

# 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: 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*

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Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217  
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Respect Life Al Mac Elrath 779-7130  
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Stewardship Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212  
Youth Ministry Katie Witts 305-2914

### *Worship*

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Antonina Nicdao 751-6320  
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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*

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June Garafano 229-7461  
Lin Lyon 795-4396  
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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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 17, 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

### COURTYARD ROSARY

To honor Our Lady

**Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 pm.**

ALL are invited! Please join us.

Light refreshments will be served following the recitation of the rosary.

*Sponsored by St. Thomas More Women's Club*



### May Crowning, May 3, 2015



### Parish Collection for May 10, 2015

**\$8387.00 was given and 189 envelopes were used.**

**Online giving: \$302.00 from 5 families.**

**\$2957 for Nepal**

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

### WALK WITH MARY

If you haven't come to our Walk with Mary ...you are not too late...we are meeting two more weeks!!

Thursdays, May 21, 28 9:45am-10:45am  
Rain or Shine

If you are interested in something like this...email Katie.

Join us to pray and build community. To ask our Mother Mary for love and guidance in our busy lives. **We especially encourage women and mothers in hopes to build a community of moms to be encouraged through Mary.** Bring the kids! Meet at the Bell Tower by the front parking lot.

To RSVP or If you have any questions, please Call/Text Katie 856-305-2914, [Katie.Witts@gmail.com](mailto:Katie.Witts@gmail.com)  
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### Ascension of Our Lord—Strong Faith Stewardship

*"Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God." 1st John 4:15*



How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to defend your faith or clarify a question about your faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for courage to be a strong **Steward** and share your witness with others.

# The Catholic Faith in Slow Motion (no. 62)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

*A series of reflections about professing, praying, and living the Faith of the Church.  
Previous articles in the series can be found on our parish website: [stthomasmorenj.org](http://stthomasmorenj.org)*

## God's Right Hand

In the ancient hymn, *Glory to God in the Highest*, the Church sings: “Lord Jesus Christ, . . . you are seated at the right hand of the Father”. In the Creed the Church professes: “He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father”. These words of the mass repeat the words of Holy Scripture. St. Paul writes that God raised Jesus from the dead, “seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion” (Eph. 1:20-21). The *right hand of the Father*. By this phrase we confess the authority of Jesus Christ. We proclaim that the authority he exercises is no less than the authority of God. And so we confess Christ to be not only our savior but also our Lord.

In the Bible, the “right hand of God” is an image of that heavenly place from which God's eternal power and authority are exercised over all creation. Where is the right hand of God to be seen at work in history? In the creation of the world, in the calling of Israel as a chosen people, at Bethlehem, in every word and gesture and mighty work of Jesus of Nazareth—and most mysteriously at the Cross of Jesus, where the supreme authority and power of God were exercised in the agony of the Lord. We confess this to be so, because the crucified one was raised up by the right hand of God and—marked by the Cross— *he sits at the right hand of God* .

Where is the right hand of God to be seen at work in time and space? God's authority is at work in the world in many hidden ways. But Christians are empowered by faith to recognize the work of God's right hand in these particular times and places: whenever the Word of Forgiveness is proclaimed in the Name of Jesus Christ; wherever washing with water is administered in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; wherever and whenever a called and ordained servant of Christ breaks the bread of the Eucharist, declaring in Christ's own words “This is my body, given up for you.” Every sacrament of the Church marks the time and place of Christ's reign from *the right hand of the Father*.

Who is it that *sits at the right hand of the Father*? The crucified and risen Jewish man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Incarnate Son of God. This needs to be said very simply, so that we don't make the mistake of “spiritualizing” Christ too much, making him into a mere idea, making the *right hand of God* some distant and abstract never-never-land. This is why the Church hears and tells the story of Jesus with such awe and joy. Because each moment in the gospel story reveals something of the identity of the one who *sits at the right hand of God*. To find this seat of authority, we do not look up into the sky, we look deep into the pages of Scripture, into the story of the gospel as proclaimed by the Church.

Many authorities operate in our lives. All rightful authority is ordained by God in his creating work. These authorities demand various degrees of cooperation and obedience. But only one authority commands us directly *from the right hand of God*, and so commands our unconditional and unquestioned obedience. It is not the authority of nation or family or fashion; it is not the authority of the demanding self. There is only one who *sits at the right hand of God*. And that is very good news—that the only one who can rightfully claim our unconditional obedience is none other than the crucified one, the one in whom suffering love and absolute authority are indistinguishable, and whose claim on us sinners is that he saves us.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE for May 23/24, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Carmen Len	T. Petrone, Sr. Sophia R. Crawford	T. Andraka	D. Ha, J. Pol
8:30 am	Father George	Rob Rich	J. & L. Duffy A. Pajic	M. Maggart	J. & A. Zieba
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Choir/Mena Julie	M. Santiago, J. Singson K. Glover	D. Mayfield	N. Samson T. Kenny
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Dolores Julie	B. Haughwout, H. Protzman, J. Kuchler	D. Haughwout	G. & M. Gray S. Russo

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

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During the month of May, the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

**Parish Religious Education Program registration forms for the 2015-2016 school year were mailed to the homes of all current students. Please complete and return them with appropriate fee as soon as possible, but no later than June 30th.** Additional forms for first grade students and students who will be new to the program are available in the Gathering Space.

