

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
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary
Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees

Greta Tyrrell
John Mohan

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement	Staff	424-3212
Hospital Visitors	Staff & Euch. Ministers	424-3212
Intercersory 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

Church Environment

Ch. Art Environment
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Linen Committee
Sacristans

Ushers

Music Ministry

Social Development

Bridge Groups

Career Ministry
Funsters (over 50 club)
Parish Festival
Women's Club

Administration

House of Charity
Parish Finance Council
Parish Pastoral Council

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 Petrilli	751-1367
Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Len Kolojejchick	346-4078
June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461

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

Sheila Tartamosa	424-3212
Robert Crawford	424-3212
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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Christmas celebrations so joyous and memorable.

From those who provided flowers, cleaned, decorated, prepared the altar, made the music so special at all the Masses, ushered during Mass and served at the altar; Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and Lectors.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass



If in this calendar year (1-1-14 thru 12-31-14) you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary (25, 50 or 75 years of marriage) please join us in celebrating on **World Marriage Sunday**,

February 9 at 3:00 Mass (light reception following) at Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Agnes Church, 701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012. For further information contact Mary Lou Hughes, 856-583-6132. **Registration forms are available in the parish office, RETURN FORM BY JANUARY 24 AS INSTRUCTED.**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Share Love

“And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts.”

COLOSSIANS 3:14-15A

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. And the only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing through *Stewardship* all the many gifts that God has placed within our hand, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts. We will know Christmas joy every day.

PARISH COLLECTION

December 22, 2013

\$11,059.50 - 219 Envelopes

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

Gifts Laid at the Manger: A Heartfelt 'Thank You'

There are so many, I will surely leave someone out. But it would be wrong not to say a public word of thanks to so many who have given of their time, talent and money to help our parish celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord through Christmastide.

The Beauty of Holiness (Psalm 29:2) . . .

Beauty is not incidental to the worship of God, not a superfluous add-on. The truth of Christmas convinces our hearts partly because it is beautiful. The beauty of music and song, the beauty of art and adornment, the beauty of language and story and drama, all have a part in the worship of God.

Thanks to Betty Casey, who planned, prepared, and directed our music; to Len Kolojejchick at the organ through Advent, and to the cantors and members of the choir. You helped us “make a joyful noise unto the Lord” (*Psalm 95:1*) through the season.

Thanks to all those who beautifully adorned our church inside and out: Joyce and Dick DeMichele, Ray and Gloria Desrochers, Ann and Bill Vigrass, Yvonne Turner, Mike and Pat Maggart. Janet Johnson, Marylee Garber, Sr. Bozena, Gary Gadren, Dom Sacca, and Rob Tartamosa.

Thanks to the children who so beautifully reenacted the Christmas story, and to our catechists who prepared and directed them—Pat and Nick Kirincic, Joanne and Joelle Wachman, Sr. Elizabeth and Pat Maggart.

Thanks to our extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, our servers at the Altar, our sacristans, ushers, and lectors, whose work is crucial to the right order of our liturgies.

The Beauty of Serving . . .

Thanks to all who delivered Christmas cards and flowers to the homebound . . . the St. Vincent de Paul Society who provided Christmas gifts for the Cathedral Kitchen and responded to many requests for help among those in need . . . those who hosted our New Year's Eve supper and movie . . . our youth group (led by Stan and Annette Thompson) who threw a big Christmas party for children in Camden parishes . . . the Knights of Columbus for our “keep Christ in Christmas” sign . . . Julianne Johnson who organized our new parish photo directory. . . and our Women's Club who hosted a concert by the Cherry Hill East singers

The Beauty of a Generous Spirit . . .

Thanks to all those cheerful givers – those gave generously to the poor through donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society . . . those who covered every inch of the “Mitten Tree” with gifts for needy children and adults . . . to all whose donations provided the poinsettias and greens in the church and chapel . . . and to the great many who gave so generously toward the support of our parish through our annual Christmas collection. All such gifts make us one with the Magi who laid their treasures before the manger in adoration of the Christ Child.

To Fr. Daniel Joyce, S.J. and to my pastoral associates—Sheila Tartamosa, Sr. Ann, and Sr. Katherine, who work so closely with me in the care of our parish, I add my heartfelt thanks.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Phillip Johnson

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Ministry Schedule for January 11 and 12, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father	G Nacarelli L. Kolojchick	N/P Kirincic Sr. Zophia	F Egges	I Fulton, L Smith B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father	R Kapschke B Casey	Sr. Bozena B Lento, B Massey	P Lachnicht	K/K Johnson B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father	Adult Choir S Caccavale B Casey	M Huynh J Mazzagatti S Mohan	J Mohan	A/K/W Quay
11:30 a.m.	Father	M Kramer B Casey	M Ciccotta, M Gorin B Hauthwout	R Ciccotta	A/I Cammisa N Samson

Baptism Anniversaries

All children baptized in our parish in the last 2 years are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, January 12. These newer members of our Faith Community and their parents will be recognized and blessed during this Liturgy.

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., Jan. 8, 2014, 7:30 pm
- **General Meeting:** GAME DAY & Soup, Wed., January 22 at 12 Noon.

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January - Martin Luther King Service Project

February - Souper Bowl of Caring Project

- Ronald McDonald House Breakfast

Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120



Prayer Shawl Ministry

No meeting in January.

