

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: 3:15-4:00 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 Pociеча, 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 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 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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Friday, August 15

For the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will celebrate the following Masses:

**Thurs., August 14 at 7:00 p.m.
(Vigil Mass)**

**Fri., August 15 at 6:45 and 9 a.m.
& 7:00 p.m.**

Saint Thomas More *is pleased to introduce* “Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer”.

To get started log on to:

<http://www.stthomasmorenj.org/>
and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Listen in Silence

*“After the earthquake, fire - but the Lord was not in the fire; after the fire, a light silent sound.”
1 KINGS 19:12*

For many of us, our prayers are petitions to God, asking Him for something we want. How many times, as true *Stewards* do we take time, in silence, to ask God what He wants from us? How do we know what God wants us to do unless we listen for Him on a regular basis?

PARISH COLLECTION

August 3, 2014

\$8,753.50 - 186 Envelopes

Online Giving: \$90.00

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

Remember that summer offers a parish no break from its bills. We count on your continued support.

Enjoy your 

A **FREE Ministry** is offered to Traveling Catholics - for nationwide Mass times and locations go to: www.masstimes.org.

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 47)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

Transfiguration: Miraculous Beauty

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves, and he was transfigured before them (Matt. 17:1-22).

The miracles recorded in the gospels are not divine displays of brute power. They do not simply prove, they also reveal. There is a kind of appropriateness about them, a kind of *artistry*. We rightly speak of them as “supernatural” occurrences, but the miracles do not lose touch with the natural world. They transfigure it.

His face shone like the sun and his clothing became white as light.

It is only because we have experienced the “miracle” of natural light—the first rays of the sunrise, the play of light through the tree branches—that the divine artistry of the Transfiguration of our Lord is not lost on us. The portrait “speaks” to us of the original and future glory of the Lord.

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared with him, conversing with him (v. 3).

This detail in the portrait shows the subtlety of the artist. However, it will be noticed only by those who have some knowledge of the Old Testament. Moses who received the Ten Commandments, the fountain-head of the Law of God; Elijah the greatest among Israel's prophets. In this “artistic touch” Jesus is placed against the background of the divine revelation that prepared the way for his coming.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” (v. 4).

So Peter seems to regard this moment as the climax of Jesus' life, the final revelation of his Messianic identity. He is ready to *enshrine* the moment. Surely this will become that prophesied high place to which an endless stream of pilgrims will come to worship. But Peter has misinterpreted the portrait. For . . .

While he (Peter) was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (v. 5).

The vision has changed. No longer light but a dark cloud, and a mysterious voice speaks out of the darkness. The disciples cannot see, but they can hear. They are commanded to hear: “*listen to him.*”

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, do not be afraid.” And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone (v. 6-8).

Jesus fulfills the Law of God, and Jesus is the glorious End of all true prophecy. The Law and the Prophets are meant to train our eyes and ears on “*no one else but Jesus alone*”. This side of heaven our vision will often fail us. As St. Paul said, “We walk by faith and not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7). But even in the darkness we can hear his voice: “*Rise, do not be afraid*”.

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Ministry Schedule for August 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
7:00 p.m. <i>Vigil</i>	Fr. Johnson	J. Linn	S. Mohan, I. Rellosa	J. Mohan	A. Rzepski, B. Scarpa
<i>Assumption</i> 7:00 p.m.	Father Johnson	J. Linn	E. Beckman, K. Glover	F. Eggles	J. & P. Wachman
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C. Rivera J. Linn	I. Rellosa, T. Petrone G. Tyrrell	J. Mohan	K. & K. Johnson B. Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	Sr. Pepita B. Casey	J. & L. Duffy J Kenney	P. Lachnicht	M. & T. Dautle B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	R. Allen J. Linn	P. Rossi, M. Santiago D. Staton		M. & N. Ronan L. Smith
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	C. Capriotti J. Linn	M. Ciccotta, G. Gadren L. Levin	J. Arnold	A. & W. Quay O. Reganata

SUNDAY MASSES for Stockton, Rowan & Rutgers-Camden
[Stockton College](#)—Catholic Campus Ministry
 Sunday Mass — 6 pm
[Rowan University](#)
 Catholic Campus Ministry (Newman House)
 Sunday Mass — 7 pm
St. Bridget's University Parish
 125 Church Street, Glassboro, NJ 08028
 Sat.: 4:30 pm Sun.: 8:30 & 10:30 am & 1 pm (Spanish)
[Rutgers University — Camden](#)
 Sunday Mass — 5 pm Campus Center, Main Room

**2nd Annual
 Saint Thomas More Parish
 Harvest Festival and Raffle Drawing**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton, NJ
 3-4 pm Cocktails (cash bar)

4-8 pm Dinner, Dancing and Raffle Drawing
**Exciting Social Gathering with Dinner,
 Dancing, Fellowship and Music
 Provided by D. J. John Negro.**

Dinner Ticket \$35.00 per person
 Includes Buffet Dinner, Music & Dancing

Raffle Ticket \$100.00 each
Chance to WIN!

- 1st Prize \$10,000.00 or 25%
- 2nd Prize \$ 6,000.00 or 15%
- 3rd Prize \$ 2,000.00 or 5%
- 4th Prize \$ 2,000.00 or 5%

Proceeds will be used for

Tables and Chairs for Religious Education Classrooms
 Upgrade Church Sound System
 Campus Buildings & Grounds Repair & Maintenance
This will be the only Parish Fundraiser.

