

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 Pociecha, 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 Pociecha 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 Stan Thompson 424-3212
 Stewardship Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212
 Youth Ministry Stan Thompson 424-1120

Worship

Altar Servers Sister Ann Byrnes 424-3212
 Pat Maggart 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 Pettrilli 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
 Lin Lyon 795-4396
 Career Ministry Committee 424-3212
 Funsters (over 50 club) Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
 Parish Festival Women's Club 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 Relloso

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 Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

will be administered in our parish on **Saturday, September 21 at the 9 AM Mass** in the Chapel.

This sacrament can be received multiple times, even for the same illness as circumstances change.

- Those with a chronic illness (arthritis, cancer, etc.)*
- Those suffering from psychological/emotional illness, depression or addiction*
- The infirm elderly & homebound (age related issues)*
- Those preparing for surgery*

Please call the Parish Office, 424-3212, if you wish to receive this sacrament.



1st Annual
Saint Thomas More Parish
Harvest Festival and Raffle Drawing



Sunday, October 20, 2013

Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton, NJ

3-4 pm Cocktails (cash bar)

4-8 pm Dinner, Dancing and Raffle Drawing

New & Exciting Parish Fundraiser Social Gathering with Dinner, Dancing, Fellowship and Music provided by D. J. John Negro.

Dinner Ticket \$30.00 per person
Includes Buffet Dinner, Music & Dancing

Raffle Ticket \$100.00 each
Chance to WIN!

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%

Proceeds will be used for
Emergency Medical Equipment, Campus Buildings,
Grounds Repair & Maintenance

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

Tickets on Sale after all Masses.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

September 8, 2013

\$7,873.50 - 199 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 20)

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.*

Praying Every Day (3): The Fruits of Prayer

The “results” of our praying, are largely hidden. Nevertheless, we can speak of the promises of God that attend the call to prayer, and we have the long history of God's people who bear witness to the fruits of prayer – now and then made strikingly visible.

Knowing God . . .

Knowing God is something more than knowing about God. It is more than knowing *that* there is a God, *that* he is omniscient, *that* he is the Creator, *that* he is merciful, etc. The Scriptures speak of a knowledge of God that is intimate, the sort of knowing that goes on between one person and another. In fact, in the Bible, “knowing” describes the most intimate of all human relationships: “Now Adam *knew* Eve his wife, and she conceived ...” (Gen. 4:1). It is this interpersonal knowledge that is the foundation and goal of prayer. It is a knowledge gained only by love; just so it is a knowledge of what the other desires, of what the other “feels”, of what the other requires.

In this “knowledge” of God we have to do with the mystery of the divine Love (Trinity): “No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father, except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him” (Matt. 11:27). This means that in Christian prayer (that is, prayer with Jesus and in his Name) we begin to share in the Son's knowing of his Father and in the Father's knowing of his Son. This knowledge of God is the first fruit of prayer.

Paying Attention . . .

“Your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3). The spiritual life is (for the time being) largely hidden. Even when the spiritual reality is momentarily made visible to the eye – chiefly in the sacraments, but also in the smallest act of kindness, our physical senses see only the outward sign of what is going on. The large part of the mystery is seen only by the “eyes of faith”. It is in sustained prayer that one receives the gift of sustained attention. In prayer, we step out of the visible world of “multi-tasking” in order to pay attention with Mary of Bethany to the “one thing that is needful” (Lk. 10:42). How many men and women of our age live their lives on the surface of reality, in what they insist on calling the “real world”, resisting the Spirit's intimate revelations of the Truth that can be received only by one who has an “ear to hear” (Matt. 13:9-16)). Satan does not have to make a man a monster in order to win his soul. He only has to keep him from paying attention to the real “real world”. It is in prayer that we learn a holy realism. When the impulse to pray strikes, know that you are receiving a call from the real world.

Receiving What You Ask For . . .

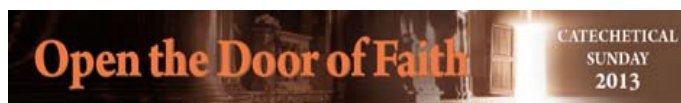
The fruits of prayer are “whatever you ask for” (John 11:22: 16:13). So we are promised by Jesus. But we will need to look below the surface, to contemplate this promise, if we are to comprehend its meaning. That is to say, only in prayer can I learn to discern the real answer to my prayer. In prayer we receive the grace to “wait on the Lord” (Ps. 130) when it *seems* that God has fallen silent. In prayer we also receive the grace to get off our knees and to receive the new gift given, and to participate in the new reality created by God's unexpected answer to our prayers.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for September 21, and 22, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale, B Casey R Pisani	B Crawford, D Kreal G Tyrrell	J Mohan	J/P Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R Kapischke R Pisani	J Kenney, A Pajic Sr. Rosaria	P Lachnicht	J Pol, A Rzepski B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Choir, M Kramer R Pisani	M Santiago D/ML Thomas	F Eggles	E Barbera A/T Rumell
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisani R Pisani	J Mazzagatti, P Rossi Sr. Sophie	J Arnold	A/K/M Quay



This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday this weekend and will focus on the theme “Open the Door of Faith.” Those whom the community has designated to serve as Catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Religious Education Program Catechists

Sister Katherine Pociеча, LSIC
Religious Education Coordinator

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| Grade 1
Janet Johnson
Marianne Wilkins | Grade 5
Antoinette Del Campo-O’Brien
Melissa & Greg Young |
| Grade 2
Pat Kirincic
Sister Elizabeth Kulesa | Grade 6
Margaret Cammisa
Christine Betson-Smith |
| Grade 3
Sister Bozena
Joanne Wachman | Grade 7
Jenna McCoy |
| Grade 4
Sister Elizabeth Halaj
Sister Sophie Szczepek | Grade 8
Janice Quay
Beth Markiewicz |

Confirmation Catechists

Scott Campbell, Gr. 7 Sister Philomena, Gr. 8

Women's Club News

Membership Brunch: Sunday, Sept. 29 after 11:30 Mass – **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** ALL women’s club members and ALL women of the parish are invited. New members are always welcome. Dues are \$10. RSVP by Sept. 24—call Lorraine Kennedy, 489-0031.