**We extend our sincere thanks to our committed, enthusiastic and God-focused catechists and substitute catechists who work so diligently to deepen our children's awareness of God:**

**Sr. Bozena, Sr. Ann Byrnes, Sr. Philomena Nowicka, Scott Campbell, Janet Johnson, Marianne Wilkins, Pat Kirincic, Sr. Elizabeth Halaj, Sr. Agnes Tyniec, Brianna Morris, Chris Betson-Smith, Sr. Elizabeth Kulesa, Dana Wheeler, Margaret Cammissa, Janna McCoy, Fran Egges, Janice Quay, Beth Markiewicz, Julianne Johnson, Clare Johnson, Janet Barbera, Denise Barrett, Pamela Huynh, Natalie Frament, Jesse Barbera, Adria Rumell, Carrie Baeckstrom, Tanya Baeckstrom**

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

**The Wisdom Years—A Spirituality of Aging  
Wednesdays June 3rd & 10th 7:00 pm Parish Hall**

**Presenter: Sr. Mary Anne Nolan, RSM**

In these presentations, we will be reflecting on the value and meaning of our later years as God's gift to us. Foundational to our discussion will be our faith in God and the wealth of living that each of us has accumulated over the years. We will take into account the challenges of our later years with regard to physical diminishment and loss.

### STM YOUTH



Looking for all Graduates! Please email Katie where you (or your child) are graduating from and your future plans. We would like to recognize and pray for you throughout June!

**TEENS** What are you doing this summer? Are you looking for service....let Katie know, she is planning a few service days for the summer!

Katie Witts [youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org) or call 856-305-2914.



Several parishioners have mentioned giving supplies to Fr. George for his new parish and parishioners in Africa. As you can imagine, Fr. George is very pleased.

**Please bring all donated supplies—**such as clothing, shoes/sandals and

other items to the church **from Monday, May 18th—Friday, May 29th.**

**For shipping concerns: NO donations will be accepted after May 29th.**



We welcome the following new members to St. Thomas More Parish:

**Mark, Molly, Rogan, William and Grayson Selak; Shannon Walters & David Fraser; William, Megan, Kiera, Connor and Sean Mullin.**

MAY 17, 2015



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### SATURDAY—MAY 16

**9:00 am** Living & deceased members of the parish  
**4:30 pm** Gail Krenslak  
r/b Frank & Frances Krenslak

#### SUNDAY—MAY 17

**8:30 am** Jim Bones r/b Teri & family  
**10:00am** Eleanor Bickel r/b Bob & Jessica Lane  
Shirley Fitzpatrick  
r/b Teri Bones  
Peter DeFalco  
r/b Judy Iacovelli & Henry Zappile  
**11:30 am** Jerry Lachnicht r/b Tom & Fran LaCasse

#### MONDAY—MAY 18

**6:45 am** Jerry Lachnicht r/b Mopsy Silvestri  
**9:00 am** Frances Bretz r/b John & Sheila Mohan

#### TUESDAY—MAY 19

**6:45 am** Marisa Curlen r/b friends from Surety Title  
**9:00 am** intentions of Thomas Gestautas  
r/b Marian Kapischke

#### WEDNESDAY - MAY 20

**6:45 am** Kathy Ishewrwood r/b a friend  
**9:00 am** intentions of Donna Carol Kapischke  
r/b Marian Kapischke

#### THURSDAY—MAY 21

**6:45 am** Carol Johnston r/b Mc Geady family  
**9:00 am** 49th wedding anniversary of  
Joe & Grace Sklencar

#### FRIDAY—MAY 22

**6:45 am** 50th anniversary of Ordination of  
Msgr. Graham  
**9:00 am** Frances Bretz r/b Dick & Claire Spence

#### SATURDAY—MAY 23

**9:00 am** Living & deceased members of the parish  
**4:30 pm** John & Helen Bantivoglio r/b children

#### SUNDAY—MAY 24

**8:30 am** Jerry Lachnicht r/b Red Hat Friends  
**10:00 am** Philip Holleran r/b Bob & Jessica Lane  
George & Josephine Gadren r/b son, Gary  
Richard Falke  
r/b Mary Lou & Dudley Thomas  
**11:30 am** Anna Wislocky r/b Wislocky family

