

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: 7:00 pm
Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:00 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
Sister Katherine Pociеча, LSIC, Religious Education Coordinator
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	Staff	424-3212
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.	Sister Katherine Pociеча	424-3212
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212
Rosary Ministry	Marian Kapischke	424-2053
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	344-7454
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	Sister Ann Byrnes	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 Bridge Groups

	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	June Garafano	229-7461
	Lin Lyon	795-4396
	Committee	424-3212
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
	Lorraine Kennedy	489-0031

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



SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH PICNIC

ALL ARE INVITED

Catechetical Sunday

September 15, 2013

12:30 – 3:00 PM

A Time for Fellowship, Food and Fun!

A Time to Connect after the Summer!

A Time to Welcome Back our Catechists and Students!

A Time to Launch our Religious Education Year!

Music! Entertainment for All! Children's Games & Crafts!

Pig Roast, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages and More!

Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share, call
Marianne Gorin at 346-1811.

IMPORTANT — Volunteers are needed for Set-Up on Saturday, 9/14/13 at 10:00 AM

Volunteers are needed to help clean-up after picnic.

Many hands make light work. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time.

Call Gary Gadren, 856-428-6830.



NEXT WEEKEND: The Peter's Pence Collection, which will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, supports the charitable works of the Holy Father and provides emergency assistance to those most in need, including victims of oppression, natural disaster, and war.

Please be as generous as possible.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Invite the Poor

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.”

Luke 14:13-14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return. Yet, as Christian *Stewards* we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

August 25, 2013

\$8,151.50 - 185 Envelopes

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

A True Blessing

Our Small Christian Communities bring parishioners together in Faith and Love



Floriann Gilden's Small Christian Community gathers to pray and celebrate Floriann's 90th Birthday!!!

- ▶ In an age of impersonalism it can be easy to get lost in the masses, so to speak.
- ▶ Mounting evidence suggests, however, that a worldwide movement to reclaim the sense of community upon which the church was founded is taking shape.
- ▶ This movement has spawned a new parish model, in which parishioners regularly gather in more intimate groups for prayer and faith-sharing.
- ▶ Father Art Baranowski, author of numerous books on SCC, states, "Small communities, in addition to the Eucharist on Sunday, get people to realize what it means to live the faith every day. Ordinary people help each other do that by speaking from their life experience."

Are you a Member of a Small Christian Community? If not, what is holding you back?

Call Sister Ann (424-3212) to enroll in a SCC this Fall.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for September 7, and 8, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Malatino R Pisani	B Crawford, D Kreal I Rellosa	T Andraka	J/P Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke R Pisani	Sr. Rosaria J/L Duffy	M Maggart	A Rzepski C Cepeda R Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir, D Kreal R Pisani	M Huynh D/L Lyon	K McFadden	C/J McFadden E Barbera
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	M Gorin, J Mazzagatti S Kane	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta R Caton

**1st Annual
Saint Thomas More Parish
Harvest Festival**



Sunday, October 20, 2013

Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton

3-4 pm Cocktails (cash bar)

4-8 pm Dinner, Dancing and Drawing

New & Exciting Fundraiser and Social Gathering
and Music provided by D. J. John Negro.

This will be the only Parish Fundraiser for the year. Please plan to participate.

Tickets are available after all Masses.

Raffle Ticket \$100.00 each

1st Prize \$10,000.00 or 25%

2nd Prize \$ 6,000.00 or 15%

3rd Prize \$ 2,000.00 or 5%

4th Prize \$ 2,000.00 or 5%

Dinner Ticket \$30.00 per person

Includes Buffet Dinner, Music, Dancing & Prizes

Proceeds will be used for Emergency Medical Equip-

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

2013 Golf Tournament

September 10 at Pennsauken Country Club

Questions??? Please call Frank Balzano, 986-0805.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for our 2013-2014 Religious Education Program concluded on June 30. Reminder letters and registration forms have been mailed to the homes of those students who have not re-registered to date. Registration of first grade students, as well as students who are new to our parish, will continue throughout the summer. If your child has not been registered, please do so immediately. Registration forms are available in the gathering space or on-line at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>.

Sr. Katherine Pociеча, REC - 424-3212 ext. 106

Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
1000 Cropwell Rd., Cherry Hill - (856) 424-1962

GARDEN FESTIVAL

NEXT Sat., September 7 (9 am - 6 pm)
WELCOME to our 45TH Fundraiser Year

Homemade Polish Hot & Frozen Food

Homemade Baked Goods & Refreshments

American Food & Mr. Softee Ice Cream

ANDY CITKOWICZ-Radio Personality & D.J. 12-5pm

White Elephant Sale & Collectibles

Religious Goods, Polish Imports, Plants & Silk Flowers

Prizes & Children's Games

DIVINE MERCY Devotions in Chapel at 3 pm

Donations of gently used Clothing & clean

Household Goods requested and

accepted now through August 31, 2013.

For more info call Rosemarie Grabowski at 235-1521.



