

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: 3:00-4:00 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
 John Mohan 424-3212
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Christian Life/Education

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 Hospital Visitors Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212
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 Rosary Ministry Marian Kapischke 424-2053
 Small Christian Comm. Ann Marie/Bob Lento 344-7454
 Spiritual Retreats John Galati 428-7073
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Worship

Altar Servers Sister Ann Byrnes 424-3212
 Pat Maggart 424-3212
 Ann Vigrass 428-7217
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 Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
 Ann Vigrass 428-7217
 Dom Sacca 424-3212
 Pat Maggart 428-2412
 Greta Tyrrell 309-1999
 Frank Krenslak 988-0271
 Dolores Kreal 346-4078
 Len Kolojejchick 229-7461
 June Garafano, Youth Singers

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 Committee 424-3212
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 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.

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



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter initiated the celebration of "World Marriage Day" on the second Sunday of February. **Here, at Saint Thomas More, at all the Masses the weekend of February 8/9** all married couples will be recognized and blessed. As we celebrate and reflect on the Sacrament of Marriage we would like to display wedding pictures of our parishioners in the gathering space. Please bring a copy of your wedding photo, or we can copy it for you, to the parish office (mark with your name & wedding date). Call Sister Ann with any questions, 424-3212.

SCC FACILITATORS' TRAINING:

All Small Christian Community Facilitators are invited to attend a workshop with Sister Donna Ciangio, OP on **Saturday, February 8**, in the parish hall from **10 a.m. to 12 noon**. Hope to see you there! Sister Ann, 424-3212

REMINDER for those parishioners who had their photos taken and received a phone call that your photo is in; please come to the parish office (M-F, 9:30-4:00) to pick up your photo. Thank you for participating.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Follow

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."

MATTHEW 4:22

Just as He called the first apostles, Jesus calls each of us to follow Him, too. We are not expected to leave our businesses and our families behind, but we are expected to be good *Stewards* by putting our service to Jesus before worldly endeavors.

PARISH COLLECTION

January 19, 2014

\$9,312.00 - 239 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 30)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

A series of reflections about thinking, praying, professing and living the Faith of the Church.

Preparing for Mass

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have been urged to approach the sacramental Body and Blood of Christ in a spirit of prayerful preparation. After passing on to the church in Corinth the holy tradition of the eucharistic words of Jesus, St. Paul warned: “Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup” (1 Corinthians 11:27-28).

St Ambrose (339-97), the Bishop of Milan, and one of the original four doctors of the Latin-speaking Church, shared his own personal preparation prayer with his people, to encourage them to approach Christ's altar with reverence and humility. The prayer displays faith's humility, but also its boldness.

I draw near, loving Lord Jesus Christ
to the table of your most delightful banquet
in fear and trembling,
a sinner, presuming not upon my own merits,
but trusting rather in your goodness and mercy.
I have a heart and body
defiled by my many offenses,
a mind and tongue
over which I have kept no good watch.

Therefore, O loving God, O awesome Majesty,
I turn in my misery, caught in snares,
to you the fountain of mercy,
hastening to you for healing,
flying to you for protection;
and while I do not look forward
to having you as Judge,
I long to have you as Savior.

To you, O Lord, I display my wounds,
to you I uncover my shame.
I am aware of my many and great sins,
for which I fear,
but I hope in your mercies,
which are without number.

Look upon me, then, with eyes of mercy,
Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King,
God and Man, crucified for mankind.
Listen to me, as I place my hope in you,
have pity on me, full of miseries and sins,
you, who will never cease
to let the fountain of compassion flow.

Hail, O Saving Victim,
offered for me and for the whole human race
on the wood of the Cross.
Hail, O noble and precious Blood,
flowing from the wounds
of Jesus Christ my crucified Lord,
and washing away the sins of all the world.

Remember, Lord, your creature,
whom you redeemed by your Blood.
I am repentant of my sins,
I desire to put right what I have done.
Take from me, therefore, most merciful Father,
all my iniquities and sins,
so that, purified in mind and body,
I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies.

