

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 Bozena, LSIC, Religious Education Coordinator
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Kathleen Witts, Youth 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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Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Knights of Columbus Dick Spence 428-8325
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Prayer Shawls Sheila Mohan 795-6137
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Worship

Altar Servers Sister Ann Byrnes 424-3212
 Pat Maggart 424-3212
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 Antonina Nicdao 751-6320
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Eucharistic Ministers Dolores Kreal 988-0271
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 Pat Maggart 424-3212
 Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
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Social Development

Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
 Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
Career Ministry June Garafano 229-7461
Funsters (over 50 club) Lin Lyon 795-4396
Parish Festival Committee 424-3212
Women's Club 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

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 48)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

The Holy Oils

In Hebrew the word is *Messiah*; in Greek it is *Christos*. Translated into English, both words mean “the Anointed One”. At the beginning of his public ministry, in the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth, Jesus read publicly the words of the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings . . .”. Then, as the Gospel of Luke tells us, while “the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him, he said to them, ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing’” (see Luke 4:16-21).

Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One: this title of our Lord anticipates the continual outpouring of God's mercy through the the sacramental *anointing with oil* in the liturgies of the Church. Every year in every Catholic diocese these sacred oils are newly prepared, blessed by the bishop, and distributed to the churches during Holy Week. This takes place at the Chrism Mass.

The anointing with sacred oils plays a part in the celebration in four of the seven sacraments and with several other rites of the Church. There are three kinds of holy oils.

The Oil of the Catechumens . . .

Catechumens may be anointed with this oil several times during their preparation for baptism. It is also used when an infant is presented for baptism. This is the oil with which the priest is anointed at his ordination. It is used also at the consecration of a church, and for the blessing of an altar.

The Oil of the Sick . . .

During a serious illness, before surgery, and in preparing to meet death, the faithful receive the Sacrament of Anointing for physical and spiritual healing.

The Oil of Holy Chrism . . .

Not simply blessed by the bishop, but consecrated, the Oil of Chrism is an integral part of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Ordination, because it is named after Christ (the word chrism means “Christ-ing”) and bestows a share in Jesus's own anointing with the Holy Spirit. Just following the washing in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the baptized are anointed on the crown of the head, signifying the royal dignity, the prophetic vocation, and the call to holiness of all the baptized. Later the confirmand will be anointed on the forehead as the Bishop says, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”. When a bishop ordains a man to the priesthood, following the laying on of hands and the prayer of consecration, he anoints the hands of the priest with the Chrism Oil, saying: “The Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus preserve you to sanctify the Christian people and to offer sacrifices to God.”

On several up-coming Sunday masses, we will have the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism. As each one of us renews our baptismal promises, let us not forget *our* anointing, our “Christing” as we strive to live the dignity conferred, the vocation assigned, and the call to holiness that is ours.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for September 13, and 14, 2014

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	C. Malatino J. Linn	S. Mohan, T. Petrone I. Rellosa	J. Mohan	D. Ha, K. Quay B. Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Yetman	Sr. Pepita B. Casey	J. Kenney, B. Lento R. Vanderwielen	M. Maggart	G. & M. Gray B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Rossi	M. Kramer J. Linn	J. Galati D. & ML Thomas	L. Galati	J. & P. Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	C. Capriotti J. Linn	M. Gorin, L. Levin B. Massey	S. Kane	R. Caton M. & N. Ronan

Women's Club News

• **Membership Brunch:** Sun., Sept. 28 after the 11:30 Mass – **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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



**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 & 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 for the year. Please plan to participate.

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are meeting this Thursday, September 11, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.



Sheila Mohan, Chair

**SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH PICNIC
ALL ARE INVITED**

Catechetical Sunday



**September 21, 2014
12:30 – 3:00 PM**

A Time for Fellowship, Food and Fun!

A Time to Connect after the Summer!

A Time to Welcome Back our Catechists and Students!

A Time to Launch our Religious Education Year!

Music! Entertainment for All! Children's Games and Crafts!
Pig Roast, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages and More!

**Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share, call
Marianne Gorin at 346-1811.**

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

Call Gary Gadren at 856-428-6830 to volunteer.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechists in-service meeting this Tuesday evening, September 9, at 7:00 pm in the Hall.

ATTENTION First Graders & New Parishioners
Letters outlining start-up information for the 2014/2015 Religious Education Program were mailed, two weeks ago, to all families who were part of our program last year.

If your child is not yet registered, please obtain a registration form from the gathering space or online at <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>.

Classes begin September 23.

