the inn. Only through the hospitality of others did he find rest, food, and lodging. But mysteriously, wherever Jesus was welcomed as guest, he himself became the host. And we cannot forget the miraculous meal (recorded in all four Gospels) when Jesus fed the hungry multitude with but a few loaves and a few fish.

Seeing the “Last Supper” through this Scriptural wide-angle lens, one begins to notice how it is that all the preceding gospel meals anticipate the mystery of that meal which Jesus shared “in the night in which he was betrayed” – how each hospitality scene offers insights into the meaning of the Sacrament.

It is in this context also that we should recall the Easter meals, when the risen Christ comes to break bread with his disciples. We will ponder this mystery in next week's article. For the time being this gives me a chance to thank Professor John Koenig, who welcomed, fed, and taught me.

Congratulations to Valerie Sanchirico and Seema Charan

Both received Confirmation and First Eucharist here at St. Thomas More Parish



Hi, my name is Valerie Sanchirico and I am happy to be a part of Saint Thomas More's RCIA class. I am 25 years old and have lived in Cherry Hill almost my entire life. I was baptized when I was very young but never actually received communion or confirmation.

Prior to starting my RCIA formation, I had researched out and visited a couple of synagogues as well as some Protestant churches. However, I seemed to always gravitate back to the Catholic faith. I came to the RCIA in the Fall of 2012. In addition to wanting to learn more about the Church, I also wanted to solidify my faith so that I was prepared later on in life for when I get married and eventually have a family.

The RCIA has helped me tremendously since my commencement in October. I feel confident in my decision to go back to church. I realize that I still have a lot to learn. The classes have helped me recognize that being Catholic is a life-long commitment that requires constant reflection. I highly recommend the RCIA classes to anyone who is seeking and/or unsure of what it means to be a Catholic. The parish staff is full of great people who are wholeheartedly dedicated to supporting its members through their journey of faith!



My name is Seema Charan. I was born in New Delhi, India. I came to America in 1972 with my parents and younger brother. I come from a religious family and was baptized in the Methodist Church. I have relatives in India who have converted to the Catholic Faith and several who are Methodist Pastors. My mother instilled in me a religious foundation which included reading the Bible, singing Christian songs, and living a God fearing life. As an adult I began to search for a deeper faith and this is when I became attracted to the Catholic Faith.

Since coming to the Catholic Church, I realized that this is where I belong. I will always be very grateful to Father Johnson and the entire RCIA Team for giving me an opportunity to come to St. Thomas More Church and be a part of the RCIA. I see the Catholic Faith alive in each of the RCIA team members and they have taught me to live the teachings of Jesus. Becoming Catholic has changed my life and filled me with the blessings of God. I am happy to be a part of St. Thomas More Church which includes wonderful people who have committed to live the Catholic Faith with Jesus as the center. Glory be to God!



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SATURDAY - APRIL 20

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Joseph & Anna Ariani r/b Angelo & Carol Ariani

SUNDAY - APRIL 21

8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
10:00 am Joseph Sorentino r/b Mr & Mrs Robert Luther
F. Charles McCullen r/b Phyllis Kolecki
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

MONDAY - APRIL 22

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Vivian Sullivan r/b Barbara Bene

TUESDAY - APRIL 23

6:45 am Steven Carbone r/b Tartamosa Family
9:00 am Anna Stanzione r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 24

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Lorraine Kapischke r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY - APRIL 25

6:45 am Sharon Bushelli
9:00 am Anna Stanzione r/b Fred & Tina Petrone

FRIDAY - APRIL 26

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Virginia Santiago r/b Sandoli Family

SATURDAY - APRIL 27

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Tenth Anniversary of Death of Marion White r/b Wislocky Family

SUNDAY - APRIL 28

8:30 am Sharon Bushelli r/b Kathy & Bob Storm & Family
10:00 am David J. McDonnell, Jr. r/b Sheila & John Mohan
11:30 am Richard Byrnes r/b The Fitzpatrick Family



