

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 Pociecha, 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
Greta Tyrrell 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
Church Environment Antonina Nicdao 751-6320
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Ch. Art Environment Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
Lectors Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Linen Committee Dom Sacca
Sacristans Pat Maggart 424-3212
Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
Ushers Frank Krenslak 309-1999
Music Ministry Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Len Kolojejchick 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 Lorraine Kennedy 489-0031
Women's Club

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

SIGN-UPS FOR SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES continue this weekend

House of Charity Celebrating 50 Years 1964-2014

"Unearthing the Treasure"

Your sacrificial gift provides health, social and welfare services for those in need.

The In-Pew solicitation for the House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal 2014 is March 8/9.

Our 2014 House of Charity Parish goal is \$112,200.00. (an increase of 2% over 2013)

The 2014 goal for the Diocese of Camden is \$7.25 million.

Our prayer is that with God's help and your generous sacrificial gift we will make and exceed our parish goal.

SECOND COLLECTION ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5: Your generous support will help Aid the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Put God First

"No one 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 God and mammon (material wealth)."

MATTHEW 6:24

Do you have other "gods" in your life (job, money, power, ego, possessions)? Do you put them before the Lord? A Stewardship lifestyle means putting God first, in all things! It means living Stewardship 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and not just the time that I go to Church or participate in my parish ministry. It means re-prioritizing and putting God first.

PARISH COLLECTION

February 23, 2014

\$9,345.50 - 228 Envelopes

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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 32)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

The Fruit of the Spirit (continued)

Spiritual fruitfulness is a favorite metaphor in Holy Scripture for those dispositions, graces, and perfections that are formed in our lives through the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit in us. The image of fruitfulness helps us to understand that we do not achieve these dispositions. Rather, they sprout up in us as signs of the Spirit's sanctifying presence. But, of course, we are not robots moving about under the bursts of some sort of spiritual electricity. The Spirit of God always engages our freedom, by which we claim as our own God's work in us.

Starting with St. Paul's discussion of the "fruit of the spirit" in Galatians 5:22-23, we reflected last week on *love, peace, joy, patience, kindness and goodness*. We can now complete the list.

+ *Faithfulness*: In secular Greek, the word had wide usage. Faithfulness, or fidelity, described a person who was utterly reliable and trustworthy. In St. Paul's usage it retains this meaning, but it takes on a more specifically Christian meaning. Faithfulness speaks particularly of the faithful endurance under persecution.

+ *Generosity*: There is no more characteristic mark of a truly Christian life than generosity. Why? Because in Jesus Christ the endless generosity of God is revealed, and the Divine Generosity is our salvation. Think about the central place of the word "grace" in our Catholic vocabulary; and "grace" means simply "gift". In our Christian vision, the whole of existence is a gift of that eternal generosity. Christ himself is the gift to us from our heavenly Father. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..." (Jn. 3:16). If the Spirit of such a God dwells in us, how could the habit of a self-sacrificing generosity not grow in us as the fruit of the Spirit?

+ *Gentleness*: The Greek word *paistes* (sometimes translated as meekness) is very difficult to render in English by a single word or concept. It can describe one who is *submissive* to the will of God. It also means *teachable*. Very often it means being considerate of the feelings and needs of others. Aristotle used the word to describe the person who is angry when he should be angry and never angry when he should not be.

+ *Self-control*: In the New Testament, this word (*ekgrateia*) describes the athlete's discipline of the body, the self-control of Christians in relation to the love of earthly pleasures, and especially in relation to sexual desire.

+ *Chastity* is a particularly urgent kind of self control, because it protects sexual love, saving love from its counterfeit, lust. There is a form of chastity appropriate to the religious celibate life: life-long renouncing of sexual relations. Another form is right for the single life: protecting one's body and spirit for the sexual love which one hopes to enjoy in a future marriage. And then there is the chaste love that belongs to the sacrament of marriage—a love that is open to new life, and that respects the dignity of one another, bodily, spiritually, and emotionally.

