

# 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  
 Greta Tyrrell 424-3212

### *Christian Life/Education*

Bereavement Staff 424-3212  
 Hospital Visitors Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212  
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 Spiritual Retreats John Galati 428-7073  
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### *Worship*

Altar Servers Sister Ann Byrnes 424-3212  
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 Antonina Nicdao 751-6320  
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 Eucharistic Ministers Dolores Kreal 988-0271  
 Lectors Pat Lachnicht 424-5636  
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 Sacristans Dom Sacca  
 Pat Maggart 424-3212  
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### *Ushers*

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Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008  
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 Funsters (over 50 club) Committee 424-3212  
 Parish Festival Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323  
 Women's Club 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



All participants in our Small Christian Communities are invited to our Annual Covered Dish Dinner on Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the hall of The Church of St. Mary, Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill. Presenter: Monsignor Thomas Morgan. All SCC Facilitators are asked to contact their members and let them know what to bring to the gathering. Look forward to seeing all of you there and sharing this time together!!! Call Sister Ann, 424-3212 ext. 104, for more information.



**MOVIE NIGHT:**

GOD'S NOT DEAD

*(Back By Popular Demand)*

Saturday, November 8 - 7 PM Parish Hall

*Will include a special feature on how the movie was made*

***In advance of their sold out Carnegie Hall Appearance Please join -***

**Phil Coulter - Andy Cooney  
Plus The Irish Pops for**

***Celtic Twilight Christmas***

**December 6th - 7:30 PM**

**TD Bank Arts Centre Sewell, NJ**

**To purchase tickets, make a donation or sponsor this event visit**

**[www.cbsphilly.com/bishop](http://www.cbsphilly.com/bishop) or call 218-8902**

Proceeds benefit the South Jersey Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for financial assistance to attend Catholic Schools.

*See Flyers and Poster in Gathering Space*

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

As announced in detail from the pulpit today, St. Thomas More Parish is launching an Increased Offering/Stewardship of Treasure Appeal.

The objectives of the Appeal are three: **1)** to encourage all parishioners to use the envelope system (or online giving) regularly, **2)** to request a reasonable weekly increase in the offering by all members of the Parish, **3)** to welcome and invite non-active parishioners back to church. We hope all parishioners will respond generously to this most important appeal.

**PARISH COLLECTION**

**October 26, 2014**

**\$8,046.50 - 193 Envelopes Online Giving: \$410.00**

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

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 51)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

## Seeing in Silence

Much gets lost in a world that is filled with noise and endless chatter. Along with the inevitable noise of autos and industry and commerce, we have a host of increasingly sophisticated devices with which to ban silence. The devices are “on” day and night in more and more places—at home, at school, at work, in waiting rooms, hospital rooms, living rooms, bedrooms, malls and lobbies, parks and playgrounds. Much information is distributed by the chatter. Our favorite music helps us through the boring times. Keeping the chatter going among friends saves us from loneliness, and at least some of the movies and t.v. shows are truly entertaining.

If you are going to experience silence, you will have to *choose* silence. You will have to turn off the devices. You will have to find a time to be alone and be still.

But why would I choose silence? Isn't silence just absence, emptiness, and awkwardness? Yes, there are empty silences. But there are also full silences. Before getting to the obvious relationship of silence to prayer and worship, we might think about the every-day costs to our humanity when the natural opportunities for silence are no longer welcomed. A couple of simple examples will have to do.

In all human endeavor, *silent reflection is the natural preparation for appropriate action and right response*. The high school football team I played on kept a mandatory hour of absolute silence as final preparation before loading the bus for the stadium. This was hard for a bunch of adolescent boys to learn. But we found the discipline fruitful. In the silence we “gathered” ourselves for the challenge. In the imposed stillness we rehearsed our movements, we recalled what we had learned of our opponents, we “saw” the game ahead of time.

In human relationships, a kind of inner “seeing” of others, a stepping back in “contemplation” of others, is required to truly know and love others. Such moments do not have to be manufactured; they are simply “there” for the one who is open to them. Think of the exhausted young mother saying her “goodnight” to her young child, when suddenly the wonder, the sense of the gift of the child, speaks to her heart as she turns out the light.