Sr. Bozena Tyborowska, 424-3212 - ext. 106



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 6

- 9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
Deborah Schofield r/b Robert & Janet
Watson
- 4:30 pm Tom Wilkins r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 7

- 8:30 am Dorothy A. Arbogast r/b Penny Family
- 10:00 am Marie Mazzagatti r/b the Gullo Family
Sadie Fisher r/b Gary Gadren
Ethan Kuchler r/b Joseph Kuchler
- 11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 8

- 6:45 am Paul Charette r/b John & Sheila Mohan
- 9:00 am Paul Charette r/b Buzz Cirillo

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 9

- 6:45 am Special Intention of Emil Ralbuski r/b
Michael Curtis
- 9:00 am Ryan Travis r/b John & Sheila Mohan

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 10

- 6:45 am Nicole Bondi r/b Ann, Michael & Joseph
Curtis
- 9:00 am Dudley Cannon r/b Joe & Eileen Withers

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 11

- 6:45 am Rev. Leonard J. Jordick r/b McGeedy Family
- 9:00 am Albert Marino r/b wife, Cecilia
Special Intentions & Peace for Don Hays &
Family r/b Tobin Family
Paul Bickel r/b Prayer Shawl Ministry

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 12

- 6:45 am Nicole Bondi r/b Ann, Michael & Joseph
Curtis
- 9:00 am Virginia Foley r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 13

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

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 14

- 8:30 am Debbie Kaplan r/b Alfred Buonanno
- 10:00 am Lucy Rossi r/b Rossi Family
Tom Wilkins r/b the Acampora Family
Fr. Hart r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
- 11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER


September - That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... Dorothy Wolenter and Robert
Pearse.**

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	Angelo DiGiacomo	
YunYun Shen	Wayne Mauri, Sr.	
Rose Hession	Francesca Capra	
Sue Hagan	Deacon Jim Smith	
Anna Bedrick	Margaret Crawford	
Pat Brink	Mary Ellen Lepre	
Julia Lepre	Nicholas DiPaolo	
Ann Vigrass	Marian Kapischke	
Ted Uhlman	Donna Gould	
		Frank Sines
		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
		Vince DeMasi
		George Gadren
		Elva Clark

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.

**The 2015 MASS BOOK is NOW OPEN for
your Mass Intentions.**



***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.**

ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, 2014 - John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven. The Son of Man...The Son of Man will be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Commentary:

For John the Ascension of Jesus onto the cross is part of the ascension into heaven. The two are really one event. The death of Jesus becomes itself part and parcel of glorification and exaltation. To be lifted up means to be exalted on high, but it also means to be lifted up on a cross. The purpose of Christ's being lifted on a cross is for people to have eternal life in him. In John the death of Jesus is viewed as a revelation of God's love for the world and the glorification of the Father and the Son. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross calls all of us to reflect on Christ's great love for us.

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?

"Stump the Priest"

Are there questions about the Catholic Faith you always wanted to ask?

Come to this session and see if you can stump **Father Johnson** with your wonderings.

All are invited!

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 - 7 PM
in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall



God created each and every one of us; God doesn't create junk! Then why do we allow God's creations, His unborn babies, to be discarded as if they were junk? We must respect God's great gift of life. End abortion now.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

STMyouth

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

Calling all teens to help plan a great year of fun, faith and fantastic events! Come and share your ideas—Thursday, September 11—Parents and Adults interested in helping with the Youth Group are also encouraged to attend! Email youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org your ideas and your RSVP!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

9-17 7:00 pm Stump the Priest (the teens will sit together)

9-20 9:30 am Set up for the Fall Festival

9-21 12:30 pm Fall Festival, come to help and have fun!

9-25 7:00 pm Youth Group Kick Off Meeting

Questions — Call, email or text Katie at 856-305-2914 or youthgroup@stthomasmore.org.

Katie will be in the Gathering Space following all Masses this weekend, please introduce yourself.

ATTENTION SANDWICH MAKERS

THANK YOU for the "Absolutely Fabulous" job you did on August 20. We had a less than usual attendance and you still managed to make 384 sandwiches and quite a lot of utensil packages in *only 45 minutes*.

The Cathedral Kitchen "guests" are so appreciative of your efforts and time given for their benefit.

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is a speaker & discussion series for women and men in their 20s & 30s, married & single.

TOPIC: No Doubt about It, There's Reason to Believe! Exploring the Friendship between Faith and Science. Guest Presenter: Sr. Rose Bernadette Mulligan, IHM. No cost to attend - Participants are welcome to purchase food & beverages. ***Next meeting: Tues., Sept. 9, 7-9 p.m., Dubh Linn Square, 482 E. Evesham Rd., Cherry Hill*** For more info call 856-583-6122.