**Intentions of the Holy Father for the month of May, 2015**—That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

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



Pat Beaney	Anna Bedrick	Pat Brink
Maria Bruga	Francesca Capra	Frank Cappetta
Elva Clark	Frank Colbert	Sean Colbert
Joseph Console	Marie Corcoran	Geralyn Coticone
Mary Cowan	Margaret Crawford	Vince DeMasi
Bryan Dietrich	Pasquale DiFronzo	Angelo Di Giacomo
Santino Fiorelli	George Gadre	Harry Gindele
Sue Hagan	Thomas Houston	Helen Kane
Michael Kapischke	John Kehr	John B. Kennedy
Peggy Kiefner	Stan Kochanek	Don Kreal
Julia Lepre	Mary Ellen Lepre	Leila Lore
Chase Lupica	Marie Manalo	Wayne Mauri, Sr.
Jerry McMenamin	Nick Mitidieri	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, 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.

#### World Meeting of Families Our Patron Saints

**St. John Paul, II and St. Gianna are the official Patron Saints of the World Meeting of Families—Philadelphia 2015 for their deep commitment to strengthening and sustaining the family with great love.**

**St. John Paul II:** In 1979 St. John Paul II was the first pope to visit Philadelphia, where he said Mass on Logan Circle for nearly one million people filling the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. In 1994, he celebrated the first World Meeting of Families in Rome, which aimed to strengthen the sacred bonds of families across the globe. Upon his canonization, he was declared “the pope of the family.”

**St. Gianna Beretta Molla:** A pediatrician and mother of four, St. Gianna is best known for her selfless love as a mother, giving her life to bear her fourth child in 1962. She was beatified by St. John Paul II in 1994 and canonized in 2004. St. Gianna is the Patron Saint for mothers, physicians and unborn children. Her life was a testament to “the family fully alive”, the theme for the World Meeting of Families– 2015.

*World Meeting of Families– Philadelphia 2015*

**For more information on activities concerning the World Meeting of Families, check out the link on the St. Thomas More webpage: [stthomamorenj.org](http://stthomamorenj.org)**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER— MAY 17, 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 Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015 - John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

#### Commentary:

Pentecost has popularly and rightly been called the "Birthday of the Church." We greatly reduce the mystery of God's presence, however, if we understand this phrase to refer to the beginning of the institutional church. Pentecost is our birth into new life as a new creation. It is our celebration of being God's redeemed people who now share in the mission of the divine Son through the Spirit. This is the great mystery we celebrate on this festival. Pentecost may be the end of the Easter season, but it is also a celebration of the beginning of our new life in Christ.

#### 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?



Many Christians today are afraid to stand up and be counted as being against abortion. If we truly believe abortion is murder, then we must act as though it is murder! Find out what you can do to help stop this horrible holocaust. Join the Pro-Life Movement today.

#### **Good Counsel Walk-a-Thon Saturday, June 6, 2015 9:00am—12 noon. Cooper River Park; N. Park Drive (Columbus statue— near Lobster Trap lot)**

Forms can be obtained at the park or contact [joan\\_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org](mailto:joan_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org). Ask people to sponsor you and bring your donations and forms to the site and join others for a walk in the park to support our babies. For more information call 609-387-2928

Parishioner looking for part time "Mother's Helper"  
Call Amy or Jeff at 609-457-4057 if interested.

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

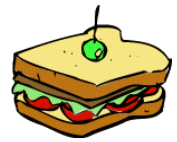


**Thank you** to the Women's Club members for their generous gift of a new Funeral Pall that adorns the casket during the funeral Mass. We appreciate your generosity.

**Thank you** to the Women's Club for sponsoring the *ICE CREAM Social* for our Religious Education students and all our parishioners. It was a wonderful event, well organized, executed and appreciated by everyone who attended.

#### **Sandwich Makers are meeting this Wednesday, May 20th in St. Thomas More Hall after the 9:00 am Mass.**

All are welcome to attend. Any questions, call Marianne Wilkins 428-4924.



#### **Come Dine for Dollars In support of the Knights of Columbus**

**Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2015**

**Place: Lamberti's Tutti  
Toscani,**

1491 Brace  
Road,  
Cherry Hill, 354-1157

**Time: 4 - 10 p.m.**

**Reservations Requested.** Please mention this fundraiser when booking.

**Your Role in Supporting Us:** Cut out and give this ad to your server, when you pay for your meal.  
**Each member of your party must have their own.**

***Remember to bring this ad with you on May 26th!***  
**When you do, Tutti Toscani will donate 20% of your 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 Tutti Toscani on Brace Road on the date listed above.