+ *Modesty*: To speak of modesty in our time is to speak a foreign language. In this short space, perhaps all one can do is set down the inner "logic" of modesty somewhat abstractly. The exhibition of the inherent beauty of the secrets of the body (created for love) serves lust, not love. The self-exposed person is thereby depersonalized, reduced to a mere object of fantasy and desire.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for March 8, and 9, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C Malatino J Linn	N/P Kirincic D Kreal	D Miller	I Fulton, S Russo B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	J Garafano J Linn	A Del Campo-O'Brien J Kenney, B Lento	P Lachnicht	K/K Johnson B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Choir/S Caccavale J Linn	J DeMichele, K Glover D Staton	F Egges	M/N Brown N Samson
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	M Kramer J Linn	M Garber, B Haughwout H Protzman	V Marchesani	A/I Cammisa A Quay

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., March 5 at 2:30 p.m.
- **Book Group:** Tues., March 11 at 1:30 p.m. at Mary Lou Thomas' home - Book: "Fugitive Colors"

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

STM youth

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

THIS SUNDAY, March 2 at 7 p.m.: Cherry Hill Regional Youth Mass at Holy Eucharist, Kresson Rd. The Mass is open to all Jr. & Sr. youth and their family and friends. After the Mass food & fun in the Holy Eucharist hall.

Ronald McDonald House
of Southern New Jersey



**NEXT SATURDAY
Morning, March 8 -
Ronald McDonald
House Breakfast:**

Youth Group along with the Women's Club & Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be making & serving breakfast for families of children receiving medical care. We will gather in St. Thomas More Hall at 8:15 a.m.; leave at 8:30 a.m. and return by noon. Flyers in Gathering Space for more info. **Join us for this very rewarding event!**

Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

Nurses and Medical Assistants NEEDED at Cherry Hill Food Pantry

Would you like to make a difference for your neighbors who are struggling financially? We need nurses & medical assistants to take blood pressure or sugar readings for our clients. Medical testing hours are: Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. & Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. You may volunteer one day or evening a month or more times. Contact Sandy at 609-923-0553 or by email at dczerniakowski@comcast.net.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday, March 2, at 10 a.m. children who will be receiving First Eucharist this year and their families will celebrate an Enrollment Mass. Following this Mass, a **mandatory meeting for both parent and child** will take place in the Saint Thomas More Parish Hall from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At least one parent and their child are expected to attend.

There will be **NO** Parish Religious Education Program classes on Tuesday, March 4. However, all students from both the afternoon and evening classes are expected to attend the **children's Ash Wednesday Service on March 5 at 4:30 p.m. in the Church.** Ashes will be distributed. Parents are invited to attend with their children.

The sixth Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held next Sunday, March 9, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend as well as the 10 a.m. Mass.

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



Men & Women Volunteers NEEDED
Join fellow parishioners in packing grocery bags, sorting cans or handing out food at the Food Bank.
Where: Cherry Hill Food Pantry

(Chapel Ave. next to St. Michael's Lutheran Church)

When: Tuesdays, March 11 or 18 - 5-8:00 PM

AND Thursdays, March 13 or 20 - 10 AM-1 PM

Please call Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - MARCH 1

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Virginia Foley r/b Oran & Marta Rives

SUNDAY - MARCH 2

8:30 am Thomas Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan
10:00 am Leonard Armstrong r/b Jim & Julie Johnson
Virginia Foley r/b St. Vincent de Paul
William Flowers r/b Carmel Rapetti
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - MARCH 3

6:45 am Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - MARCH 4

6:45 am Joseph & Alice Pottackal r/b Family
9:00 am Larry Cotilla r/b Jeanne Degnan

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 5

6:45 am Marian Farber r/b Jim & Julie Johnson
9:00 am Ryan Travis r/b Wednesday SCC Group
4:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY - MARCH 6

6:45 am Geraldina Del Vecchio r/b Bruno Family
9:00 am Thomas Wilkins r/b Betty & Dave Eigenrauch
Larry Cotilla r/b Wilkins Family

FRIDAY - MARCH 7

6:45 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Rodrigo Garde, MD r/b David & Pat Garde-Hill

SATURDAY - MARCH 8

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Maureen Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SUNDAY - MARCH 9

8:30 am Kay Turiano r/b Mike & Pat Maggart
10:00 am Kay Turiano r/b Gary Gadren
Mildred Cooney r/b Kolecki Family
JoAnn Gadren r/b Marianne Wilkins
11:30 am Tom Wilkins r/b Cindy & Mike Santoro & Family

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

March - That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... John Bantivoglio, Catherine Gorman and Eugene Principato.

