

# 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: 3:30-4:00 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 • Marylee Garber, 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 David Galloway 770-1270  
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Prayer Shawls Sheila Mohan 795-6137  
Respect Life Al Mac Elrath 779-7130  
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### *Worship*

Altar Servers Sister Ann Byrnes 424-3212  
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Lectors Pat Lachnicht 424-5636  
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Sacristans Dom Sacca  
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### *Ushers*

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Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008  
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June Garafano 229-7461  
Lin Lyon 795-4396  
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Funsters (over 50 club) Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323  
Parish Festival 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

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 28, 2014

### 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.

### 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 & Bob Scarpa

### 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.

High School Youth Group Tuesday, 7:15—8:15 pm

### 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

### St. Thomas More Parish NEW YEAR'S EVE MOVIE NIGHT

*"Heaven is for Real"*

BASED ON AN INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Wed., Dec. 31 - 7 PM

**In the St. Thomas More Hall**

\$15 donation - Reservation required to order food.

Contact Marianne with any questions at 346-1811 or email Joe Centonze at joecent4@gmail.com.

**ALL ARE WELCOME, BRING A FRIEND**

**Thank you to Jeff and Stacey  
At Accessory Warehouse**  
for hosting a fundraiser for the  
Women's Club in November.



And,

**Thank you to all who supported  
the opportunity to "donate as you shop."**

### Women's Club News

**Happy New Year**

**January 21, 2015 Game Day  
Noon Meeting**

#### *Will Our Children have Faith?*

*Presenters: Fr. Phillip Johnson  
& Janet R. Johnson*



*Parental, educational, pastoral, and practical reflections on the spiritual lives of children and how we can help to nourish their faith. This workshop is for parents of young children (infants through 6<sup>th</sup> graders).*

**Date:** Saturday January 10, 2015—9:30AM to 12

**Time:** 9:30AM Registration & Coffee  
10AM—12 Noon Presentation & Sharing

**Place:** St. Thomas More Parish  
Springdale Road, Cherry Hill  
Child Care Provided

**Call the Parish Office to Register**  
**(856-424-3212)**

# The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 53)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

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

## The Family Within the Christmas Mystery and The World Meeting of Families

One year ago, in his Angelus address on the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Pope Francis reminded us of the light shed on the family by the coming of Christ. The Son of God “wanted to be born into a human family,” wrote the pope—“he wanted to have a mother and father.” The Holy Family of Nazareth provides a vision for all families, the pope said, “helping them increasingly to become communities of love and reconciliation, in which tenderness, mutual help, and mutual forgiveness is experienced.”

If the Eternal Word, the Eternal Son of God, is to live a truly human life, if he is to take on our nature and our experience as human beings, he must, like each one of us, receive his humanity through the mystery of the human family. Christ himself comes to us through the foundational human institution of the family.

We live in a time when the Church must communicate to the faithful and to the world, not only *what* the church teaches about marriage and the family, but *why*. That is, if we are to give account of our faith, Catholics must make clear how it is that the Church's vision of the family emerges inevitably from the most fundamental truths about the human person. More than that, we must learn to make clear (first to ourselves) that the Church's morality of marriage is the morality of human love *according to its very nature*. As the Second Vatican Council teaches:

“God created man in his own image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:26, 27). Calling him to existence through love, he called him at the same time for love. God is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8) and in himself, he lives a mystery of personal loving communion. Creating the human race in his own image and continually keeping it in being, *God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion. Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.*” (*Gaudium et spes* 12)

It turns out that the family within the Christmas mystery bears witness to the whole of God's plan of salvation.

In the coming months a remarkable opportunity is ours for the spiritual renewal of families. September 22-27, 2015, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will welcome families from across America and around the world to the 2015 **World Meeting of Families, which will include a papal visit**. Since 1994, the World Meeting has convened every three years. At the 2012 gathering in Milan one million people attended the concluding papal mass. For details about how you can participate in this week of catechesis, celebration, and prayer (with venues for all ages), go online to [www.worldmeeting2015](http://www.worldmeeting2015) or the Facebook site, [world-Meeting2015](https://www.facebook.com/worldmeeting2015).

