

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 Gaden 424-3212
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Worship

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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.

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



THANKSGIVING TAIZE PRAYER

ALL parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend a Prayer of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 27 at 7 PM in the parish chapel.

A Taize worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, and liturgical readings. This Prayer Gathering will give each of us an opportunity to give thanks to God for the many gifts and blessings we have received.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

We have 14 small communities that begin this Monday, November 25; check the poster in the gathering space with facilitators, days and times listed.

If you are interested please call Sister Ann (424-3212) for more information.

USHERS NEEDED

Each week our ushers show up and help. Now we find a need for more ushers. If you find yourself attending the same Mass each week we would like you to consider becoming an usher at a Mass you choose. Especially now with the holidays quickly approaching more assistance will be required—Please consider this important Stewardship to your parish. Contact Frank Krenslak at 309-1999.

Thank you for your generosity of \$7,159.00 in last weekend's second collection for those affected in the Philippines by Typhoon Haiyan.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

November 17, 2013

\$8,934.50 - 221 Envelopes

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

To the Members and Friends of our Parish: A Thanksgiving Holiday Greeting

Dear Friends in Christ,

If the Catholic philosopher Josef Pieper is right (in *Leisure, the Basis of Culture*), the very concept of leisure has its origins in ancient religious festival. Honoring the gods meant sharing in their privileged repose. Holidays derive from holy days; holiness and leisure are deeply related.

Of course, work is essential, and work can be holy. Still, having to work long hours for money, for our basic needs, or for luxuries that have become needs, is now imposing on people an endless fasting from rest. In a religious context, one fasts in order to prepare for the feast; one works in order to rest. In the growing secular culture of “total work,” one rests only in order to get back work. The once popular proverb is rarely quoted these days: “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.”

Certainly, the historical origins of the American Thanksgiving Holiday are explicitly religious. There is no religious timidity in the language of the several thanksgiving proclamations issued by our presidents, from George Washington's 1789 declaration to Abraham Lincoln's 1863 institution of our now yearly holiday. What Americans like to call our “First Thanksgiving” of 1621 is deeply set in the American memory, when 53 pilgrims, joined by 90 native Americans, celebrated a three day feast to give thanks to God for the first harvest in their new homeland.

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday, and as such a family-and-friends holiday. It is not a Church- instituted holiday. Nevertheless, the Church joyfully joins in the celebration, approving the deeply human religious impulse to *stop* and give thanks. In this the Church enriches the culture of our nation, helping to sustain the sense of the divine transcendence, with the awareness of life as *gift*. Because, as is now obvious, it is possible for a holiday to go on and on even as the religious consciousness withers: people stop to give thanks, but with little thought of the One to whom thanksgiving is due.

The Catholic Church, with other Christian communities, gathers to *name* the Giver, the Lord of seed time and harvest, the Giver of life itself, the Providence that governs the history of all nations. The Church professes the Name of the Giver. Not just “God” or “Supreme Being”—the terms with which our present day civic religion must make do—but God the Father with his Son Jesus Christ, dwelling eternally in the communion of the Holy Spirit. The Church is an expert in such holidays, because *eucharistia* (Greek for “thanksgiving”) is the name of the Church's chief act of gathering.

This Thanksgiving Day, may God grant peace to your gathering of loved ones. May the Great Giver bless the sharing and feasting, the laughter, the rest and the play. Most especially, may he fill your homes and your hearts with the spirit of prayerful *thanksgiving*.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Phillip M. Johnson

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Ministry Schedule for November 30, and December 1, 2013

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	S Caccavale	B Crawford, D Kreal G Tyrrell	T Andraka	J/P Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	Sr. Pepita	Sr. Rosaria J Kenney, B Scarpa	M Maggart	E Barbera, J Pol A Rzepiski, B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	M Kramer	D Gould, J Mazzagatti M Santiago	K McFadden	C/J McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal	M Ciccotta, M Gorin P Rossi	J Arnold	A/K/M Quay

Women's Club News

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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



Investiture of the new Altar Servers was last Sunday at the 11:30 Mass. Thank you for your service!

STM youth

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



From the Youth Group!

Upcoming Events:

- **JR. YG Food Drive this Tuesday (11/26)** - Please bring to class a non-perishable food product to support St. Vincent de Paul's efforts to provide food to those in need for Thanksgiving... Thank you!
- **The Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups will host a Christmas Party** for the children of Immaculate Conception in Camden tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 8.

Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held during Religious Education Classes at 4:15 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26. Parents are most welcome to attend. All students are asked to bring one or more non-perishable food items which will be collected by members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to the needy of our area.

During the Season of Advent the candles on the Advent Wreath, at all four weekend Masses, will be lit by eighth grade candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred on them in May, 2014.

The third Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held next Sunday, December 1, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend that class as well as the 10 am Mass.