Please remember your **Soap for Hope** donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) and place in the basket in the gathering space. Thank you. *St. Vincent de Paul Society*



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SATURDAY - AUGUST 31

9:00 am Elizabeth Wilson r/b Beverly & Vincent DeMasi
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Anthony Chiarella r/b Family

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 am Louis Casa r/b daughter, Mielyn & Family
10:00 am Giliane & Jacques Liautaud r/b Family
Loretta Cirillo r/b Lynn Ellinger
Lola Zbikowski r/b Lynn Ellinger
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 2, Labor Day

9:00 am Dorothy Brink r/b Pat & Don

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 3

6:45 am Robert Reinhardt r/b Dave Bongiovanni
9:00 am Anthony Centonze r/b His Children

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 4

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am A. Robert Giorgio r/b Maryann & Ray Sooy

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 5

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Lou Casa r/b St. Vincent de Paul
Dolores Pearse r/b Danny Pearse

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 6

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Special Intention of Donna Carol Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 am Frances M. McHugh r/b Jim & Sheila DeCrescenzo
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Don Heister r/b Buzz Cirillo

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 am Cora Colantonio r/b Chick & Ellie Perrotto
10:00 am Loretta Cirillo r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
Dorothy Brink r/b Pat & Don
Joseph Flacco r/b Gary Gadren
11:30 am Michael DeLuca r/b Dad, Kathryn, & Michelle

PLEASE NOTE: On Labor Day (Monday, September 2) we will be celebrating the 9:00 Mass.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... Vincent Boianelli, Sr.

THE SICK...

Don Kreal	Claire Boylan
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre
Phyllis Schadt	George Sweeten
Ron Massey	John B. Kennedy
Olga Mignone	Michael Kapischke
Frank Colbert	Betty O'Donnell
	Alfred DiFrank
Mary Cowan	Marie Mazzagatti
Shirley Birch	Stanley Kochanek
Jean Colbert	Pauline Rosberg
Pat Barton	Joseph Console
Leila Lore	Geralyn Coticone
Ed Rivero	Jerry McMenamin
Pat Beaney	Pasquale DiFronzo
YunYun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter
Virginia Foley	Mary Branciforte
Fran Swider	Virginia Gormley
Rose Hession	Angelo DiGiacomo
Danny Perla	Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Anna Bedrick	Francesca Capra
Pat Brink	Harry Gindele
Ginny Fritz	Deacon Jim Smith
Mary DeVito	Ann Marie Lento



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, Air Force Major Elizabeth Michael (Tobin), PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, Air Force Major James P. Tobin, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Sgt. Michael Willingmyre.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Anointing of the Sick**
Saturday, September 21
Parish Chapel - 9 am Mass
- **Paul's Letter to the Corinthians**
Mondays after the 9 am Mass
September 23-November 4
- **Invitation to a Journey called RCIA**
Tuesday Evenings - 7 pm
Beginning October 1
Call Sister Ann at 424-3212 to register.

**1st Annual Bike Ride
The Children's Home**

NEXT Saturday, September 7
To register or for more information:
Kids@chbc.org, 609-267-1550 ext. 138
or www.childrens-home.org



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 8, 2013 - Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Commentary:

People often speak fondly of Luke's Gospel as being soft. Luke contains the familiar Christmas story and is the only source that preserves beloved parables like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. Jesus cures more people in Luke. And Luke includes more stories about women, the poor, and outsiders than any other gospel. Luke presents Jesus as a "kinder, gentler" Lord. Until it comes to possessions. Here, Luke is the strongest taskmaster in the New Testament. Today's Gospel is upsetting. A few very pious people may renounce all possessions, but how can the rest of us, with families to care for, embrace this message??? At the very least, this stipulation contradicts our cultural assumption that possessions are the ultimate prize.

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?

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to **all** Parishioners & Friends

Air/Land Trips for 2014:

- **April 6-10, 2014**—2 nights in Charleston & 3 nights in Savannah. Book by Oct. 1.
- **May 23-June 1, 2014**—Portugal with a visit to Fatima. Book by Nov. 1.
- **July 11-19, 2014**—Trains of the Colorado Rockies with 4 different train experiences on Georgetown Loop, Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge, Royal Gorge and Pike Peak Cog Railway. Book by Jan. 1.

Limited number of seats on all trips. Book early for best rates & availability. **Call Lin, 795-4396, for more information and detailed itineraries.** Bus trip info for 2014 will be available this fall.

Next Meeting: Wed., Sept. 4 at 1 pm. All those going on Maine Train Trip are requested to attend.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



We are meeting on Thursday, **September 12**, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Sheila Mohan, Chair



If abortion is not "the business of government" why are taxpayers funding it?

Stephenson County, IL Right to Life

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator
779-7130

MAGNIFICAT DAY: A unique gathering for liturgical prayer and music, inspirational talks, reflection, and much more!

Saturday, November 9, 2013

Pennsylvania Convention Center Keynote Speakers:



Fr. Robert Barron Author: Catholicism series
Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP Editor: Magnificat
Transportation and Registration provided by Parish. Call the Parish Office to Register; 424-3212.

DEADLINE REGISTRATION is OCTOBER 9.

All parish ministers are encouraged to attend especially catechists, SCC facilitators, liturgical ministers, etc..