

# 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	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Ch. Art Environment	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
Lectors	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Linen Committee	Dom Sacca	
Sacristans	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 Kolojchick	346-4078
	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461

### Social Development Bridge Groups

	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	June Garafano	229-7461
Career Ministry	Lin Lyon	795-4396
Funsters (over 50 club)	Committee	424-3212
Parish Festival	Eileen Withers	751-6838
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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 5, 2013

### 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

The Ascension of the Lord is a Holyday of Obligation.

Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. and on Thursday, May 9, at 6:45 & 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Diocese of Camden will honor this year's priest *Jubilarians* who are celebrating 25, 40 or 50 year anniversaries. The Mass will be held this Tuesday, May 7, at 4 pm at Christ Our Light Parish, Kings Hwy., Cherry Hill.

Father Michael Rush and Father Patsy Amabile, who served here at St. Thomas More Parish, will be celebrating their 40 year anniversary of ordination. **ALL ARE INVITED!**

### ALTAR SERVER GATHERING

On Tuesday, May 21, we will have our annual Altar Server Appreciation Gathering. We will meet in the Church at 4:30 pm to review guidelines for altar servers, and then proceed to the Rectory grounds for a barbecue and games. Parents can pick students up at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Sister Ann at 424-3212 by May 19. Please mark your calendars! Don't miss out on the fun!

### MOTHER'S DAY CARDS/REMEMBRANCES

During the month of May the parish will remember all the mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased, of our parishioners. Ten Masses will be celebrated in the chapel in their honor. If you would like your mother or grandmother remembered in this special manner please return a Mother's Day envelope that was sent along with your weekly collection envelopes. Extra envelopes are available in the gathering space or parish office. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar during May. *Mother's Day cards are also available in the gathering space* which can be sent to your mother telling her that she will be remembered at the Masses at St. Thomas More.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

April 28, 2013

\$8,203.00 - 208 Envelopes

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



Congratulations to our twenty-seven young people who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they live with the knowledge that God's Spirit dwells within them.

### **CONFIRMANDI - 2013**

- Jose Joseph Andino**
- Carrie Lucy Baeckstrom**
- Evan Sebastian Campbell**
- Paola Alexandria Canello**
- Zachary Thomas Casey**
- Andrew Christopher Cosenza**
- Michael Joseph D'Auria**
- Liam John Egenton**
- Courtney Veronica Finnegan**
- Matthew Anthony Grillo**
- Olivia Maria Gross**
- Kaitlyn Theresa Johnson**
- Emelia Catherine Keller**
- Andrew Mark Lochbihler**
- Ryan Francis McCann**
- Kevin Francis Murphy**
- William John Neale**
- Emma Marina Parker**
- Rachel Abre Pierce**
- Allyson Elizabeth Quay**
- Nicholas Blaise Reganata**
- Alexander Francis Rodriguez**
- Abigail Louise Roncace**
- Adia Jacqueline Rumell**
- Joelle Veronica Wachman**
- Christopher Nicholas Witting**
- Justyna Lucy Zieba**



Let us rejoice with these children as they partake of this food for their souls, as we all share in the one Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.

### **First Communicants - 2013**

- Dominic Angelucci**
- Chas Bachman**
- Reis Bachman**
- Brianna Bogos**
- Anthony D'Auria**
- Ryan Donahue**
- Andrew Erlam**
- Kaitlyn Fahy**
- Mariela Fasnacht**
- Marley Fowler**
- Claudia Fulton**
- Ian Gross**
- William Hart**
- Timothy Kenny**
- Carolyn Kirk**
- Isabella Masino**
- Sofia Masino**
- Delanie Morris**
- Sean Murphy**
- Jacqueline Smith**
- Sam Winsett**

We extend our sincere thanks to our committed, enthusiastic and God-focused catechists and substitute catechists who work so diligently to deepen our children's awareness of God.

Patricia Maggart, PCL  
Deacon John Harrington  
Sister Ann Byrnes  
Sister Anna  
Sister Bozena

Sister Philomena  
Sister Sophie  
Stan Thompson  
Maureen Chorney  
Marianne Wilkins

Pat Kirincic  
Joanne Wachman  
Shirley Kane  
Antoinette Del Campo-O'Brien  
June-Ann Garafano

Pat Baeckstrom  
Fran Egges  
Scott Campbell  
Janice Quay  
Beth Markiewicz

Blessings,  
Father Phillip Johnson

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Ministry Schedule for May 8, 9, 11, and 12, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Vigil Mass <b>7:30 pm</b>	Father Johnson	D Kreal R Pisani	G Gadren S Mohan	J Mohan	A Rzepski
Ascension Thurs. <b>7:30 pm</b>	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	E Beckman P Rossi	T Andraka	B Scarpa
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Father O'Neill	C Pisani R Pisani	R Crawford, D Kreal S Mohan, G Tyrrell	J Mohan	I Fulton, D Ha L Smith
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Father Johnson	J Garafano R Pisani	A Pajic, Sr. Rosaria P Rossi, B Scarpa	J Vecchiola	E Barbera K Johnson B Scarpa
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Father Johnson	Adult Choir M Kramer, R Pisani	K Glover, N/P Kirincic J Mazzagatti	N Albone	R Caton A/T Rumell
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Father Johnson	C Malatino R Pisani	M Garber, B/AM Lento D Staton	J Arnold	A/K/M Quay

### *Women's Club News*

- Board Meeting: **Wed., May 8, 7:30 p.m.**
- Book Group: Tues., May 14 at Lin Lyon's home (795-4396) reading "The Light Beneath Oceans" by M. L. Stedman
- Women's Club Gala: **Wed., May 22 at 6:30 p.m. (SAVE THE DATE)**

*Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323 &  
Lorraine Kennedy, 489-0031, Co-Presidents*

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The annual May procession and crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother will be this Sunday, May 5, following the 10:00 Mass.