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ATTENTION First Graders & New Parishioners
If your child is not yet registered, please obtain a registration form from the gathering space or online at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>.
Classes begin September 17.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a celebration of the Sunday readings in a setting and in a language more appropriate to their understanding. This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages four through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed. This special program **begins next Sunday, September 22.**

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

STM youth

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

This is going to be an exciting and fun year for STM Youth. Stay connected with us so you can stay informed on all the new events. Follow us @stmyouthnj - [Twitter.com/stmyouthnj](https://twitter.com/stmyouthnj) Like are Page /stmyouthnj - [Facebook.com/stmyouthnj](https://facebook.com/stmyouthnj)

Or Scan the code for the Links, News, and Sign up List for STM Youth plus you can contact us at youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you at an event.



Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Deceased Members of the Glaviano
Family r/b Frank & Marie Glaviano

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 am Richard Jeschke r/b Beverly & Vincent
DeMasi
10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More
Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
Cora Colantonio r/b Aunt Em, her girls &
their families
Bernauer Family r/b Mildred Leber
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 16

6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Nick & Pat Kirincic
9:00 am Special Intention of Michael Kapischke
r/b Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 17

6:45 am Letterio DeGrazia r/b Balco Family
9:00 am Bienvenido Cobin, Sr. r/b Cobin Family

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 18

6:45 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
9:00 am George Pisera r/b Gould Family

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 19

6:45 am Special Intention of T.J. Sharpe r/b
Family
9:00 am Loretta Cirillo r/b A.J. & Carol Ariani
Dolores Pearse r/b Christine Pearse

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 20

6:45 am Deceased Former 6:45 Attendees
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Joe & Jane Kenney

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 am Sick of the Parish
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Mary Palzer r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 am Cora Colantonio r/b Pina Vricella Some &
Dominic Vricella
10:00 am Kimmyan Franklin r/b Sherri Green
Jose S. Padolina r/b Joselisa Padolina
Joseph Flacco r/b Orlando & Sarah Rivera
and DHS Staff
11:30 am Margaret Mac Elrath r/b Albert Mac
Elrath

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED...** Tom Wilkins, Paul Charette
and Ryan Travis.

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
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	Deacon Jim Smith
Ginny Fritz	Ann Marie Lento
Mary DeVito	Henry Bourgeois



Alfred DiFrank
Chris Kolodzey
Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Betty Brennan
Barbara Salpas
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Teddy Shaffer
Bill Botensten
Chase Lupica
Frank Cappetta
Helen Kane
Eleanor Regan
Sue Hagan
Julia Lepre
Harry Gindele

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.

**The 2014 MASS BOOK is NOW OPEN for
your Mass Intentions.**



Invitation to a Journey called RCIA
TUESDAYS AT 7 PM BEGINNING OCT. 1
**Extend an invitation to Family, Friends,
Co-workers, etc. Invite them to call Sister
Ann, 424-3212, for more information.**

- *Those not baptized*
- *Those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church*
- *Those baptized Catholic but have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation*

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 22, 2013 - Luke 16:1-13

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Commentary:

The point of the parable in today's Gospel is that Christians should exercise at least as much clever thinking in the pursuit of good as this fellow did in the pursuit of ill-gotten gain. Luke goes on to suggest to his audience that they are to use their money in a way that will merit God's blessing, for example, by sharing with the poor. One has to be concerned about money, but a thin line divides concern and being controlled. When one steps over that line and gives oneself to money, one becomes its slave. Quite simply, "you cannot give yourself to God and to money."

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?

Altar Server Training:



All students in grades 4 thru 8 are invited to serve our parish in the ministry of Altar Server. Practices will be held on Religious Education Class days beginning **Tuesday, September 24 at 4 PM for fourth graders and at 7 PM for those in grades 5 thru 8.** Sister Ann and Mrs. Pat Maggart will instruct the new altar servers. **Parents are reminded to send the permission form into their Religious Ed Teacher this Tuesday.**



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Be a part of the next campaign!
September 25-November 3**

The most visible part of the campaign is constant vigil at the local abortion facility. Can you spare 1 hour a week to pray *PEACEFULLY* outside the Cherry Hill Women's Center (502 N. Kings Highway)? **We will be there 7 am until 7 pm every day for 40 days.** We are there only to show God's love and mercy to clients and staff. You would never be there alone. **This requires many volunteers!** **Only way to end abortion is through Prayer and Penance. Please join this campaign.**

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

All those who registered for
SCRIPTURE STUDY

"Paul's Letter to the Corinthians" are asked to pick up their texts in the parish office. Please read the assigned pages for the first class beginning on Monday, September 23.



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

Saturday, November 9, 2013

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..



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
Richard and Elva Clark