Like our Facebook Page
www.Facebook.com/stm.rep

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



FROZEN TURKEYS, HAMS OR CHICKENS

The St. Thomas More *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will continue to collect turkeys, hams or chickens past this weekend and will distribute them to less fortunate families. The Society **THANKS YOU!**

Gary Gadren, Coordinator
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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 23

- 9:00 am Ryan Travis r/b Marian Kapischke
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 4:30 pm Anne Krenslak r/b Frank & Frances
Krenslak

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 24

- 8:30 am Stanley Sobieski r/b Rossi Family
- 10:00 am 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Raymond
White r/b Wislocky Family
John Walsh r/b Charlene Walsh
Ryan Travis r/b Charles & Barbara
Cerquitella
- 11:30 am Sara Centonze r/b Dick & Claire Spence

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 25

- 6:45 am All Souls
- 9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Ray & Gloria
Desrochers

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 26

- 6:45 am Michael Roy Manzi r/b McGeady Family
- 9:00 am Bob Moore r/b Sheila Moore

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 27

- 6:45 am All Souls
- 9:00 am Frances Pisera r/b Gould Family

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 28, Thanksgiving Day

- 9:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving
Joseph Scharff r/b Inverso Family
Marie DiFrank r/b Family

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 29

- 9:00 am Cora Colantonio r/b Rosina Midili

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 30

- 9:00 am Anne O'Neill r/b O'Neill Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 4:30 pm Frances D'Onfrio r/b Bob & Jude Brennan

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 1

- 8:30 am John & Agnes Walsh r/b the Walsh Family
- 10:00 am Arnold Clark r/b Richard & Elva Clark
Tom Wilkins r/b Phyllis Kolecki
Paul Charette r/b Pat Shelfer
- 11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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 | |
| YunYun Shen | Dorothy Wolenter | Keri Fisher |
| Fran Swider | Mary Branciforte | Helen Kane |
| Rose Hession | Virginia Gormley | Alfred DiFrank |
| Danny Perla | Angelo DiGiacomo | Chris Kolodzey |
| Anna Bedrick | Wayne Mauri, Sr. | Ethan Killeen |
| Pat Brink | Eleanor Regan | Carlos Santiago |
| Ginny Fritz | Harry Gindele | Betty Brennan |
| Mary DeVito | Deacon Jim Smith | Barbara Salpas |
| | | Michael Suralik |
| | | 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, Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, Sr. Airman John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, AFMajor 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.

LECTORS:

Your 2014 Workbook is available for pickup in the parish office.



Diocese of Camden - Office of Child & Youth Protection CAP Phase 1

- Mon., December 2, 7 p.m.
Holy Trinity School, Westville Gove, Holy Redeemer Site

- Tues., December 10, 7 p.m.

Holy Family, Sewell, Aquin Building

CAP Phase 2—Bully Prevention

- Tues., December 3, 7 p.m.

Saint Joseph the Worker, Haddon Township, Memorial Hall

To attend one of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection, (856) 583-6165 or email Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org to register.

Please register at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend.

Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us in giving thanks to God for all His goodness to us throughout the year.

9 a.m., Thursday, November 28

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 First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2013 - Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Commentary:

During Advent we celebrate the coming of Christ not only two thousand years ago, but also at the end of time. Today's readings emphasize that end time. The Gospel reading is part of Matthew's great discourse on the establishment of the Reign of God at the end of time. Jesus tells his followers that they must live their lives in such a way that they are ready to enter into this reign at any time.

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?



St. Thomas More Parish Pictorial Directory Photography Event!!!

Mark your calendars!

Fri., Nov. 29 — 11:00-5:00

Sat., Nov. 30 — 10:00-4:00

Thurs., Dec. 5 & Fri., Dec. 6 — 2:00-9:00

Sat., Dec. 7 — 10:00-4:00

We need YOU to make the directory a success!!

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

YOU MAY SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW; go to www.stthomasmorenj.org and click on Lifetouch logo.

You can also sign up after Masses this weekend.

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 and free copy of the directory for participating. Photos will arrive for the holidays. Individual and Family Portraits...family pets are welcome! Bring special items and special people (grandparents and other loved ones).

Do you know the names of the people sitting around you? Help us to build a tool that will put names with faces. Be a part of our new family directory program.

Photography sessions will be held in Parish Hall.

St. Thomas More NEW YEAR'S EVE MOVIE NIGHT

THE MIGHTY MACS
AN INSPIRING TRUE STORY

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Tues., Dec. 31
7 PM — St. Thomas More Hall**

More details to follow.

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to all Parishioners & Friends

BUS Trip for 2014:

- **July 11-19, 2014**—Trains of the Colorado Rockies featuring rides on 4 different trains. Also visiting Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park, Colorado Nat'l Monument, Mesa Verde Nat'l Park and Garden of the Gods and Pike's Peak in Colorado Springs. **Book by Jan. 1. for early booking discount.**

Call Lin, 795-4396, for more information and detailed itineraries.

Recruiting Volunteers

St. Mary's Catholic Home

Companionship, Serve Coffee, Serve Lunch, Escort Residents, Paint Nails, Play Bingo

For more info or to set up orientation contact Allison Burton, Director of Activities, 874-5308.