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
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Sister Bozena	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	Katie Witts	305-2914

Worship		
Altar Servers	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212
	Pat Maggart	424-3212
Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Ch. Art Environment	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Eucharistic Ministers	Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Lectors	Pat Lachnicht	581-4206
Linen Committee	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Sacristans	Dom Sacca	
	Pat Maggart	424-3212
	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Ushers	Frank Krenslak	309-1999
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

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 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.

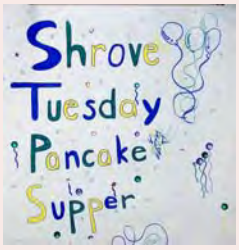
BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake SupperThis Week!
February 17th 5 - 7 pm



$4 for Adults, $2.50 Ages 6-12,
$1 Ages 1-5
COME JOIN THE FUN!
Price includes: Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, beverage, dessert & music
Tickets on sale after ALL Masses
Sponsored by St. Thomas More Women's Club

******SAVE THE DATE– APRIL 19, 2015 PROGRESSIVE DINNER******

Seeking Sandwich Makers

All are welcome to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen
Wednesday, February 25, 2015 after 9:00 Mass in **St. Thomas More Hall**
See you then, *thank you!*
Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator - 428-4924

Collection amounts for February 8, 2015
$ 9082.50
207 envelopes were used
Online giving $304
As always, thank you for your continuing generosity to your parish.

Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus
Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance
Sunday, March 8, 2015—3pm—7pm Auletto Caterers
1849 Cooper Street, Almonesson, NJ
Music by the Juliano Brothers
Donation $50.00 per person
(tables of 8, 10 or 12 also available.
To purchase tickets, please see one of the Franciscan sisters in the parish or contact: Franciscan Sisters
856-428-8834 (fmijusdel@yahoo.com)
Deadline for turning in money and table count is
Week of February 23rd—28th

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Stewardship Priority

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."
1st Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. **Stewards** who put God first in everything develop the attitude of "I am grateful for the gifts God gave me" instead of 'I want more". For most people, gratitude leads to generosity.

House of Charity
Bishop's Annual Appeal

We Are Called

to hear Christ invite us to help those who are in need through these ministries:

Social and Community Services - 52%

"We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

You and Catholic Charities offices in each county of South Jersey, Special Ed programs, Hospital Chaplaincy, Health Services and St. John of God/Archbishop Damiano School bring Christ's love to many souls in need.

Evangelization and Faith Formation - 9.4%

*"Paul, **called by** the will of **God** to be an apostle of Christ Jesus … to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called** to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from **God** our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1*

Lay leadership training, intercultural ministries, ministry with the deaf and persons with disabilities, marriage enrichment, adult faith formation, liturgical catechesis and other evangelization efforts, along with your gifts, kindle the fire of faith into a bright beacon for all to see.

Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries - 5.5%

*"Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, **calling** them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing." Isaiah 40:26*

Your donation enables "Theology on Tap", 3 college campus ministries, 2 Newman Centers, "Summer in the City", a growing number of parish-based Youth Ministry programs and many more activities to enlighten and prepare our youth and young adults for the mission that God has chosen for them.

Vocations, Seminarian & Permanent Diaconate Formation, Care of Priests - 12%

*"If my people who are **called** by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

Your support ensures that pastors and clergy continue to bring the light of Jesus into the world.

Compassionate Outreach - 2.8%

*"Every one should remain in the state in which he was **called**. Were you a slave when **called**? Never mind. But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity. For he who was **called** in the Lord as a slave is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when **called** is a slave of Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. So, brethren, in whatever state each was **called**, there let him remain with God." 1 Corinthians 7:17-24*

By your gift to the House of Charity, you can calm the fears of many and lift them up with kindness, compassion and life direction through programs like the Romero Center, Good Counsel Homes, Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center and other emergency relief services and programs as the needs arise.

Poor & Needy Parishes and Schools - 8.3%

*"When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is **calling** for you." John 11:28*

Incentives for Parish Initiatives - 10%

*"…who saved us and **called** us with a holy **calling**, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago..." 2 Timothy 1:9*

When our parish collects its goal amount, up to 10% is returned to our parish for our local charitable needs. Additionally, 75% of all funds received above our parish goal will also be returned to our parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work.

Our goal here at St. Thomas More Parish is $ 112, 200.00– but we have already raised an incredible $ 13, 415.00 from the contributions of only 40 families! That's an average gift of over $ 335!
Now we invite all parishioners to participate in this important effort. During Appeal Weekend, please make your sacrificial gift to help continue the mission of the Church here in the Diocese of Camden.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY 21/22, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Johnson	Choir/Celine Julie	P. & N. Kirincic S. Mohan	J. Mohan	C. & I. Fulton B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Sr. Pepita Julie	J. Singson, J. Kenney B. Massey	V. Marchesani	A. Rzepski, T. Kenney B. Scarpa
10:00 am	Father Rossi	Becca Julie	D. & ML Thomas D. Gould	D. Mayfield	J. & P. Wachman
11:30 am	Msgr. Graham	Dolores Betty	G. Gadren, M. Dwyer M. Garber	J. Cepeda	A. & I. Witting

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

Lenten Small Christian Communities begin meeting this week. Have you signed up for a group yet? If not, call Sr. Ann at 424-3212.

Electronic giving

Saint Thomas More Parish is pleased to take part in **"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.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday, February 15th, at 10:00 am, children who will be receiving First Eucharist this year, and their families, will celebrate an Enrollment Mass. Following this Mass, **a mandatory meeting for both parent and child** will take place in the Saint Thomas More Parish Hall from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. At least one parent and their child are expected to attend.