And grant that this sacred foretaste
of your Body and Blood
which I, though unworthy, intend to receive,
may be the remission of my sins,
the perfect cleansing of my faults,
the banishment of shameful thoughts,
and the rebirth of right sentiments;
and may it encourage
a wholesome and effective performing
of deeds pleasing to you
and be a firm defense of body and soul
against the snares of my enemies.
Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for February 1 and 2, 2014					
Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Joyce	C Malatino L Kolojejchick	B Crawford S Mohan G Tyrrell	J Mohan	C Cepeda J/P Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Thomas	R Kapischke B Casey	J Kenney Sr. Rosaria P Rossi	J Vecchlola	E Barbera, J Pol B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Adult Choir S Caccavale B Casey	J DeMichele D/ML Thomas	K McFadden	C/J McFadden S Russo
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	M Kramer B Casey	M Ciccotta, G Gadren M Gorin	R Ciccotta	W Quay A/I Witting

Women's Club News

- **General Meeting:** GAME DAY & Soup was postponed because of snow; we will keep you posted with new details in future bulletins.

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

STMyouth

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

Twenty-five Jr. & Sr. Youth Group participants from St. Thomas More & Holy Eucharist spent their Sunday afternoon at The Fountains Sr. Living Community in Atco. The YG made Valentine's crafts, played indoor golf and spent quality time with the residents. All found this MLK service event to be fun & rewarding!



NEXT WEEKEND! February 1st & 2nd will be St. Thomas More Youth Group's 12th year of conducting the Souper Bowl of Caring Project. 100% of the funds raised will benefit our Society of St. Vincent de Paul, who helps those with food-related needs in our community.

Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations to the 22 children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend! It was a wonderful celebration and it was nice to see all of the family support and participation. Our prayers are with you and your families at this very special time in your life. Special thanks to catechists and parents for helping to prepare the children. God Bless!

The fourth Confirmation II preparatory class for all eighth grade students will be held this Sunday, January 26, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All eighth grade students are expected to attend that class as well as the 10 am Mass.

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

Career Transition Partnership

Brush up on your job seeking skills at these workshops: 6:30 pm: Informal Networking ~ Meet & Greet
7:00 pm: Program

Marlton Workshops at St. Isaac Jogues Parish Hall
2/2 - Selling Yourself to a Prospective Employer
2/19 - Leveraging Social Media to Build your Network
Cherry Hill Workshop at Temple Emanuel
2/13 - Improve your Interview Presence
2/27 - Change Management

CTP has developed a curriculum of FREE training programs and a mentoring service to assist job seekers in their transition.

For a complete 2014 workshop schedule go to www.ctpnj.org.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - JANUARY 25

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Tom Wilkins r/b AJ & Carol Ariani

SUNDAY - JANUARY 26

8:30 am Ryan Travis r/b Mike & Pat Maggart
10:00 am Lillian Reader r/b Lillian Creedon
Virginia Foley r/b Dick & Angela Conn
Chuck Kapischke r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele
11:30 am Paul Charette r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse

MONDAY - JANUARY 27

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Pedro S. Padre, Sr. r/b David & Pat Garde-Hill

TUESDAY - JANUARY 28

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Kay Turiano r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 29

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Mildred Cooney r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

THURSDAY - JANUARY 30

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Christine McGarrigan r/b Paul & Terri Kelly

FRIDAY - JANUARY 31

6:45 am Eucharistic Service
9:00 am Tom Wilkins r/b Pat Shelfer

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 1

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Tom Wilkins r/b Elizabeth Schillig

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 2

8:30 am Tom Wilkins r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella
10:00 am Ryan Travis r/b Dick & Joyce DeMichele
Lisa Benson r/b Moyer Family
Marie Mazzagatti r/b Marchese Family
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

THE PARISH REJOICES

with the family of **Jamison Frank Licasi** who was recently received into the Church, through the waters of Baptism.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: **THE SICK...**