Next meeting date: February 13.

Sheila Mohan, Chair

PARISH MINISTERS' BREAKFAST

All parish ministers are invited to attend our Annual Appreciation Breakfast. The breakfast is offered for ministers after either the 8:30 or 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 19. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

The fourth Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held next Sunday, January 12, 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.

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



Religious Education's Christmas Prayer Service; the second graders enacted the First Christmas Story.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - JANUARY 4

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

SUNDAY - JANUARY 5

8:30 am Paul Charette r/b Jim & Pat Beaney
10:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Lynn Ellinger
Ryan Travis r/b Karen & Bruce Harrison
Virginia Foley r/b John & Rosemary Faford
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - JANUARY 6

6:45 am Danilo Acub r/b the Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - JANUARY 7

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Brian Deutsch r/b Bailey/Kenny Families

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 8

6:45 am Radolfo Pasion r/b John & Letty Duffy
9:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Ladies of the Round Table

THURSDAY - JANUARY 9

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Lucy Rossi r/b Rossi Family
Kay Turiano r/b Dave & Lin Lyon
Gloria P. Parulan r/b Grace Cobin

FRIDAY - JANUARY 10

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Ryan Travis r/b Sheila Moore

SATURDAY - JANUARY 11

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

SUNDAY - JANUARY 12

8:30 am Paul Charette r/b Mike & Pat Maggart
10:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Ann & Don Sullivan
Patti Kenney r/b the Gullo Family
Virginia Foley r/b Connie Janik
11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... Virginia Wood.

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	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	
Fran Swider	Mary Branciforte	Keri Fisher
Rose Hession	Virginia Gormley	Helen Kane
Danny Perla	Angelo DiGiacomo	Alfred DiFrank
Anna Bedrick	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Chris Kolodzey
Pat Brink	Eleanor Regan	Ethan Killeen
Ginny Fritz	Harry Gindele	Carlos Santiago
Mary DeVito	Deacon Jim Smith	Betty Brennan
		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, Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, Air Force Major James P. Tobin, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Sgt. Michael Willingmyre.

MARKET DAY FROZEN FOOD SALE IS BACK!!!

ORDERS DUE: JANUARY 12

DELIVERY DATE: JANUARY 23

Order forms are available in the gathering space, someone will be available after all Masses or you can mail the orders to:

Marianne Wilkins
1936 Cardinal Lake Drive
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924

Fatima, Lourdes, and Parish Pilgrimage with Fr. Jon Thomas of Christ Our Light Parish - March 31-April 9, 2014
US passport required. Price: \$3,759 per person (includes air & ground transportation, 4-star hotels, and 2 meals per day). Dep. is \$400 pp, all payments must be received by January 15. Please call for a flyer and more info: Mary Ann, 667-4531.

iRace4Vocations

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 27

For more information, contact Fr. Romano at michael.romano@camdendiocese.org or 583-2858.

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 Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2014 - Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him... After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he was the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

Commentary:

The Gospel speaks to us about allowing God to be God and remembering that we are here to discern God's Will in our lives. Jesus comes to John the Baptist and asks for Baptism. John is worried that he is not worthy to baptize Jesus. This concern of John's is holding up the revelation God wants to make! Jesus tells John to "allow it" - to let God be God for now. Once John gets out of the way, the voice from heaven can be heard plainly.

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?

The Catholic Diocese of Camden
Invites you to

An Ecumenical Celebration

Please join Bishop Dennis Sullivan and Christian Leaders representing other denominations, clergy from our area, your friends and neighbors for an evening of prayer and praise.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
Catholic Church of St. Mary, Cherry Hill
424-1454



What can I do to help stop abortion? Pray daily. Read! Be more informed about abortion. Wear the precious feet pins, use pro-life bumper stickers, decals, use stickers on envelopes, wear pro-life T-shirts, take part in Life Chains, conduct prayer vigils, distribute pro-life literature in church and elsewhere, picket an abortuary, get involved in sidewalk counseling.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

NJ Catholic Young Adult Conference

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ on Jan. 25 - "COURAGEOUS: *Do not Conform to the Standards of this Age*" (Romans 12:2)
To register or for more information visit:
www.diometuchin.org/yaconference.

Diocese of Camden

OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

CAP Phase 1

- Thurs., January 16, 7 p.m.

Holy Family, Sewell, Church

CAP Phase 2—Bully Prevention

- Wed., January 22, 7 p.m.

Assumption Regional School, Galloway, School Cafeteria

CAP Phase 3—Cyber Empowerment

- Fri., January 10, 1:15 p.m.

St. Mary School, Williamstown

- Mon., January 13, 7 p.m.

Saint Peter Parish, Merchantville, Lower Church

To attend one of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) classes, please call the CAP registration line, (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.***

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers & directions may be found at www.camdendiocese.org.

On Tap: Practical Ways to Make Monumental Decisions

Theology on Tap is a speaker and discussion series for women and men in their 20s & 30s, married & single.

Topic: Is that Your Final Answer?, **Guest Presenter:** Fr. Michael Romano, Dir. of Vocations, **When:** Tuesday, January 14, **Where:** Lazy Lanigans, 139 Egg Harbor Rd., Sewell
Time: 7 - 9 p.m. - Hear a dynamic speaker and engage in meaningful conversation in a relaxed atmosphere. No cost to attend. Welcome to purchase food & beverages. For more info call 583-6122.