There will be **NO** Parish Religious Education classes this coming Tuesday, February 17th. However, all students from both the afternoon and evening classes are expected to attend the **children's Ash Wednesday Service on February 18th at 4:30 pm in the church**. Ashes will be distributed. Parents are invited to attend with their children.

The **special** sixth Confirmation II preparatory class for **both eighth grade students AND their parents** will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the St. Thomas More Hall. Sponsors are welcome to attend as well. Both eighth grade students and their parents are encouraged to attend the 10:00 am Mass prior to class.

The Diocese of Camden launches the **Second Annual *faith*FULL Food Drive, Sunday, March 1.** We will be participating in the ***faith*FULL Food Drive** with parishes and schools across the Diocese of Camden. Our goal is to help our neighbors in need. Donations may include canned goods and other non-perishable food items. Thank you in advance for your generosity to others. **This year, your generous donations here will be delivered to the Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council**. Bags listing items needed will be available after all Masses on the weekend of February 22nd. We ask that you fill the bag and return it to church on March 1st.

The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue have been placed there, this weekend, in loving memory of Fran Boesch, requested by her husband, Jack.

Women's Club Game and Soup Day rescheduled for 1:00 pm, Wednesday, February 25th! Bring your favorite game and a soup mug.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 14

9:00 am **Living & deceased members of the parish**
4:30 pm **intentions of the family of Nicholas DiPaolo** r/b AJ & Carol Ariani

SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 15

8:30 am **Lino Gomes** r/b Barbara & Charles Cerquitella
10:00 am **David Thomas** r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
Maryann Bartolozzi r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
Leona——r/b Cindy & family
11:30 am **John Bantivoglio** r/b children

MONDAY—FEBRUARY 16

6:45 am **Jack Savage** r/b Pat & Paul Schneider
9:00 am **Sue Donio** r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

TUESDAY—FEBRUARY 17

6:45 am **Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am **Jim Bones** r/b Teri & family

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18

6:45 am **Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Marie Caruso
9:00 am **Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Fred & Tina Petrone
7:00 pm for the parish

THURSDAY—FEBRUARY 19

6:45 am **Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Joseph Smith
9:00 am **Doug Webb** r/b Teri Bones
Leona Novak r/b Women's Club

FRIDAY—FEBRUARY 20

6:45 am for the parish
9:00 am **Anna Wislocky** r/b Wislocky family

SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 21

9:00am **Living & deceased members of the parish**
Intentions of Lachnicht family r/b Gail Dwyer
4:30 pm **Douglas S. Hansen** r/b Ron & Angela Panna

SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 22

8:30 am **Alfred Buonanno** r/b Marchese family
10:00am **Joe Zielinski** r/b Cindy & family
Lino Gomes r/b Ray & Gloria Desrochers
Maryann Bartolozzi r/b Norman Wolfe
11:30 am **Teresa Kelly** r/b Joseph J. Kuchler

Intentions of the Holy Father for the month of February, 2015– That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Congratulations to our parishioner, James J. McFadden who has been listed on the **Honor Roll** at **St. Joseph's** Preparatory School for the **first semester** of the academic year **2014-2015**. Well done, James!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Evelyn Melockoff & Leona Novak

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.

Lenten Schedule:

Ash Wednesday– February 18th
6:45 am Mass
9:00 am Mass
4:30 pm Service
7:00 pm Mass

Stations of the Cross will be held at **7pm on Friday evenings** in Lent **beginning February 20, 2015**. All are encouraged to attend.

Paul VI High School presents **Thoroughly Modern Millie.** Please join us for our stellar production of this Broadway classic in our newly renovated theater. Evening performances will be held **February 20th, 21st, 27th & 28th at 7:30 pm; Matinee is 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 22nd. Tickets are $12 each general admission and may be purchased at the door** or can be reserved by visiting www.pvihs.org to download a ticket order form or by emailing Nicole Estrella at nestrella@pvihs.org

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, February 15, 2015

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 First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2015 - Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Commentary:

On this first Sunday of Lent, we hear Mark's version of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Jesus begins with this confrontation with evil. The rest of his life and work will continue this great battle: casting out demons, healing, struggling for the truth against corrupt leaders and even the blindness of his own disciples. Through it all, he proclaims the good news that the time of God's reign is now. God's truth and love is stronger than distortion and injustice. Believe the good news and it can change your life.

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?

In the Christian view, our treatment of children becomes a measure of our fidelity to the Lord Himself.
Pope John Paul II, Sept. 29, 1990

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

GIVE BACK WITH OUTBACK

We invite you to join us at the Marlton Outback Steakhouse for the

Knights of Columbus 6173
"Dining For Dollars"

Tell your friends and family to come on out and support your knights. Just present this coupon to your server and your donation will be handled.

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2015
Time: 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM

20% of all sales generated for this event will be donated to the charity.

Route 73 South

STM YOUTH

Tuesday, Feb 17- 5-7pm Come to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Bring $4 to eat. We will help if we are needed and we will have a short discussion about what to do during the 40 days of Lent!

Wednesday Feb. 18th- Ash Wednesday! Come to receive Ashes. Katie will be at the 4:30. Please say hello!

Thursday Feb. 19th -JOIN THE YOUTH SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY!

Are you in 7th-12th grade? Are you looking to do a little more for Lent this year? Try out the **Small Christian Community for YOUth! Thursdays @ 7pm at St. Thomas More.**

Call the office or email Katie:
youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org

Get STM Youth Alerts either by email or phone….sign up at **https://www.remind.com/join/stmyo**

Are you on Facebook? Please like STM YOTH https://www.facebook.com/stmyouthnj

Please email/call if you would like to attend any of the activities above.
Katie Witts, youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org 856-305-2914