

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
 Deacon Michael Scott
 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
 Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
 Dolores Kreal 988-0271
 Ann Vigrass 428-7217
 Dom Sacca
 Pat Maggart 424-3212
 Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
 Frank Krenslak 309-1999

Social Development

Bridge Groups Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
 Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
 June Garafano 229-7461
 Lin Lyon 795-4396
 Committee 424-3212
 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

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

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

Second Collection Next Weekend: Mission Co-Op

Next weekend, at all Masses, **Rev. George Pereira** will be speaking about the works and needs of the **Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India**. Trivandrum has about **270,000 Catholics**. **90% of them are traditional fishermen who depend of fishing for their livelihood. And 10% are farm workers** who are recent converts.... Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in this community. **The Archdiocese depends on outside assistance to support its clergy, seminarians and catechists and to continue its spiritual, educational and economic developmental programs for this community. Many coastal villages of the Archdiocese are still struggling to recover from the tsunami** devastation which destroyed many lives, homes and fishing equipment a few years ago. Progress is being made, yet one of the challenges is to find safe land—away from the sea— to build homes for the victims.

Please be as generous as you can to this collection. Your sacrifice for the Missions is very much appreciated and may God bless you.



Parish Collection for August 16, 2015
\$6661.00 was given and 153 envelopes were used. Online contributions of \$620.00 from 9 contributors.

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



Scripture Series “The Prophet Isaiah”

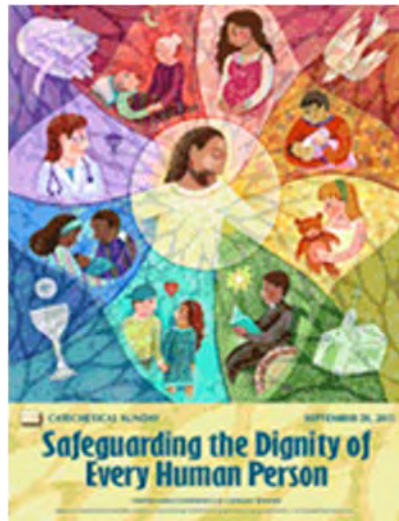
A seven –week Scripture series on the Book of Isaiah will begin Monday, September 21st after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. In Isaiah, we encounter God’s accusation against Israel; the holiness of God; hope for a messianic king; oracles against foreign nations; etc. Please call Sister Ann at 424-3213 to register.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time– Stewardship Wisdom

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” Joshua 24:15



When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a **Steward** in the work of the Lord. A **Steward** is a person who invests their time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it.



**SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 FROM 12:30 – 3:00 PM.**

There will be a meeting on **Thursday, August 27^h at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Meeting Room to **confirm plans for the St. Thomas More Family Picnic**. This is a one day event. No long-term commitment involved. You decide what area and the amount of time you can undertake. Whatever you decide will be much appreciated.

*******Look for an area that catches your attention and volunteer to help out.*******

Coordinators contact information:

Gary Gadren: 609-605-5451 Event coordinator

Ray & Gloria Desrochers : 856-424-0469 will be the **Grill Area food** coordinators

David Galloway 856-770-1270 will be the **coordinator for the Pig Roast and Sausage/Peppers station**

Kathy & Henry Glover: 856-751-9360 will be **Raffle tickets and the Soda Station** coordinators

Marianne Gorin: 856-346-1811 will be the **Desserts and Coffee** coordinator

Dolly Staton: 856- 772-3877 will be **Children's Races** coordinator

The Youth Group will be organizing games for Children, Teens and Adults—

Parents/Teens needed to lead the following activities: Volleyball, Wiffle Ball, Washers, Cornhole, Children's Games and Crafts!

Cindy Zielinski 856-428-1294 will be the **Salad** coordinator

*****Volunteers will be needed for set up and clean-up after the picnic.*****

So come to the meeting at 7:00 PM on August 27th and help us finalize plans for this event. If you are not able to attend the meeting and still wish to help :

Call Gary Gadren 609-605-5451.

