

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
 Frank Krenslak 309-1999

Ushers

Social Development

Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
 Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
 June Garafano 229-7461
 Career Ministry Lin Lyon 795-4396
 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 15, 2015

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 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

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

Lenten Taize Prayer

7:00 pm Wednesday, March 25th in the Chapel.



Taize Prayer includes simple chants sung repeatedly, rich silence, scripture readings, prayer around the cross during Lent and prayers of praise and intercession. *Sponsored by St. Thomas More Women's Club*



Thank you for your generous donations to the Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council. This food was much needed and greatly appreciated. **St. Thomas More parish donated 2,142 pounds of food!**

Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan will give a presentation on ***THE LORD'S PRAYER*** **Mondy, March 16, 2015 7:00—8:30pm** **St Mary Church, Cherry Hill, NJ**

The LORD'S PRAYER is the great prayer of the Church. This prayer attacks the six most basic negative emotions that infect our spiritual lives; our personal lives; our interpersonal lives; our marital lives; our work lives.

These negative emotions are:
feelings of inferiority
feelings of depression
feelings of anxiety
feelings of guilt
feelings of resentment
feelings of fear.



Come, experience the Lord's healing through the very prayer Jesus Himself gave to us.

Collection amounts for March 8, 2015

\$8503.50

210 envelopes were used

\$574 Online giving

As always, thank you for your continuing generosity to your parish.

Fourth Sunday in Lent—Stewardship's Sacrifices

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."

John 3:16a



Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask His Stewards to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in making some

sacrifices for Him.

Upcoming Events

Regional Penance Service

Holy Eucharist Parish

7:30 pm March 23



Lenten Taize Prayer

7:00pm

Wednesday, March 25 in the Chapel.

Confession

Saturday, March 28

9:30—10:30 am

3:00—4:00pm

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 29

Masses— Saturday, 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am

Chrism Mass

3:00 pm Tuesday, March 31

Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Agnes Church, Blackwood

Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at the Repository in the Chapel until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3

(A day of fast and abstinence)

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 4

12 noon Blessing of bread and food baskets

Easter Vigil

8:00 pm April 4

Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses

8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am

Progressive Dinner

5:30—9:30 pm Sunday April 19

Caffe Aldo Lamberti



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for March 21/22, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Choir/Mena Julie	J. & S. Mohan D. Kreal	D. Miller	J. & P. Wachman B. Scarpa
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Rob Rich	Sr. Rosaria, B. Massey B. Lento	J. Vecchiola	A. Rzepski B. Scarpa
10:00 am	Father Rossi	Jerry Julie	D. & L. Lyon J. DeMichele	K. McFadden	C. & J. McFadden, M. & T. Dautle
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Dolores Julie	A. Thompson, L. Levin M. Garber	J. Cepeda	A. & I. Witting

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, constantly stresses the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation! The **Religious Education Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held during the Religious Education Class time on March 24, 2015 in the Chapel. Parents, please help your child prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

The Stations of the Cross will be held on Tuesday, March 31st at 4:15 pm for students in grades 1-4 and again at 7:00 pm for students in grades 5—8.
Sr. Bozena Tyborowska, REC, 424-3212- ext. 106

Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry.

A special toll free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.

iRace4Vocations, April 26th, 2015, Washington Lake Park presented by Knights of Columbus. Join together with parishioners from the Diocese of Camden for an outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan at 1:00pm, participate in our 5K run or 1 mile walk at 3:00 pm, and stay for the free food and family entertainment at 4:00pm. Pray for vocations to the religious life, for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations in our diocese and throughout the church. Register at www.camdenpriest.org

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.

House of Charity 2015 – *We Are Called*

Our 2015 House of Charity Parish goal is 112, 200.00.

Thus far in the Campaign we have collected \$ 62, 608 from 150 families. It is not too late for you to make your contribution to this appeal. We thank you for your generosity and our prayer is that with God's help and your generous sacrificial gift we will make and exceed our parish goal. **Pledge cards are at all entrances to the Church for your convenience.**

2015 Campaign Prayer

We are called

We are called by God to serve in Charity.

We hear His call and respond to His invitation.

We pray for inspiration to cheerfully serve with trust and faith in Him.

With the strength of God and the gift of the Spirit, we pray our work will serve the spiritual and physical needs of many of our neighbors.

May the work we engage in for our House of Charity enable the love of God to grow in abundance.

Together, We Are Called.

"Night at the Races"

Saturday, April 18, 2015 St. Mary Church
Springdale Road
Cherry Hill, NJ

6:00pm in the Parish Hall

Tickets \$25 each— includes buffet, wine & beer
Win great prizes: gift baskets, gift cards & more.

Persons under 21 not permitted.

Contact St. Mary Church –424-1454 for tickets or email:
stmarycherryhill@verizon.net



The flowers at the Blessed Mother statue are placed there in loving memory of Fran Boesch requested by her husband, Jack.

