

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
 Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
 Sister Katherine Pociecha, LSIC, Religious Education Coordinator
 Julie Linn, Music Ministry
 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
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
	Pat Lachnicht	424-5636
	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Dom Sacca	
	Pat Maggart	424-3212
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
	Frank Krenslak	309-1999

Ushers

Social Development

Bridge Groups	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

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

EASTER SCHEDULE – 2014

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Regional Penance Service

Church of St. Mary, Cherry Hill

Monday, April 7 - 7:00 PM

Confession

Saturday, April 12

9:30 - 10:30 AM and 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 13

Masses – Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, April 15 - 3:00 PM

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood

SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 17

“Mass of the Lord’s Supper” – 7:00 PM

Adoration at the Repository in the Chapel until 10 PM

Good Friday, April 18

(A day of fast and abstinence)

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 19

Blessing of bread & food baskets – 12 noon

EASTER VIGIL, April 19

8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

Masses – 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Believe

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?’” JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of *Stewardship*, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

PARISH COLLECTION

March 30, 2014

\$9,283.50 - 217 Envelopes

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

“Were You There When . . . ?”

Fr. Phillip Johnson

St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four. In my study Bible, which has pretty large print with many notes and references at the bottom of each page, the story is only twenty-five pages long. Even a slow reader like me can read from beginning to end in well under two hours. If you try this out for yourself, you may notice something interesting about the author's narrative strategy. About one-third of the way through, Jesus is already entering what the Church calls Holy Week. So, Mark gives us almost the whole of Jesus' public ministry in a few pages, while the final week takes up about two-thirds of his Gospel. In fact, you will find this imbalance in the other three gospels as well. As the Biblical scholars like to say, the Gospels are made up of an extended introduction followed by the Passion-Resurrection narrative. It's only a slight exaggeration. In other words, when the gospel story approaches our Lord's passion and resurrection, the narrative slows down, the attention to detail intensifies, the pace is more meditative, the focus is sharper and closer.

This narrative plan entirely determines the liturgical habits of the Church. No matter what the Scripture readings are on any given day of the week, no matter what liturgical season it is, every Mass is a celebration of Christ's Passion and Resurrection. Every Sunday is Passion Sunday, every Sunday a “little Easter”. But it is especially in Holy Week that the liturgical pace slows down, matching the pace of the gospel narrative.

There is a simple (but theologically perfect) African-American spiritual that asks the question: *Were you there when they crucified my Lord . . . were you there when they laid him in tomb Were you there when he rose to live again?* Our faith answers “yes” especially during Holy Week. In this most solemn time, we are called to greet Jesus as King, to watch and wait with him in the garden, to accompany him in his time of trial, to meditate upon the dark mystery of his self-offering on the Cross—and finally to proclaim his victory over death in his resurrection. The liturgies are long; you can see why. Let's try not to complain; it was a very long week for Jesus.

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

*The blessing of the palms in the courtyard – the palm procession –
the reading of the passion story by several voices – the first Eucharist of Holy Week.*

The Triduum (The Great Three Days)

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00 p.m.)

*The washing of feet, the transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament, silent adoration until 10:00 p.m.,
the stripping of the altar.*

Good Friday, Adoration of the Cross (3:00 pm)

*The reading of the Passion According to St. John in several voices, the solemn intercessions,
the placing of the large wooden cross, the adoration of the Cross, Holy Communion*

The Great Vigil of Easter (8:00 pm)

*The New Fire in the front courtyard, the blessing of the Pascal Candle,
the candle light procession into the dark church, the sung Easter Proclamation,
the Readings of God's saving acts in history, Holy Baptism and the renewal of baptismal vows,
the First Eucharist of Easter.*

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ (8:30, 10:00, 11:30)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for April 12, and 13, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	R Kapischke B Casey	R Crawford, S Mohan G Tyrrell	J Mohan	J/P Wachman B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Rossi	Sister Pepita J Linn	Sr. Rosaria J Kenney, P Rossi	P Lachnicht	E Barbera, J Pol B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir/M Kramer J Linn	J DeMichele D/ML Thomas	K McFadden	C/J McFadden S Russo
11:30 a.m.	Father Thomas	D Kreal J Linn	M Ciccotta, M Gorlin S Kane	R Ciccotta	W Quay A/I Witting



The Stations of the Cross are being held on Friday evenings during Lent at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

STM youth

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 6th through 8th grades
Stay connected with us so you can stay informed on all the YG events.

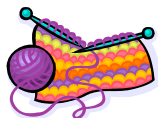
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Or Scan the code for the Links, News, and Sign up List for STM Youth plus you can contact us at youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org with any questions.



Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

Prayer Shawl Ministry



We are meeting on Thursday, April 10, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Sheila Mohan, Chair

CHILDREN'S HOME CLOTHING DRIVE Mark your Calendar! April 26/27

It's spring cleaning time! The Children's Home is in need of gently used clothing (children's & adults), used small appliances and athletic gear.

Gary Gadren, Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The final Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held this Sunday, April 6, 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.

Individual ten-minute interviews for all Confirmation II students and their parents with either Father Philip Johnson, Sister Ann Byrnes, Sister Philomena Nowicki or Sister Katherine Pociеча will be held this Sunday, April 6, following the 11:30 Mass.

The Stations of the Cross will be held this Tuesday, April 8, at 4:15 for students in grades 1-4 and again at 7 p.m. for students in grades 5-8 of our Religious Education Program. Parents are welcome to attend.

There will be a special *retreat* for all *First Communicants* on *Saturday, April 12*, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. Parents are invited to participate.