The Parish Office at 856-424-3212

Email sthomasmore@comcast.net



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for August 29/30, 2015

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father Pereira	Dolores Len	P. & N. Kirincic G. Tyrrell	J. Mohan	C. & I. Fulton
8:30 am	Father Pereira	Rob Rich	J. Singson, P.Lavala A. Pajic	V. Marchesani	A. & J. Zieba
10:00 am	Father Pereira	Mena Julie	J. Mazzagatti K. Glover	F. Eggles	T. Kenney J. Wachman
11:30 am	Father Pereira	Julie Julie	J. Kuchler M. Garber	J. Arnold	E., W., & K. Quay

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Religious Education Program for 2015-2016 begins on September 22, 2015.

Registration continues throughout the summer for first grade students as well as students who are new to

our parish and those who have not reregistered to date. Kindly complete a Registration form and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible as that will help us get ready for a new catechetical year. Registration forms are available in the gathering space or on our web site stthomasmore.org under Religious Education.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at the parish office 424-3212 ext. 106 or my cell phone at 874-6096.

Enjoy the remainder of the Summer!

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

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call **1-800-964-6588**.

STM YOUTH

All Registered Families with High School students, should have received a letter in the mail from Katie to invite 9th-12th graders to participate in Youth Group this year. If you did not receive a letter, please let Katie know.

Remember—All youth are part of the “Youth Group” Nothing is mandatory and everyone is welcome and it is always FUN! Come to events and activities when you can!

Parents and Youth Please let Katie know if you can help with the Parish Picnic. The Picnic is **September 20, 2015 12:30 – 3:00 PM** Set up Saturday **Morning 9:30-11:30 and Sunday Morning 9:30-Start of Picnic**

During the Picnic, Games, Crafts and more! Clean up 3pm-done!

Remember: *Many hands make light work!*

The Youth Group will be organizing games for Children, Teens and Adults—Parents/Teens needed to lead the following activities: Volleyball, Wiffle Ball, Washers, Cornhole, Children’s Games and Crafts!

Email Katie at YouthGroup@stthomasmorenj.org for questions and to receive email updates on additional service, social and spiritual events for youth and families in 5th-12th grade.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Josephine Shicatano r/b Marie Glavin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30 am Pat & Jerry Lachnicht
 r/b Vincent & Beverly DeMasi
10:00 am Claire Boylan r/b Sheila & John Mohan
Frank Cappetta r/b Elaine & Joseph Fal-
 co
intentions of Helen Protzman r/b Nina,
 Antonina & Benedict's Place SCC
11:30 am John Curry r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

MONDAY—AUGUST 24

6:45 am Pat Lachnicht r/b Franciscan Sisters of
 the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Dr. Felix & Higinia Banzon r/b David &
 Pat Garde-Hill

TUESDAY—AUGUST 25

6:45 am Pat Lachnicht r/b Marie Flowers
9:00 am Ernest Demers r/b Rona & Steve Korn-
 field

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

6:45 am Dudley Ferrier & Aldo Scarpenti
 r/b Franciscan sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Pat Lachnicht r/b Jack Walsh

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

6:45 am Cesarius Szawlewicz r/b McGeady family
9:00 am Max Johnson r/b Kay & Ted Uhlman
Intentions of Shirley & Ivrose
 r/b Anne Sarazin
Leona & Jim Novak r/b Cindy Zielinski

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

6:45 am Ian Jones
9:00 am Pat Lachnicht r/b Carol Koelsch

SATURDAY—AUGUST 29

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Frank Cappetta r/b AJ & Carol Ariani

SUNDAY—AUGUST 30

8:30 am Lino Gomes r/b Vincent & Beverly
 DeMasi
10:00 am Thomas L. Angelucci, Sr. r/b family
Kathleen Marger r/b Nina, Antonina
 & Benedict's Place SCC
Jim Noone r/b Amy Osborn
11:30 am Pat & Jerry Lachnicht r/b
 Kathleen Cappetta & family

Papal Intentions for the month of August:

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...