Don Kreal	Claire Boylan	
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre	
Phyllis Schadt	George Sweeten	
Ron Massey	John B. Kennedy	
Frank Colbert	Michael Kapischke	
Mary Cowan	Betty O'Donnell	
Shirley Birch	Henry Bourgeois	
Jean Colbert	Stanley Kochanek	
Pat Barton	Pauline Rosberg	
Leila Lore	Joseph Console	
Ed Rivero	Geralyn Coticone	
Pat Beaney	Jerry McMenamin	
YunYun Shen	Pasquale DiFronzo	
Rose Hession	Dorothy Wolenter	
Danny Perla	Mary Branciforte	
Anna Bedrick	Virginia Gormley	Keri Fisher
Pat Brink	Angelo DiGiacomo	Helen Kane
Ginny Fritz	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	Alfred DiFrank
Mary DeVito	Eleanor Regan	Chris Kolodzey
Harry Gindele	Deacon Jim Smith	Ethan Killeen
		Carlos Santiago
		Betty Brennan
		Barbara Salpas
		Michael Suralik
		Bill O'Donnell
		Teddy Shaffer
		Bill Botensten
		Chase Lupica
		Frank Cappetta
		Francesca Capra
		Sue Hagan
		Julia Lepre

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, 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.

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, to retain, add or remove a person's name from the lists above.

Thank you.

Could God be calling you to the priesthood? Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group

The Office of Vocations can help you (jr. or sr. in high school, college student or up to 39 yrs. old) discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood.

Meeting is Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 2:00 at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Williamstown.

Fr. Michael Romano, 583-2858

Heartland Hospice needs volunteers in Camden County to serve as friendly visitors to our hospice patients. Our need for volunteers is great and we are reaching out to the faith community for assistance. Excellent training is provided. Please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Rosann Kureczko, at 251-0707.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for The Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2014 - Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel."

Commentary:

Simeon was a person who looked forward with hope. He does not miss what is taking place before him. Simeon recognizes that his wait is over. That the long-awaited promise of God has been fulfilled in the Child of Jesus.

We sometimes find it hard to wait. It's no wonder as our culture is always in such a rush. Fast food, text messaging, on demand entertainment. We are very quickly losing a sense of what it means to appreciate anticipation.

But the best things in life are worth waiting for. As Christians we are a people who long for the coming of God's Kingdom. What helps when it comes to waiting in faith is knowing that we are not the first to do so. Our tradition is rich in the stories of those who have gone before us. Stories about real people with real lives and real desires just like our own.

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?



Not even one abortion per week is acceptable. Not one per month. Not one per year. Not one in our lifetime...The dignity of the human person begins at the moment of conception, not at birth. The dignity, as recognized by the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is bestowed by the Creator, and no one has the right to destroy innocent unborn life.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

BABY BOTTLES for OPTIONS PREGNANCY CENTER

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN
FILLED BABY BOTTLES
FEBRUARY 8th OR 9th.
THANK YOU!**



REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Youth and Family Services and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call
1-800-964-6588.

Living In Love is a program of the pastoral and Matrimonial Renewal Center. This is a mini retreat workshop, **February 8-9 at hosting parish Saint Charles Borromeo, Sicklerville, NJ**, for married couples designed to energize the romance and renew the excitement of being in love.

For more information and Online Reservations:
(610) 640-4105 or www.livinginlove.org

St. Anthony's Fundraiser, Camden

Some fun in the Winter and you won't be cold.

When: Sat., February 1, 2014

Where: Laurel Lanes, Rt. 73 S, Maple Shade

For Directions call: 778-7467

Time: 7:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. (night before Super Bowl)

Cost: \$25 pp in advance, \$30 at door

Want to Sponsor a lane? Call Steve, 371-5275, or email klugs@comcast.net

Any questions call Chris Baeckstrom at 424-7816.

Office of Family Life-Diocese of Camden

Courage: The Catholic support group for men and women with same-sex attraction.

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For more info: www.couragerc.org or (856) 365-1570.