THE SICK...

Don Kreal	Naomi Willingmyre	
Maria Storms	George Sweeten	
Phyllis Schadt	John B. Kennedy	
Ron Massey	Michael Kapischke	
Claire Boylan	Betty O'Donnell	
Frank Colbert	Henry Bourgeois	
Mary Cowan	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	
Rose Hession	Mary Branciforte	
Danny Perla	Virginia Gormley	
Anna Bedrick	Angelo DiGiacomo	
Pat Brink	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	
Ginny Fritz	Francesca Capra	
Mary DeVito	Deacon Jim Smith	
Sue Hagan	Bryan Dietrich	
Julia Lepre	Margaret Crawford	
	Helen Kane	
	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	
	Harry Gindele	
	Eleanor Regan	
	Pat Suralik	
	Msgr. Budney	
	Pauline Montes	

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, SSgt Samuel Brough, Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, SSgt 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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Rice Bowl Collection: Ensures that Catholic Relief Services is able to continue providing life-saving work to millions of people around the world. Thank you.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 4, 5 - 7 p.m

\$4 for Adults, \$2.50 Ages 6-12, \$1 Ages 1-5

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Price includes: Pancakes, sausage, apple-sauce, beverage, dessert & music

Tickets on sale after ALL Masses

Sponsored by St. Thomas More Women's Club



PARISH MISSION

Our parish mission, this year, will be held Mon., March 31, Tues., April 1 & Wed., April 2 - Please mark your calendars for this opportunity for Spiritual Renewal!

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2014 - Matthew 4:1-11

At that time, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." Jesus said, in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (Jesus is tempted two more times but does not give in to the temptations.) Finally, Jesus said to the devil, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left Jesus and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Commentary:

The tempter shows up at our houses regularly. His pitch is pretty benign at first: "Wouldn't you prefer a new sofa to this lumpy old thing? How about a wider-screen TV?" Covetousness stirs. Of course, we'd like those things. So we keep listening to this fellow who certainly has our best interests at heart. His next words might seem just a shade more dangerous: "Don't you think your family should be treating you better? They don't seem to appreciate everything you do for them." We feel the rush of resentment and indignation. Of course, the tempter is right. We deserve more than we're getting from the people in our lives. Finally, he lays his hand on the most sensitive area of our hearts, the hidden wound we've carried since childhood. It could be vanity or insecurity, pride or self-righteousness. This wound is different in each of us, but the tempter knows its precise dimensions. "I could feed this need in you, if you'd let me move in as a permanent guest," he says. If we haven't thrown him out yet, this is our last chance to do it.

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?

MEN IN BLACK - THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults in their late teens (18-19), 20s & 30s. **FREE EVENT** (\$5 suggested donation) - **Appetizers & Drink specials are available. Next meeting: Tues., March 11, 7-9 p.m., Dubh Linn Square, Cherry Hill**
TOPIC: Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People

faithFood** Food Drive**

Thank you for your generous support of the hungry here in south Jersey. Two truckloads of donations, from Saint Thomas More Parish, were delivered on Sunday to the Community Food Bank in Pennsauken.

**St. Thomas More
ELEVENTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE**

**PROGRESSIVE
DINNER** 

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6 at Caffe Aldo Lamberti, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

\$49 per person includes Butlered hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, Salad: Mescaline salad with pears, candied walnuts & Gorgonzola cheese or Caesar Salad, Main Course: Zucchini Crabcake, Chicken in Lemon Sauce or Spring Stuffed Pork Loin served with Vegetable Medley and Diced Red Bliss Rosemary Potatoes and Dessert: Tartufo, Key Lime Pie or Chocolate Frangelico Torte - Also red & white wines (throughout evening provided by the Women's Club), soft drinks and coffee or tea.

To make your reservation please contact Barbara Cerquitella at 795-7323 or Joyce DeMichele at 424-4008 to reserve by no later than March 26.