Meanwhile, Pope Francis urges us to “fervently call upon Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, and Saint Joseph her spouse...to enlighten, comfort and guide every family,” praying they may “fulfill with dignity and peace the mission which God has entrusted to them.” Prayer cards provided especially for this purpose are available to you at the church entrances.

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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**Ministry Schedule for December 30, 31, 2014 & Jan 3, 4, 2015**

<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Presider</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Julie</b>	<b>G. Tyrell, E. Beckamn, B. Lento</b>	<b>Galatl</b>	<b>C &amp; I Fulton A. Rzepski</b>
<b>Jan. 1 10:00 am</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Julie</b>	<b>J. DeMichele, K. Glover, D. Staton</b>	<b>P. Lachnicht</b>	<b>K, E, A, W Quay</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Julie</b>	<b>A. Thompson, M. Garber, M. Swyer</b>	<b>D. Miller</b>	<b>T Ciccotta B Scarpa</b>
<b>Jan. 3 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Choir/Becca Julie</b>	<b>P/N Kirincic I. Rellosa</b>	<b>F. Eggles</b>	<b>I. &amp; C. Fulton B. Scarpa</b>
<b>Jan. 4 8:30 am</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Sr. Pepita Julie</b>	<b>B. Lento J. Kenney R. Vanderwellen</b>	<b>P. Lachnicht</b>	<b>M. &amp; G. Gray B. Scarpa</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Rob Julie</b>	<b>J. Mazzagatti, D. Gould J. Galatl</b>	<b>L. Galatl</b>	<b>N. Samson A. &amp; A. Cammisa</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Father</b>	<b>Dolores Betty</b>	<b>G. Gadren, M. Ciccotta S. Kane</b>	<b>R. Ciccotta</b>	<b>A. &amp; J. Zleba B. S. Russo</b>

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

**Join Bishop Sullivan in Ireland—July 18th through 29th, 2015**

Bishop Sullivan is hosting a tour of Ireland departing Philadelphia on Saturday, July 18th and returning to Philadelphia on Wednesday, July 29th. Visit Dublin, Cavan, Armagh, Knock, Galway, the Cliffs of Mohrer, Limerick and much more. Tour includes 11 days/ 10 nights; ten full Irish breakfasts; ten dinners (one with Irish storytelling and entertainment); gratuities to driver/guide; portorage of one piece of luggage; four star hotels; air conditioned motor coach; and a few Irish ballads sung by the Bishop along the way. The **land cost** of this tour is \$2209/pp double occupancy with a \$479 single supplement; space is limited. Airfare costs are based on availability at the time of booking (current estimates are roughly \$1300/ non-stop. For more information or to register— please contact [anna.summers@camdendiocese.org](mailto:anna.summers@camdendiocese.org) or [Robert.hughes@camden diocese.org](mailto:Robert.hughes@camden diocese.org) or call 856-583-2807. A **non-refundable deposit of \$500** p/p is due with registration.

If you look for Me at Christmas,  
You won't need a special star—  
I'm no longer in Bethlehem,  
I'm right where you are.  
You may not be aware of Me  
Amid the celebrations—  
You'll have to look beyond the stores  
And all the decorations.  
But if you take a moment  
From your list of things to do,  
And listen to your heart, you'll find  
I'm waiting there for you.  
You're the one I want to be with,  
You're the reason that I came,  
And you'll find me in the stillness as  
I'm whispering your name.  
*Love, Jesus*



**NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
**Wednesday, December 31, 2014** (Vigil) 4:30 PM  
**Thursday, January 1, 2015**  
10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

St. Thomas More is pleased to provide  
**“Enhancing Stewardship  
through Electronic Funds Transfer.”**

It's Simple, Secure, Convenient. The parish benefits from stable monthly contributions. For more information or to get started log on to: <http://www.stthomasmorenj.org> and click on the Parish Giving Logo to follow the easy registration steps.  
And, as always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY—DECEMBER 27

4:30 pm Frank Scott r/b Buzz Cirillo

### SUNDAY—DECEMBER 28

8:30 am Elizabeth Wilson r/b DeMasi family  
 10:00 am Joseph DiPhillipo r/b daughter, Marie  
 John Ryan r/b family  
 Anna DiPrimio & Analisa DiFilippo  
 r/b Joan & Jack Hyer  
 11:30 am Dick Schweitzer r/b family