Pat Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Anna Bedrick, Pat Brink, Francesca Capra, Sean Colbert, Elva Clark, Frank Colbert, Sean Colbert, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, GERALYN Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Vince DeMasi, Bryan Dietrich, Pasquale DiFronzo, Angelo DiGiacomo, Santino Fiorelli, George Gadren, Harry Gindele, Sue Hagan, Thomas Houston, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John P. Kennedy, Peggy Kiefner, Stan Kochanek, Don Kreal, Julia Lepre, Mary Ellen Lepre, Leila Lore, Chase Lupica, Joan Maguire, Marie Manalo, Ron Massey, 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, Samuel Stafford, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, George Sweeten, Ted Uhlman, Martha Whiting, Ann Vigrass

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

SSgt Samuel Brough, Lt. Anthony R. Cosentino, Spc. Peter DeCrescenzo, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, 1Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, and Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa.



World Meeting of Families-Love is Our Mission Adult Congress Speakers

Wednesday, September 23rd

Cardinal Robert Sarah
The Light of the Family in a Dark World
Keynote Session B



English with French, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese and American Sign Language simultaneously interpreted

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

God, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is like a family. The human person, created in the divine image and likeness, reflects the Trinity, most especially in the vocation of self-giving love. Sacred Scripture shows how darkness entered the world through original sin, damaging this vocation and rupturing humanity's relationship to God and neighbor. The consequences are all too evident in a world enveloped by darkness. The Church proclaims Jesus Christ as the light that shines in the darkness. By receiving the gift of charity through the Holy Spirit, the human person can love as Jesus did and remain in communion with God and others. The Christian family becomes the prime witness of this love and unity – a wellspring of faith, hope and love in today's world. **His Eminence Robert Cardinal Sarah** is the president of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, the Dicastery of the Holy See for the realization of the charitable intentions of the Holy Father. In October 2001, he was appointed secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

For more information on activities concerning the World Meeting of Families, check out the link on the St. Thomas More webpage: stthomasmorenj.org

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 23, 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 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 2015 - Mark 7:1-8

The Pharisees and Scribes questioned Jesus. "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" Jesus responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

Commentary:

Most of our mothers would side with the Pharisees: no one should come to the table with unwashed hands! Hygiene, of course, was not the issue in Jesus' day. The matter was one of respect for the authority of tradition. We might imagine today's Pharisees saying, "Why didn't that woman genuflect before going into the pew? Why didn't that man kneel during the consecration? Why did that family leave Mass early or arrive so late? Responding to the Pharisees and Scribes, Jesus moves the discussion from outward observances to inward intention, calling us back to the true purpose of Law and tradition: conversion of heart.

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?



Pro-Life Corner:

Indeed, the human person has been endowed with a very exalted dignity, which is rooted in the intimate bond that unites him with his Creator: a reflection of God's own reality shines out in the human person, in every person, whatever the stage or condition of his life.— *Benedict XVI, Address on "The Human Embryo in the Preimplantation Phase"*
Al Mac Elrath, *Respect Life Coordinator* - 779-7130

Options for Women Second Annual Dinner Show & Live Auction, Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Bellissimo (formerly Marian House) 507 Kings Hwy. South, Cherry Hill. Doors open at 6:00 pm. This event includes Buffet Dinner, Live Auction and Entertainment by Springsteen Cover Band "The Wild And The Innocent" **Tickets are \$40 per person and sold in advance only. Ticket purchase deadline September 23rd.** Call Andrea at Options 856-795-0166. Online at optionscherryhill.org.

SECOND SATURDAYS

Are you looking to do more, have a regular service activity to do monthly? STM Youth is looking for Families, Men, Women, Teens to help at the **Heart of Camden** the **SECOND SATURDAY** of every month beginning in October. The Heart of Camden's mission is to restore the dignity and quality of life of the Waterfront South community through programs of housing restoration, economic expansion, and human development.

Second Saturdays is a great way to connect and help the less fortunate who are only 15 minutes from us. Please call Katie if you are interested in helping with this project. Come and give it a try and see how you can help. **You do NOT have to attend EVERY Second Saturday.** Questions contact Katie youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org or 856-305-2914.



**Has your email address changed recently?
Please give us your new address so we can update our records.**

Name: _____

Current email: _____