During the month of May the offertory gifts are being brought forward by our First Communicants.

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



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

*Sheila Mohan, Chair*

**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.**



### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*Stewards not afraid*

**"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."**

*(John 14:27b)*

**When we let the daily pressures of life trouble us, we begin to believe that we are responsible for taking care of everything. This causes us to frantically cling to our time and treasure. Yet, Jesus tells us not to be troubled or afraid. Take a deep breath, pray and place your trust in God. When you do, you will be a better *Steward* of all that God has placed in your care.**

### Progressive Dinner

The Saint Thomas More Women's Club would like to thank the following donors who provided door prizes for our Progressive Dinner.

*Main Street Pub in Voorhees  
Redstone Grill in the Promenade at Sagemore  
Gingers in Medford  
Brio at the Promenade at Sagemore  
Caffe Aldo Lamberti  
Joan Pryer for Flyers Hockey Team Tickets  
Turning Point on Route 73 in Marlton*







**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**SATURDAY - MAY 4**

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Arnold Clark r/b Tobin Family

**SUNDAY - MAY 5**

8:30 am People of the Parish  
10:00 am Ann Morgan r/b Jim & Pat Beaney  
Mary Jean Sankowski r/b Marie Dalonzo  
Michael Branca r/b His Family  
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

**MONDAY - MAY 6**

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

**TUESDAY - MAY 7**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Eleanor Scarpa r/b Gary & daughter, Lenore

**WEDNESDAY - MAY 8**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Clare Capone r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke  
7:30 pm Carlos Grilli r/b Jim & Ann Tobin  
*Vigil Mass*

**THURSDAY - MAY 9, *The Ascension of the Lord***

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Bridie Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan  
7:30 pm Cora Colantonio r/b Mr & Mrs Matthew Parkhill & Family

**FRIDAY - MAY 10**

6:45 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am Joan Radula r/b Teri Bones

**SATURDAY - MAY 11**

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Karen Cutler r/b Janet

**SUNDAY - MAY 12**

8:30 am Elizabeth Wilson & Madge DeMasi r/b the DeMasi Family  
10:00 am Marie D'Ippolito & Mildred Radziwill r/b Radziwill Family  
Frances Pisera r/b Gould Family  
11:30 am Francesco & Lucrezia r/b Rossanna

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

***THE SICK...***

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

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



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION COLLECTION**

How the GOOD NEWS Gets Around...TO YOU.

***NEXT WEEKEND*** — This collection communicates the Good News through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese, so please be generous in this collection.

**'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.

### 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2013 - 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 loved 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?

#### 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?

### LITTLE SERVANT SISTERS GARDEN FESTIVAL

1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill  
Saturday, September 7, 2013

**"White Elephant"** Donations of gently used Clothing & clean Household Goods requested & accepted now through August 31, 2013. Volunteers welcome. Information about food, etc. will be forthcoming.

Mrs. Grabowski, 235-1521  
Little Servant Sisters, 424-1962



Abortion is a tragic mistake for all involved. The consequences on family relationships can be far-reaching and quite destructive. Yet there is nothing beyond God's capacity to heal and forgive.

Pro-Life Corner, distributed by  
Stephenson County Right to Life

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

### HIGH SCHOOL MALES Come Join Us!

Prayer, Faith, Food, Recreation

#### SUSCIPE SATURDAYS

Suscipe Saturdays invites young men in high school to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Christ in order to better discern God's call for their lives.

Meeting is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish, Senior Center in Merchantville next Saturday, May 11. Contact Father Michael Romano with any questions at (856) 583-2858 or email Father Romano at michael.romano@camdendiocese.org.

Camden Catholic OPEN HOUSE, Attention 7th graders: **Mon., May 6 at 7 p.m.** Tour school and get to know students and faculty. Admission dates & procedures for next year will be shared. RSVP 856-663-2247 ext. 49.

### Are You in Danger of a Heart Attack?

Over 65 million Americans have high blood pressure and another 7 million have already suffered a heart attack. In fact, heart disease is the nation's leading cause of death.

Want an informative pamphlet that can help you understand more about heart disease, the risk factors, and steps you can take that may prevent the disease from taking a toll on your life? To order your FREE brochure, please call **1-877-DIOCESE** (1-877-346-2373) with compliments of Division of Health Services, Diocese of Camden



### ST. THOMAS MORE PRAYER CHAIN:

Do you have a special intention for which you are praying? Have others share your need by calling the Prayer Line. All requests are kept confidential. Contact the parish office, 424-3212.