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES

Mark your Calendar
Saint Thomas More Parish Picnic
September 21, 2014



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for our 2014-2015 Religious Education Program continues throughout the summer for first grade students, as well as students who are new to our parish and those who have not reregistered to date.

If your child has not been registered, please do so immediately. Books and supplies need to be ordered and classrooms assigned.

Registration forms are available in the gathering space or on our web site under *Religious Education* at stthomasmorenj.org.

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

Women's Club News

THANK YOU for your participation, **Thank You** to Accessory Warehouse and **Thank You** to Gaye Pino for putting out the word, by email, for this special event. We think the Women's Club event at Accessory Warehouse was a lovely success. The owners of Accessory Warehouse and Nola Blue were so generous with a nice food spread and donating a large percentage (25%) of the sales that night to the Women's Club.

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - AUGUST 9

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Patti Kenney r/b the Gullo Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 10

8:30 am Beverly Kruse r/b Mr & Mrs Robert Luther
10:00 am Father W. Hart r/b the Bizzoso Family
Dennis Crowley r/b Pat & Paul Daly
Monsignor Budney r/b Jack Boesch
11:30 am Claire Mazzochette r/b Dick & Claire Spence

MONDAY - AUGUST 11

6:45 am Special Intention of Ronald Farrell r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Thomas Sweeney & George Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan

TUESDAY - AUGUST 12

6:45 am Dr. Stanley Zaleski r/b Zaleski Family
9:00 am Joe Turiano r/b Family

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 13

6:45 am Dr. Stanley Zaleski r/b Zaleski Family
9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

THURSDAY - AUGUST 14

6:45 am Maryanne Parr r/b Gary Gadren
9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Teri Bones
Bernie Kapischke r/b Marian Kapischke
7:00 pm Anthony Bruno r/b Dick & Claire Spence
Vigil Mass

FRIDAY - AUGUST 15, *The Assumption of the BVM*

6:45 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b the Pottackal Family
9:00 am Dorothy Arini r/b Rose Palladino
7:00 pm Alfred DiFrank r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

SATURDAY - AUGUST 16

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Kathleen Haughwout r/b Haughwout Family
4:30 pm Geraldina Del Vecchio r/b Bruno Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 17

8:30 am Jim Bones r/b Teri & Family
10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
Joseph & Alice Pottackal r/b Family
Fr. William Hart r/b Ted & Kay Uhlman
11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

August - That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE DECEASED... Paul Bickel.

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
Ann Vigrass	Mary Ellen Lepre
George Gadren	



Frank Sines
Ethan Killeen
Carlos Santiago
Barbara Salpas
Bill O'Donnell
Teddy Shaffer
Bill Botensten
Chase Lupica
Frank Cappelletta
Harry Gindele
Eleanor Regan
Bryan Dietrich
Vince DeMasi
Julia Lepre
Ted Uhlman

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



SSgt Samuel Brough, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, 1Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, and Lt. Col. Karl Rohr.



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

All are welcome to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen...

Date: Wednesday, August 20

Time: after 9:00 Mass

Where: St. Thomas More Hall

See you then, *thank you!*

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924



SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH PICNIC

ALL ARE INVITED

Catechetical Sunday

September 21, 2014

12:30 - 3:00 PM

Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share

IMPORTANT — Volunteers are needed for Set-Up on Saturday, 9/20/14 at 10:00 AM and Volunteers are needed to help clean-up after picnic.

Many hands make light work. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 17, 2014 - Matt. 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

Commentary: Do you ever feel "put-off" or ignored by the Lord? This passage describes the only occasion in which Jesus ministered outside of Jewish territory. A Gentile woman, a foreigner who was not a member of the Jewish people, puts Jesus on the spot by pleading for his help. She addressed Jesus as Lord and Son of David. She recognized that Jesus was God's anointed one who would bring healing and salvation, not only to the people of Israel, but to the Gentiles as well. She asks Jesus to show mercy and compassion to her tormented daughter. At first Jesus seemed to pay no attention to her. Jesus does this to test the woman, to awaken faith in her.

Jesus praised this woman for her faith and for her love because she made the misery of her child her own. She also had indomitable persistence. No one who ever sought Jesus with faith – whether Jew or Gentile – was refused his help. Do you seek Jesus with expectant faith?

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?



We pray that our once great nation may return to respect for life, which is the law of God and a truth on which this nation was founded; the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness - for the born and pre-born.

Pro-Life Corner

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

St. Thomas More *Saint Vincent de Paul Society:*

In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Please help the Society, next weekend after all Masses, with your donations of food and funds to purchase food. Let's bring faith to the needy.

Stan Thompson, President

Women in the New Testament

September 22 – November 3

Time: Mondays after 9 AM Mass

Place: Parish Hall

To Register: Call Sister Ann

(424-3212) by September 3



St. Thomas More MOVIE NIGHT

"What do you believe?"
GOD'S NOT DEAD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - JOIN US!

Sat., August 23

7 PM — St. Thomas More Hall

More details to follow.



Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 - ext. 104, to receive more information about the RCIA classes.



**Diocesan Pilgrimage to the
National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC**

Saturday, October 11, 2014

**Theme: To honor the Virgin Mary
as Our Lady, Undoer of Knots**

Bus is Restroom equipped/Video capable

\$20 Fee from each participant to defray bus cost

**MUST REGISTER at the Parish Office -
856-424-3212 - by Monday, September 8th.**