Pregnant? We Can Help! For Crisis Pregnancy Counseling or Adoption Services call 1-800-CARE (2273)-002.
- Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden
Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

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

Don Kreal	Bob & Claire Boylan	
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre	
Phyllis Schadt	George Sweeten	
Mary Flacco	Frank Cappetta	
Ron Massey	Michael Kapischke	
Olga Mignone	Betty O'Donnell	
Frank Colbert	Marie Mazzagatti	
Mary Cowan	Stanley Kochanek	
Shirley Birch	Pauline Rosberg	
Jean Colbert	Joseph Console	
Dorothy Brink	Geralyn Coticone	
Pat Barton	Jerry McMenamin	
Leila Lore	Pasquale DiFronzo	
Chase Lupica	Dorothy Wolenter	
Pat Beaney	Mary Branciforte	
YunYun Shen	Virginia Gormley	Joanne James
Virginia Foley	Angelo DiGiacomo	Alfred DiFrank
Fran Swider	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Denise Daniels
Rose Hession	Francesca Capra	Chris Kolodzey
Danny Perla	Chuck Kapischke	Marie DiFrank
Anna Bedrick	Deacon Jim Smith	Ethan Killeen
Harry Gindele	John B. Kennedy	Carlos Santiago
		Betty Brennan
		Barbara Salpas
		Michael Suralik
		Bill O'Donnell
		Teddy Shaffer
		Bill Botensten
		Ed Rivero
		Paul Charette
		Pat Brink
		Helen Kane

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.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Individual five-minute meetings with either Father Johnson, Deacon John, Sister Ann Byrnes or Pat Maggart will be held THIS Sunday, April 21, following the 11:30 Mass for all First Communicants and their parents.

During the months of April and May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

A retreat for all 2013 Confirmation candidates will be held next Saturday, April 27, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All candidates being confirmed on May 1 must attend.

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

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.

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 Easter, April 28, 2013 – John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Commentary:

There are many examples in the Bible of farewell speeches. They always include leaving a farewell gift. Jesus addressed his disciples as "my children," like a father would on his deathbed. Jesus' gift is the commandment to "love one another." This is the key to eternal happiness. "Love your neighbor as yourself" had been around for a long time. There was something new in Jesus' command. ***They were to love each other as Jesus loves.*** It is to be a totally selfless love. Jesus' death on the cross is the highest expression of his love. It is this love which identifies the disciples with Jesus. ***What we believe, how we behave and worship must be motivated by his command to "love one another" as he loves us.*** This is the necessary mark of a truly Christian community.

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?

CAP (Child Assault Prevention) is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Diocesan policy is that adults will attend CAP once every 5 years.

Adults must attend CAP 1 before CAP 2.

CAP Phase 1

Thurs., May 2, 7 p.m., St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Hammonton, St. Anthony Hall, Rt. 206

Mon., May 13, 7 p.m., Christ the Redeemer, Atco, Hall

Wed., May 29, 7 p.m., Mary, Queen of All Saints, Pennsauken, School Hall, 49th St.

CAP Phase 2 — Bullying Prevention

To attend one of the classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child & Youth Protection at 583-6165 or email ddiggons@camdendiocese.org to register. **Please register at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend.**

CAP schedule, location phone numbers & directions may be found on the diocesan website: www.camdendiocese.org.

Ministry Schedule for April 27 and 28, 2013					
Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	Sr. Anna, J Galati D Kreal, I Rellosa	T Andraka	J/P/S Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale B Casey R Pisani	Sr. Rosaria, B Massey A Pajic, P Rossi	P Lachnicht	E Barbera D DeMarco A Rzepski
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir D Kreal, R Pisani	G Gadren, K Glover, D Gould, M Santiago	K McFadden	C/J McFadden R Nicklous
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Pisani A Rivero	M Garber, M Gorin S Kane, J Mazzagatti	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta