

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 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
Church Environment 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
Ushers Roger Pisani, Director 609-488-0020
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Music Ministry Len Kolojejchick 346-4078
June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461

Social Development

Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
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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

Giving Thanks for Faithful Service



Mrs. Pat Maggart served our parish faithfully as Parish Catechetical Leader for more than 21 years. Next Sunday, September 29, at the 11:30 Mass we will recognize Pat for the many gifts she has shared with the children and parents of St. Thomas More Parish. We invite all parishioners to attend as we pray a special blessing for Pat and give thanks for her witness and dedication.



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.

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

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 15, 2013

\$9,698.50 - 215 Envelopes

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

THANK YOU
from
Bishop Sullivan

Dear Father Johnson,

Our diocese contributed \$159,933.94 to the relief efforts for those who suffered from the ravages of the tornados this past Spring. That generous contribution from Camden was possible through the charity of many of your parishioners. Checks were received from sixty parishes. The generosity of our people is appreciated and I want to assure them that through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops their contributions have been distributed to the dioceses in Oklahoma affected by the tornados. The Oklahoma bishops will make sure that this financial help goes directly to those who are in need.

From time to time we reach out to our catholic faithful when tragedies happen either in our own country or abroad. Despite our own economic troubles their generous response is always outstanding. Our people are generous givers who give because their faith in God encourages them to do so. Please, express on my behalf, a **BIG** thank you to those who contributed to the collection for Oklahoma.

Ministry Schedule for September 28, and 29, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Pisani R Pisani	N/P Kirincic T Petrone	D Miller	I Witting, I Fulton B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	J Garafano R Pisani	J/L Duffy J Kenney	M Maggart	G/M Gray B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	D Kreal R Pisani	E Beckman, K Glover M Huynh	K McFadden	R Caton C/J McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	G Nacarelli R Pisani	B Haughwout, S Kane A Thompson	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta E Thompson

Parish Picnic Gratitude

How blessed we are at St. Thomas More Parish to have the BEST volunteers in all of Cherry Hill. Our Parish Picnic was a wonderful event of community celebrated with and among a wonderful group of parishioners. To all who came to the Picnic, we say thank you. The event was perfect for relaxation and for getting to know others in our community.

Deep gratitude is expressed to those who planned, purchased, advertised, set up on Saturday and Sunday, prepared the food, served where needed, provided the music, organized the Olympic races and cleaned up afterwards.

So many hands and hearts made the day memorable. The remarkable part of it was that it all seemed to happen so easily. The committee had a plan, they executed the plan, and they all knew their jobs.

Deepest gratitude and God's blessings to all of you for an afternoon of fun, games, and most importantly, *COMMUNITY*.

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 our 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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 this Sunday, September 22.**

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

Women's Club News

Membership Brunch: Sunday, Sept. 29 after 11:30 Mass - 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 Helen Hawksley, 424-3334 or Lorraine Kennedy, 489-0031.

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

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.



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

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

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 23

- 6:45 am Salvatore Marchese r/b Joe & Jane Kenney
9:00 am Louis Casa r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 24

- 6:45 am Christopher Quinton r/b Robert Pearse
9:00 am Dorothy Brink r/b Pat & Don

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 25

- 6:45 am Joan Radula
9:00 am Lola Zbikowski r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:45 am Tom Wilkins r/b Sheila Moore
9:00 am Joan Radula r/b John & Sheila Mohan
Special Intention of Lorraine Isherwood
r/b Marylee Garber
Ryan Travis r/b Tobin Family

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:45 am John Park r/b Young Hi Park
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marie Budroe

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Cora Colantonio & John Orlando r/b the Ruocchio Family

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 29

- 8:30 am William McColgan r/b John & Sheila Mohan
10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
Louis Casa r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
Anna Byrnes r/b Family
11:30 am Special Intentions of St. Thomas More Women's Club Members

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... Marie Mazzagatti and Virginia Foley.**

THE SICK...

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| 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 | Henry Bourgeois | |
| Shirley Birch | Stanley Kochanek | |
| Jean Colbert | Pauline Rosberg | |
| Pat Barton | Joseph Console | |
| Leila Lore | Geralyn Coticone | |
| Ed Rivero | Jerry McMenamin | |
| Pat Beaney | Pasquale DiFronzo | Helen Kane |
| YunYun Shen | Dorothy Wolenter | Alfred DiFrank |
| Fran Swider | Mary Branciforte | Chris Kolodzey |
| Rose Hession | Virginia Gormley | Ethan Killeen |
| Danny Perla | Angelo DiGiacomo | Carlos Santiago |
| Anna Bedrick | Wayne Mauri, Sr. | Betty Brennan |
| Pat Brink | Eleanor Regan | Barbara Salpas |
| Ginny Fritz | Harry Gindele | Michael Suralik |
| Mary DeVito | Deacon Jim Smith | Bill O'Donnell |
| | | Teddy Shaffer |
| | | Bill Botensten |
| | | Chase Lupica |
| | | Frank Cappetta |
| | | Francesca Capra |
| | | Sue Hagan |
| | | Julia Lepre |
| | | 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.

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..

Diocese of Camden - Office of Child & Youth Protection

To attend one of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) classes, (please register at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend which can be found on the diocesan website at www.camdendiocese.org) please call 583-6165 or email Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org to register.

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

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 29, 2013 - Luke 16:19-31

Lazarus, covered with sores, lies at the door of a rich man who ignores Lazarus' plea for food. Both the rich man and Lazarus eventually die. Lazarus goes to heaven; the rich man goes to the netherworld. The rich man begs to have Lazarus come to him "to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue." Abraham replied to the rich man, "My child, remember that you received what was good during your life-time while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted, whereas you are tormented."

Commentary:

This parable is blunt. How the rich man spends the afterlife was determined in this life by his lack of concern for the poor man "lying at his door." NOW is the time to bridge whatever chasms exist between us and those in need. After death the divide is impassable, and our eternity is set. So, NOW is our time. Who is lying at our door?

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.

ATTENTION SANDWICH MAKERS...

Thank you for helping to make 390 sandwiches and approximately 400 utensil packages on Wed., August 21. We had some new helpers - Tom & Marie and Sal who we were so glad to see since some regulars were on the sick list!

I also want to thank Virginia Tully from Wexford Leas who not only supplied but also delivered the bread to us.


It was an especially gratifying experience when a group of us were at Cathedral Kitchen 2 days later, Fri., Aug. 23 and we were putting OUR sandwiches in the guests "Take Home Bags". **WE SAW OUR MISSION AT WORK!! Thank you all again and again.** Marianne M. Wilkins, Coordinator



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! Please join this campaign.**

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

 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.

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 this Monday, September 23.