### MONDAY - DECEMBER 29

6:45 am Pamela Notaro r/b Dr. Patrick  
 & Mrs. Janet Houston  
 9:00 am Henry Bourgeois r/b Bob  
 & Elizabeth Scarpa

### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 30

6:45 am Felix Amado r/b Franciscan Sisters  
 of the Infant Jesus  
 9:00 am Eleanor Scarpa r/b Marie Budroe

### WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 31

9:00am Intentions of Ryan Caton  
 r/b Pat & Don Brink  
 4:30 pm Dudley Cannon r/b Margaret Kane

### THURSDAY - JANUARY 1

10:00 am intentions of Linda Lesser  
 r/b Judi Roseberg  
 11:30 am In Thanksgiving r/b Castillo family

### FRIDAY - JANUARY 2

9:00 am Intentions of the family of Nicholas  
 DiPaolo r/b Bob & Elizabeth Scarpa

### SATURDAY—JANUARY 3

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish  
 4:30 pm Olga V. Mignone r/b Donald & Bill Mignone

### SUNDAY—JANUARY 4

8:30 am Dorothy Wolenter  
 r/b Ron & Barbara Massey  
 10:00 am Emilio Bruno & Antonio Del Vecchio  
 r/b Bruno family  
 Edward North r/b Bob & Jessica Lane  
 Family of Nicholas DiPaolo  
 r/b Gail & Ron Bizzoso  
 11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

DECEMBER - That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.



**Thank you** to all who helped make our Bake Sale a success—the pretzel makers, pie

makers, those who donated baked goods to sell and last, but not least...to those that purchased the goodies! We are truly a great parish! Thank you one and all.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...



Maria Storms	Betty O'Donnell	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 Elva Clark Bryan Dietrich Vince DeMasi GeorgeGadren
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	Pat Suralik	
Pat Brink	Marian Kapischke	
Julia Lepre	Donna Gould	
Ann Vigrass	Martha Whiting	
Ted Uhlman	Thomas Houston	
Rick Linn	Mena Ravena	

## 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.

## Stewards Offer Forgiveness

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."*  
*Colossians 3:13b*

Forgiveness—one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone—maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or, maybe yourself.

## Second Grade Christmas Play December 16, 2014



### 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 Epiphany of the Lord, January 4, 2015 - Matthew 2:1-12

(Magi from the east heard of the birth of the King of the Jews (Jesus). They came to Jerusalem in search of this King. Herod heard about this and was anxious to know about this newborn king - for reasons different from the Magi. Herod investigates. The king is in Bethlehem, Herod is told. Herod plots...) "Go and search diligently for the child," Herod says. "When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was... They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

#### Commentary:

The Magi find Jesus because they are open to being led by God who uses a star and a dream. Herod never finds Jesus - his desire is to satisfy his own needs. The astounding events portrayed in this gospel (a star leading strangers from the east, Herod's hypocrisy, warning dreams) indicate to us that God's offer of salvation will be extended to all people and will not be thwarted. The gospel presents a choice to us: do we want to be like Herod or like the Magi?

#### 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?

**STM**youth

**Sr. - High School students**  
**Jr. - 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades**


Thank You for helping to make the Christmas party for the 1st & 2nd graders at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception a huge success! Stay tuned for pictures!

All 5th—12th graders welcome!  
Save the dates!

**STM**youth Jan. 10th Service Event—Babysitting  
Jan. 18th MLK Service Day  
Jan. 23rd Open Gym Night

**Tuesday Night High School Youth Group**  
Meetings 7:15 –8:15 pm!  
\*Games\* Faith Discussions\* Games\*  
Bring Friends!



 We are looking to develop a Teen Choir and a Teen Bible Study!  
Email [youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org) to receive reminders and updates!

**Any questions or ideas for the youth group call Katie Witts, YG Coordinator, at 305-2914.**

#### Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or a series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 13—15 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

#### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**TIME TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY DAYS:** There will be **NO Religious Education classes on Tuesday, December 23rd and Tuesday, December 30th.** Classes resume on Tuesday, January 6th, 2015. **Have a wonderful CHRISTMAS and a blessed NEW YEAR!**

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

**Thank you** to the St. Thomas More volunteers for helping the **Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Pantry** distribute turkeys to 390 clients for Thanksgiving during our four sessions.