Such moments are not always recognized as “religious” moments. But they anticipate the call to silence within the call to prayer. Pope Benedict XVI once wrote about the “contemplation” (the new way of seeing) available to us through prayer. *“Through prayer, daily life takes on new meaning. It becomes a classroom of communion. In that classroom we learn the truth about who we are - and who we are becoming - in Jesus. Through prayer we receive new glasses through which we see the true landscape of life. Through prayer darkness is dispelled and the path of progress is illuminated.”*

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**THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Ministry Schedule for November 8, and 9, 2014**

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Graham	C. Malatino J. Linn	I. Rellosa J. & S. Mohan	T. Andraka	D. Ha, L. Smith B. Scarpa
8:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita J. Linn	A. Del Campo-O'Brien B. Massey, R. Vanderwielen	J. Vecchiola	A. & J. Zieba B. Scarpa
10:00 a.m.	Father Johnson	Choir/A. Velazquez J. Linn	K. Glover, M. Huynh M. Santiago	V. Marchesani	N. Samson M. & N. Ronan
11:30 a.m.	Father Johnson	R. Kapischke B. Casey	M. Garber, B. Haughwout H. Protzman	J. Arnold	G. & M. Gray S. Russo

The Ministry Schedule can be found at the St. Thomas More website: <http://stthomasmorenj.org/>.

*Women's Club News*

**Board Meeting:** Wed., Nov. 5, 1:30 pm  
Accessory Warehouse on Wed., Nov. 12, 2-7 pm  
will give 20% of all sales to the Women's Club if you mention St. Thomas More!

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

**GOOD NEWS!** The annual "APPLE PIES & MORE" bake sale is scheduled for November 22 & 23. Frozen pies, to be "Home Baked" by you, will be available to pre-order. Order forms available in the gathering space in Nov. Other baked goodies also for sale.



**STM youth**

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
If you are in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade (or a parent): Please email your name, grade and phone number to [youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org) to be added to our Youth Group email list!

Upcoming Events:

**Sun., Nov. 2** - Youth Gathering in the Classroom Following the 10 am Mass.

**Sat., Nov. 8** - Spirit Day, 9:30-12 Noon on our Parish Grounds then Join us for lunch (bonfire to roast hot dogs & marshmallows, if weather permits)

**Sun., Nov. 9** - Youth Mass & Social with Cherry Hill Parishes at the retreat house on Kresson Rd  
**The next Tuesday evening High School YG meeting is November 11.**

Any questions or ideas for the Youth Group email ([youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org)), text or call **Katie Witts, YG Coordinator, at 305-2914.**

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The second Confirmation I preparatory class for all seventh grade students will be held this Sunday, November 2, at 11 am in the St. Thomas More Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend.

**SPIRIT DAY** will be held next Saturday, November 8, 9:30-12:00 for all Confirmation I and II students. This is a day when our confirmation candidates come together to clean up the Church Grounds by raking leaves, sweeping sidewalks and washing windows. It is an opportunity for them to earn their service hours. All parishioners are invited to assist these young people. Lunch will be provided. Please BRING A RAKE.

There will be **NO** Parish Religious Education classes on Tuesday, November 4 due to the closing of the public schools for Election Day.

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



**ALL ARE INVITED...to join our students on SPIRIT DAY** (Sat., Nov. 8, 9:30-Noon) to help keep Our Parish grounds & facilities clean and beautiful.

Lunch will be provided, if weather permits we will end the work with a bonfire to roast hot dogs and marshmallows. **Please BRING A RAKE.**

**Men & Women Volunteers NEEDED**

Where: Cherry Hill Food Pantry

When: Tuesday, November 25  
9:30 am - 1 pm & 5 - 7:30 pm

Please call Elaine Beckman at 856-428-8431.







## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 1

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
Peggy O'Malley r/b Family  
4:30 pm Mary DeVito r/b Rich & Cindy Black

### SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2

8:30 am Alice Wells r/b Robert Sorrentino &  
Theresa Skobodzinski  
10:00 am All Souls  
Louis Scharff r/b Robert & Roseann Luther  
Genevieve Uroda r/b Charles & Barbara  
Cerquitella  
Dudley Cannon r/b Ray & Gloria Desrochers  
11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

### MONDAY - NOVEMBER 3

6:45 am Fr. Patrick Levin r/b Sr. Anna  
9:00 am Paul Kelly r/b Brendan Murphey

### TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 4

6:45 am All Souls  
9:00 am Vincent Cugini r/b the Mermer Children

### WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 5

6:45 am Recovery & Conversion of George Foster  
r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Gloria Boyle r/b Drew & Beth Manalo La  
Manna

### THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 6

6:45 am Recovery & Conversion of George Foster  
r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Gloria Boyle r/b Christa Manalo  
John & Mary Sklencar r/b son, Joe, &  
Grace Sklencar  
Edward C. Foley r/b Gregory Wolfe

### FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 7

6:45 am All Souls  
9:00 am Robert J. Pearse r/b Dr. & Mrs. Mermer

### SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 8

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
Anonymous and Forgotten Deceased  
4:30 pm Mary T. DiPaul r/b daughter, Mary Ellen  
Carrozza

### SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 9

8:30 am Brian Deutsch r/b the Kenny & Bailey  
Families  
10:00 am Paul Kelly r/b D'Adamo Family  
Dudley Cannon r/b STM Women's Club  
Judy Ellis-Taylor r/b Marian Stewart  
Juan & Rosa Irizarry r/b Santiago Family  
11:30 am Joe & Kay Turiano r/b Family

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: **THE DECEASED... Henry Bourgeois.**

### **THE SICK...**

Maria Storms	Betty O'Donnell
Helen Kane	John B. Kennedy
Phyllis Schadt	Michael Kapischke
Ron Massey	Pauline Rosberg
Mary Cowan	Stanley Kochanek
Claire Boylan	Jerry McMenamin
Frank Colbert	Joseph Console
Don Kreal	Geralyn Coticone
Jean Colbert	George Sweeten
Pat Barton	Pasquale DiFronzo
Leila Lore	Angelo DiGiacomo
Ed Rivero	Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Pat Beaney	Francesca Capra
YunYun Shen	Deacon Jim Smith
Rose Hession	Margaret Crawford
Sue Hagan	Mary Ellen Lepre
Anna Bedrick	Nicholas DiPaolo
Pat Brink	Marian Kapischke
Julia Lepre	Donna Gould
Ann Vigrass	Martha Whiting
Ted Uhlman	Rick Linn



Carlos Santiago  
Barbara Salpas  
Michael Suralik  
Bill O'Donnell  
Frank Sines  
Teddy Shaffer  
Ethan Killeen  
Bill Botensten  
Chase Lupica  
Frank Cappetta  
Harry Gindele  
Eleanor Regan  
Pat Suralik  
Bryan Dietrich  
Vince DeMasi  
GeorgeGadren  
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.

**SIGN-UPS NEXT WEEKEND FOR  
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES**

**SCC Groups will begin meeting the week of November 24 for the Advent Season. Come and be renewed, come and discover God and the richness of the small community experience! Call Sister Ann 424-3212 for more info.**

### **Camden Catholic High School**

**Scholarship & HS Placement Test:** Sat., Nov. 8 at CCHS, register at [www.camdenatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissions).  
**Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th graders:** Call 856-663-2247 ext. 136 to schedule day.  
**CCHS Hall of Fame:** Accepting nominations for 2015 through Nov. 15. For nomination form visit [www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame](http://www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame).

### **INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER**

NOVEMBER - That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

### 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 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Nov. 9, 2014 - John 2:13-22**

Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe.

**Commentary:**

Jesus referred to the temple as his Father's house which was being made into "house of trade" or "den of robbers". That is why he used physical force to expel the money-changers. The Jewish authorities, however, wanted proof that Jesus had divine authority to act as he did. Jesus replied that the sign God would give would be his resurrection: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up". The Jews did not understand that the temple Jesus referred to was his own body. The "tent of his body" had to be destroyed to open the way to the presence of God 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?



As parents and grandparents we have a crucial, sometimes decisive role in the attitudes of our children and grandchildren toward abortion. Do we pass on a concern for life? Do we convey compassion, so that if our daughter or granddaughter

were to become pregnant, she would know she could turn to us for understanding, rather than turn to the abortionist? *Pro-Life Corner*

*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is a speaker and discussion series for Catholic young adults in their 20s & 30s, married & single. **TOPIC:** Covenantal Love & Marriage, Guest Presenter: Fr. Robert Sinatra — **FREE EVENT!** Participants are welcome to purchase food & beverages. **Next meeting:** **Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at Tir Na Nog (formerly known as Dubh Linn Square) 482 E. Evesham Rd., Cherry Hill. Call 583-6122 for more info.**

please support us

Come *Dine* for **Dollars**

In support of the Knights of Columbus



- Date:** Tuesday, November 11, 2014
- Place:** La Terrazza Ristorante, 210 Barclary Farms, Route 70, Cherry Hill, 354-1888
- Time:** 4 - 8 p.m. **Reservations Requested.**
- Please mention this fundraiser when booking.
- Your Role in Supporting Us:** Cut out and give this ad to your server. **Each TABLE must have their own.**

***Don't forget to bring this ad with you on November 11, ONE PER TABLE.***

***When you do, La Terrazza will donate 20% of the bill to the Knights of Columbus.***

This offer cannot be combined with any other offer. Must dine-in for organization to receive 20%. An entrée must be purchased in order for the organization to receive 20%. An entrée includes only adult and child entrees. Valid only if bearer dines at La Terrazza, Barclary Farms, Rt. 70 on the date listed above.