March 15, 2015



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY—MARCH 14

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm John A. Vivone r/b family

SUNDAY—MARCH 15

8:30 am **Maryann Bartolozzi**
r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella
10:00 am **Intentions of Nicholas DiPaolo family**
r/b Mike & Pat Maggart
Jerry Lachnicht r/b Kay & Ted Uhlman
Leona Novak r/b Ladies of the Round Table
11:30 am **John Bantivoglio** r/b children

MONDAY—MARCH 16

6:45 am **John Mohan, Sr.** r/b John & Sheila Mohan
9:00 am **Michael Vigrass** r/b family

TUESDAY—MARCH 17

6:45 am **Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Suzanne Ozawa
9:00 am **Jim Bones** r/b Teri & family

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 18

6:45 am **Laura Samuels** r/b Dom & Marie Sacca
9:00 am **Jerry Lachnicht** r/b Phyllis Kolecki

THURSDAY—MARCH 19

6:45 am **Eugene Cortese** r/b Ron & Angela Panna
9:00 am **Karen Marie Browning** r/b Mom & family
Joseph Mazzagatti, Sr. r/b Joe & Debbie

FRIDAY—MARCH 20

6:45 am **Christopher Falkenstein**
r/b Wujick family
9:00 am **Maureen Sweeney** r/b John & Sheila Mohan

SATURDAY—MARCH 21

9:00am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm **William Wislocky** r/b Wislocky family

SUNDAY—MARCH 22

8:30 am **intentions of Nicholas Di Paolo family**
r/b Paul & Lorraine Rossi
10:00am **Maryann Bartolozzi**
r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club
Jerry Lachnicht r/b Gary Gadren
Leona Novak r/b Jane & Joe Kenney
11:30 am **Ellen & Jack Hoffman**
r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

Intentions of the Holy Father for the month of March, 2015— That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole person.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

Pat Beaney	Anna Bedrick	Pat Brink
Francesca Capra	Frank Cappetta	Elva Clark
Frank Colbert	Jean Colbert	Joseph Console
Geralyn Coticone	Mary Cowan	Margaret Crawford
Vince DeMasi	Bryan Dietrich	Pasquale DiFronzo
Santino Fiorelli	George Gadren	Harry Gindele
Sue Hagan	Thomas Houston	Helen Kane
Michael Kapischke	John B. Kennedy	Stan Kochanek
Don Kreal		
Julia Lepre	Mary Ellen Lepre	Leila Lore
Chase Lupica	Marie Manalo	Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Jerry McMenamin	Mena Ravena	Ed Rivero
Pauline Rosberg	Barbara Salpas	Carlos Santiago
Yun Yun Shen	Teddy Shaffer	Frank Sines
Maria Storms	Michael Suralik	Pat Suralik
George Sweeten	Ted Uhlman	Ann Vigrass



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.

Paul VI High School 7th Grade Practice HSPT is being offered on Saturday, April 18th. This full length practice test is a help in preparing students for the High School Placement test taken in the fall of 8th grade. **(The HSPT is the scholarship vehicle used by many private schools, including Paul VI).** **Reservations are required, space is limited.** For more information, or to reserve a desk, please visit the website: www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events.

Easter Flower donation envelopes are included in your weekly envelope packet. Your Easter Flower offering will be used for altar flowers, lilies for the shut-ins and church decorations. Your envelope can be put in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off at the parish office. Please indicate if you wish to have your donation made in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will help to enhance our Easter liturgies.



Rice Bowl collection next weekend, **March 22, 2015.** The CRS Rice Bowl collection will be taken up next weekend at all Masses. 75% of all monies collected are used to sponsor agriculture projects to help farmers to improve harvests; water and sanitation projects; support of small businesses; health and nutrition services and education projects. The last 25% of monies collected are used locally for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2015 - John 12:20-33

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."

Commentary:

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of real resurrection. And he tells his followers that the only way to come to this life of glory is by dying. The image of the grain of wheat offers a powerful example of this reality. A single seed is limited and alone. But if the seed dies to its present state, it will grow into a stalk filled with seeds. The message for us is that the present is good, but because Christ has brought an end to death through his own death and resurrection, we can look forward to a future that will be far more than our limited lives here and now.

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?

Did you know that 70% of women who seek abortions



claim to be Christian? Many of these women state they have prayed and sought the counsel of their pastor and are comfortable that killing their God-given child is the best option. No wonder we are barely making a dent in this barbaric culture of death. Oh, God, bring us back to your ways so that we may chose life.

Al McElrath, Respect Life Coordinator—779-7130

Chrism Mass 2015



Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the **Chrism Mass at 3:00pm on Tuesday, March 31, 2015** at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood. The **Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood** and the occasion on which the bishop consecrates the

sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. **Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.** Please call the St. Thomas More office (424-3212) if you plan on attending.

The parish rejoices with the family of **Brayden Wayne Stewart**, who was baptized here on March 8, 2015. His parents are Zachary and Danielle Stewart.



In celebration of the **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH** (Thursday, March 19) we will be serving refreshments after the 9:00 Mass in the gathering space. **Wear RED.** *Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator*

STM YOUTH

Diocesan Youth Congress

Katie is looking for at least 2 teens to attend, service and Leadership Opportunity! Written On Our Hearts!

Teens in grades 8 – 12 are invited to the Diocesan Youth Congress on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at The Church of St. Charles Borromeo in Sicklerville. This day-long event provides teens with a chance to make new friends, explore their faith through service and connect more deeply with God. The schedule includes dynamic service events, inspiring prayer, and national speaker. Discover how to bring faith alive!

Let Katie know on Tuesday if you would like to attend!

Youth Trip

Spring Break is coming, Katie is working on a Youth Group Youth and family Day in Philly on April 8th. We will visit the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul**, have lunch then go to the Franklin Institute for **The Franklin Institute for The Art of the Brick**—the world's largest gallery of LEGO® art.

The estimated cost for the day is \$35, possibility of a bus trip or just carpool. Email Katie if interested.

Please email/call if you would like to attend any of the activities above.

Katie Witts, youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org 8563052914

Stations of the Cross are being held **Fridays at 7:00 pm in the Chapel during Lent.**

All are encouraged to attend.

