

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
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

HOUSE OF CHARITY

Celebrating 50 Years - 1964-2014

"Unearthing the Treasure"

Sincere thanks to all who made a gift or pledge to our House of Charity Appeal. Our 2014 parish goal is \$112,200.00.

Pledge cards can still be found at the doors of the Church. Completed cards can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office.

We are so grateful for your support.

May the Lord bless and reward you for your generosity.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS/REMEMBRANCES

During the month of May the parish will remember all the mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased, of our parishioners. Ten Masses will be celebrated in the chapel in their honor. If you would like your mother or grandmother remembered in this special manner please return a Mother's Day envelope that was sent along with your weekly collection envelopes. Extra envelopes are available in the gathering space or parish office. All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar during May. *Mother's Day cards are also available in the gathering space* which can be sent to your mother telling her that she will be remembered at the Masses at St. Thomas More.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Listen

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way, and opened the scriptures to us?"

LUKE 24:32B

As His Steward, do we take the time to see what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. So, just like any friendship with another person, there is give and take, each side listening to the other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is saying to you.

PARISH COLLECTION

April 27, 2014

\$7,990.00 - 193 Envelopes

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



Let us rejoice with these children as they partake of this food for their souls, as we all share in the one Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.

First Communicants - 2014

Colin Addis

Sarah Addis

James Alexander

Gabriel Barrett

Anthony Bonetti

Madison Carr

Dillon DeGrace

Nicolas Gayer

Joseph Gitzes

Miguel Graterol

Erin Houlihan

Haley Kodluk

Andrew Kuzinski

Aiden Librojo

Ava Moyer

John Moyer, Jr.

Colton Oatway

Trevor Preece

Elena Rivera

Timothy Ronan

Sarah Weber

We extend our sincere thanks to our committed, enthusiastic and God-focused catechists and substitute catechists who work so diligently to deepen our children's awareness of God.

Sister Katherine Pociecha, CRE
Sister Ann Byrnes
Sister Philomena
Scott Campbell
Janet Johnson
Marianne Wilkins
Pat Kirincic

Sister Elizabeth Kulesa
Sister Agnes Tyniec
Joanne Wachman
Sister Bozena Tyborowske
Sister Sophie Szczepek
Antoinette Del Campo-O'Brien
Melissa & Greg Young
Margaret Cammisa

Christine Betson-Smith
Jenna McCoy
Janice Quay
Beth Markiewicz
Julianne Johnson
Janet Barbera
Denise Barrett
Pamela Huynh

*Blessings,
Father Phillip Johnson*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Ministry Schedule for May 10, and 11, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Graham	C Rivera J Linn	N/P Klrincic D Kreal	D Miller	I Fulton, S Russo B Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita J Linn	A Del Campo-O'Brien J Kenney, B Lento	M Maggart	K/K Johnson B Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir J Linn	J DeMichele K Glover, D Staton	F Eggles	M/N Brown N Samson
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	D Kreal J Linn	M Garber, B Haughwout H Protzman	V Marchesani	K/M/W Quay

Women's Club News

Board Meeting: PLEASE NOTE
THIS Wednesday, May 7, 2:30 p.m.
Book Group: Tues., May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

James Alexander	Leah Hutchinson
William Alexander	Vivian Kirk
Brody Bogus	Kyle McCann
Mariela Fasnacht	Ava Moyer
Claudia Fulton	JD Moyer
William Hart	Olivia Reganata

The annual may procession and crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother will be this Sunday, May 4, following the 10:00 Mass.

During the month of May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

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

PLAN AHEAD

Women's Club Year-ending Gala
Wed., May 28 at 6:30 p.m.

*To reserve your spot and make-known
your contribution (Appetizer or Dessert)*

*Call Pat Lachnicht, 424-5636 or
Antonina Bellesorte, 609-502-6654*

before MAY 24

STM youth

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

Follow us @stmyouthnj - [Twitter.com/stmyouthnj](https://twitter.com/stmyouthnj)
Like our Page /stmyouthnj - [Facebook.com/stmyouthnj](https://www.facebook.com/stmyouthnj)

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. We look forward to seeing you at an event.



Stan Thompson, Youth Coordinator, 424-1120

'FUNSTER NEWS'



Funster Trips are open to ALL Parishioners & Friends

Sign ups have begun for our new **fall bus trip to Finger Lakes and Cooperstown - Sept. 8-11, 2014**

3 nights with breakfast & dinner daily (one in the beautiful Belhurst Castel). One lunch at the magnificent Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown and admission to National Baseball Hall of Fame. Also enjoy wine tasting, a scenic cruise, tour Willard Memorial Chapel (designed by Tiffany Glass), the William Seward house, the George Eastman house and gardens and the 40 room Sonnenberg Estate and Gardens.

Call Lin at 795-4396 to sign up for this great trip. Space is very limited!