During the months of April and May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

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

House of Charity Celebrating 50 Years - 1964-2014 "Unearthing the Treasure"

Thank you to those who have already pledged. We are still striving to reach our 2014 parish goal of \$112,200.00. Pledge cards are available in the gathering space — please mail in or drop off at the parish office.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - APRIL 5

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
 4:30 pm William Wislocky r/b Wislocky Family

SUNDAY - APRIL 6

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Moore Family r/b Sheila Moore
 10:00 am Virginia Foley r/b Jim & Sheila Santarpio
 Kay Turiano r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
 Diane Sullivan r/b Hu Family
 Sharon Bushelli r/b husband, Scott
 11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - APRIL 7

6:45 am Concetta Sillitti r/b Franciscan Sister of the Infant Jesus
 9:00 am Patrick McNulty r/b Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - APRIL 8

6:45 am People of the Parish
 9:00 am Rita Bono r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 9

6:45 am Claire Mazzochette
 9:00 am Alfred DiFrank r/b Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY - APRIL 10

6:45 am People of the Parish
 9:00 am Bernadette O'Donnell r/b John & Sheila Mohan
 Anthony Bruno r/b Jeanne Degnan
 Jerry Callaghan r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

FRIDAY - APRIL 11

6:45 am Special Intentions of Tracey Murray
 9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY - APRIL 12

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

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13

8:30 am Lucy Donio r/b Patty & Paul Daly
 10:00 am Paul Charette r/b Don & Dolores Kreal
 Tom Wilkins r/b Don & Dolores Kreal
 Kay Turiano r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
 Thomas L. Angelucci, Sr. r/b Gladys
 11:30 am Dick Schweitzer r/b Family

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

April - That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... Father William Hart and Msgr. David F. Budney.

THE SICK...

Don Kreal	George Sweeten
Maria Storms	John B. Kennedy
Phyllis Schadt	Michael Kapischke
Ron Massey	Chris Kolodzey
Helen Kane	Betty O'Donnell
Claire Boylan	Henry Bourgeois
Frank Colbert	Stanley Kochanek
Mary Cowan	Pauline Rosberg
Jean Colbert	Joseph Console
Pat Barton	Geralyn Coticone
Leila Lore	Jerry McMenamin
Ed Rivero	Pasquale DiFronzo
Pat Beaney	Dorothy Wolenter
YunYun Shen	Virginia Gormley
Rose Hession	Angelo DiGiacomo
Danny Perla	Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Anna Bedrick	Francesca Capra
Pat Brink	Deacon Jim Smith
Ginny Fritz	Margaret Crawford
Sue Hagan	Pauline Montes



Ethan Killeen
 Carlos Santiago
 Barbara Salpas
 Michael Suralik
 Bill O'Donnell
 Teddy Shaffer
 Bill Botensten
 Chase Lupica
 Frank Cappetta
 Harry Gindele
 Eleanor Regan
 Pat Suralik
 Bryan Dietrich
 Julia Lepre

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.

Funeral arrangements for Msgr. David Budney
Viewing on Wed., April 9, 9:00-10:45 a.m. at Infant Jesus Parish, St. Margaret Church, 334 Beech Ave., Woodbury Heights, NJ.
Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m.

Easter Flower donation envelopes are included in your weekly envelope packet (*there are extra envelopes in the gathering space*). Your Easter Flower offering will be used for altar flowers, lilies for the shut-ins and church decorations. Your envelope can be put in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off at the parish office. Please indicate, on the envelope, if you wish to have your donation made in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will help to enhance our Easter liturgies.



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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 13, 2014 - Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God."

Commentary:

Only in the Passion according to Matthew do we hear the story of the raising of the saints. The details of the splitting of the temple sanctuary veil, the earthquake, and the tombs releasing their hold on the saints are unique to this gospel. What is the evangelist trying to tell us? The temple veil covered the Holy of Holies—that part of the sanctuary where the Ark of the Covenant was once kept. This was God's special dwelling place in Israel, and God was not to be revealed indiscriminately to all. With the tearing of the veil, the divine presence is no longer concealed. God is "loose" in Jerusalem! And in the same hour, death itself loses its mystery as its hidden captives are set free from the bonds of their shrouds. Resurrection means the mystery's out: Jesus Christ is Lord!

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 PARISH REJOICES...

with the family of *Santino Joseph Fiorelli* who was received into the Church through the waters of Baptism.



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

4/16 - Tips for Smart Financial Choices, S. Bittner

Cherry Hill Workshop at Temple Emanuel

4/10 - Interview Success Stories by Lee Ann Vozdovic

4/24 - Managing Your Finances by Scott Jones
FREE training programs and a mentoring service to assist job seekers in their transition.

Our website presents additional information to aid you in your employment transition: www.ctpnj.org.



We must help those who are suffering, but we may not use a good end to justify an evil means. Moreover, treatments that do not require destroying any human life are at least as promising—they are already healing some conditions, and are far closer to healing other conditions than any approach using embryonic stem cells. The choice is not between science and ethics, but between science that is ethically responsible and science that is not.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

St. Mary's Travel Club will be running a **River Cruise** trip on the Seine River through northern France in October 2014. We have cabins available to us at a rate discounted from the retail price for a limited time. Contact Barbara Dollarton at 424-2739.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Next meeting: Tues., April 8, 7-9 p.m., Dubliner Irish Pub & Grill in Galloway, NJ

For more information go to:
gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org

A Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council member will be available after all Masses, this weekend, for any parishioner who is interested in membership.



Chip Dombrowski