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - MAY 3

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Kay Turiano r/b Jim & Ann Tobin

SUNDAY - MAY 4

8:30 am Ann Morgan r/b Jim & Pat Beaney
10:00 am Michael Branca r/b Moyer Family
Kay Turiano r/b Lynn Ellinger
Theodore Regnante r/b Gary Gadren
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - MAY 5

6:45 am Ryan Fusco
9:00 am Chuck Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - MAY 6

6:45 am Tom Gregory
9:00 am Special Intention of Michael Kapischke
r/b Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY - MAY 7

6:45 am Robert Cozzi
9:00 am Anthony Bruno r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

THURSDAY - MAY 8

6:45 am Brooke Ziegler
9:00 am Alfred DiFrank r/b Sheila Moore
James DeStazio r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
Jim Novak r/b Cindy Zielinski & Family

FRIDAY - MAY 9

6:45 am Ryan Fusco
9:00 am Bridie Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SATURDAY - MAY 10

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

SUNDAY - MAY 11

8:30 am Elizabeth & Buster Wilson r/b DeMasi Family
10:00 am Marie Mazzagatti r/b the Gullo Family
Kay Turiano r/b Teri Bones
Ryan Travis r/b Marianne Wilkins
Dorothy A. Arbogast r/b Penny Family
11:30 am Marie D'Ippolito r/b Radziwill Family

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

May - That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... Michele Kade

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	Angelo DiGiacomo
Rose Hession	Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Sue Hagan	Francesca Capra
Anna Bedrick	Deacon Jim Smith
Pat Brink	Margaret Crawford
Ginny Fritz	Pauline Montes
Vince DeMasi	Ann Vigrass

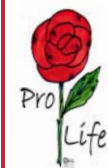


Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Barbara Salpas
Michael Suralik
Bill O'Donnell
Teddy Shaffer
Bill Botensten
Chase Lupica
Frank Cappetta
Harry Gindele
Eleanor Regan
Pat Suralik
Bryan Dietrich
Julia Lepre

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 and SPC Giselle M. Torres.



People need to know that abortion is their business. People understand that we have to intervene to help the poor, the drug addict, and victims of crime. Even if we do not know their names we know it is our business to help them. There is no reason to isolate abortion in a category of its own where all the rules of human decency suddenly change. The death of a baby and the effects on the mother is our business.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE: As usual the St. Thomas More's parishioners were very generous! **THANK YOU** from The Children's Home in Mt. Holly.

Sponsored by St. Thomas More
St. Vincent de Paul Society-Gary Gadren, Coordinator

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2014 - John 9:1-41

Jesus said to the man once blind, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?: Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." The man said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshipped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Commentary:

It's no crime to wake up one day and realize you've been oblivious to a great truth about yourself. What IS a crime is never to wake up and make that discovery. The wise folks we know got that way by walking a while on the path of humility, encountering brutal truths about themselves all along the way. They've confronted their own blindness many times, and surrendered to the sometimes-painful procedure of having their sight restored again and again. Being human implies a limited perspective. We don't see perfectly, and we have to keep working at clarifying our vision. Honest relationships assist that process naturally. So does surrendering to the words of Scripture and the sacraments most deliberately. Confession helps. The only thing that harms us, frankly, is refusing to see.

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?

Knights of Columbus Named a 2014 World's Most Ethical Company by Ethisphere Institute

The Knights of Columbus has been recognized by the Ethisphere Institute, an independent center of research promoting best practices in corporate ethics and governance, as a 2014 World's Most Ethical Company.

This is the first time that the Knights of Columbus has been honored with this award, which recognizes organizations that continue to raise the bar on ethical leadership and corporate behavior. World's Most Ethical Company honorees understand the correlation between ethics, reputation and daily interactions with their brand and that the award belongs as much to their associates as it does to them. The Knights is one of only two companies in the life insurance category honored this year.

"The Knights of Columbus was founded more than 130 years ago to protect the financial future of Catholic families in the event of the tragic death of a breadwinner and to provide charity to those on the margins of society," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

John Paul II Regional School

Spring Story Hour and Craft - Thursday, May 15th

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in our Media Center-Kindly arrive 10 minutes prior.

Story and craft hosted by preschool teacher,
Kathy Considine

Please RSVP by May 13th to:

Christine Willard-856-783-3088 or cwillard@jp2rs.org

Preschool and Kindergarten tours available following Story Hour.

Visit Us!

We welcome your family to be a part of our school community next year. *We provide a nurturing experience for all students empowering each to excel at their own level.* Call for a campus tour or be a "Hawk for a Day." Contact Christine Willard, Advancement Director at cwillard@jp2rs.org or 856-783-3088 for more information or to tour our campus.

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, May 18, 2014 at 2:00 at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Williamstown.** Fr. Michael Romano, 583-2858