

# 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  
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### *Administration*

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**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 This Weekend: Mission Co-Op**

**Rev. George Pereira** will be speaking about the works and needs of the **Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India at all Masses this weekend.** 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 23, 2015 \$7,423.00 was given and 164 envelopes were used. Online donations were \$675 .00 from 11 donors. As always, thank you for your generosity to our par-**

 **Scripture Series “The Prophet Isaiah”** A seven week Scripture series on the **Book of Isaiah** will begin **Monday, September 21st in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 am Mass.** 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 Sr. Ann at 424-3212 to register.

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time– Stewardship Doers** *“Be doers of the word and not hearers only....” James 1: 22a*  
What do Stewards **do** to live God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?



## STM YOUTH

STM Youth Group encourages teens to get involved in parish life and empowers teens to build their relationship with Jesus by taking part in service, social and spiritual activities at St. Thomas More, the diocese and the community. Email Katie at [YouthGroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto: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.

The High School Youth will be two Sundays a month beginning the end of September through May! Meetings will take place from 7-8:30 in the Parish Hall and include Faith Talks, Movie Nights, Games and Food! Email Katie and let her know you will try to come Sunday Nights!!

Please parents, encourage your 5th-12<sup>th</sup> graders to participate and become involved in STM YOUTH. Teens—Ask your parents to drop you off at the activities offered!

### Save the Dates!

<b>Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Parish Picnic –LOTS OF FUN!!
<b>Friday October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Hayride and Campfire at Springdale Farms at 7:00pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Permission Forms in the Gathering Space
<b>Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup></b>	No School, Let's Serve! Ideas?
<b>Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Service Day with Reflection
<b>Sunday November 21<sup>th</sup></b>	Youth Mass and Social with Cherry Hill Parishes at the retreat house on Kresson Road.
<b>Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Party for kids in Camden

## back2school prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near  
when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."  
*Amen.*

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## St. Thomas More Youth Group Campfire & Hayride at Springdale Farm!



All 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited!

Fri, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> @7-9:30pm

COST: \$15

Hayride through the woods to Campfire with S'mores

S'mores!  
Lots of Fun!  
Bring your Friends!

Email



[youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org](mailto:youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org)  
for permission slip and to hold your spot!

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE for September 5/6, 2015**

<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Presider</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
4:30 p.m.	Msgr. Graham	Mena/Choir Julie	I. Rellosa T. Petrone	T. Andraka	D. Ha
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Rob Rich	ML/D Thomas J. Kenney	J. Vecchiola	A. & W. Quay
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Jerry Julie	J. Mazzagatti, J. Galati E. Beckman	L. Galati	A. & I. Witting
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Dolores Julie	B. Haughwout, M. Gorin, M. Dwyer	D. Haughwout	K. & K. Johnson

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

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Registration to our Religious Education Program for 2015/2016 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. If you have not registered your child/children, please do so as soon as possible as that will help us to prepare and plan for next year with sufficient books, teachers and classrooms. Kindly complete a Registration Form and return to the Parish Office along with the appropriate registration fee. Registration forms are available in the gathering space or on our web site under Religious Education at [stthomasmore.org](http://stthomasmore.org).

It is important that religious education is supplemented by a strong family Christian life that is marked by weekly Mass attendance, prayer and faith sharing even as we travel and relax during these summer months. Have a blessed and wonderful Summer!

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

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

**Please Join Us!**

Coffee and donuts are available after Masses on Sunday. If



you are new in the Parish, please introduce yourself. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will favor us with your prayers, your presence and your talents. We are glad



you are here!

**Adult Faith Formation Brochure**

All parishioners should have received St. Thomas More's brochure listing **Faith Formation offerings for 2015-2016**. Please note that **two of the offerings will be limited to a specific number of participants**. These are the **"Women's Retreat Experience" at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in October (15 openings) and the Mother/Daughter Luncheon in November (75 tickets available)**. Contact the Parish Office to register for these events.

**We invite and encourage parishioners** to take advantage of each opportunity that is offered in the coming months.

**The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP sessions for the month of September, 2015**

**CAP Phase 1:**

**Wednesday, Sept. 16th, 7:00 pm** Mary, Mother of Mercy, Glassboro

**Monday, Sept. 28, 7:00 pm** Christ Our Light, Cherry Hill

**Wednesday, Sept. 30 7:30 pm** St. Andrew the Apostle, Gibbsboro

**CAP Phase 3**

**Monday, Sept. 21, 7:00 pm** St. Peter, Merchantville

**Wednesday, Sept. 23, 7:00 pm** Mary, Mother of Mercy, Glassboro

To attend one of these sessions, please **call the CAP registration line at 856-583-6165 or email [luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org](mailto:luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org) at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend.**

In case of inclement weather, call the location directly.





**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**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

**MONDAY—AUGUST 31**

**6:45 am Anna Loriggio & Maria Fontana** r/b Franciscan sisters of the Infant Jesus  
**9:00 am Elizabeth Wilson** r/b Beverly & Vincent DeMasi

**TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 1**

**6:45 am People of the parish**  
**9:00 am Claire Boylan** r/b Marie Flowers

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**6:45 am Joseph Selah, Sr.**  
**9:00 am James J. Beckett** r/b Joseph H. Kenney

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**6:45 am Sr. Ambrogina Radice** r/b Franciscan sisters of the Infant Jesus  
**9:00 am Anthony Centonze** r/b son, Joe

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

**6:45 am Sr. Guilia Maria DiPaolo** r/b Franciscan Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
**9:00 am Pat Lachnicht** r/b Terri Conway

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**9:00 am Living & deceased members of the parish**  
**Theresa Smith** r/b husband Joe and son, Andy Smith  
**4:30 pm Frank Cappetta** r/b Carol & A. J. Ariani

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

**8:30 am Douglas Thomas** r/b Vincent & Beverly DeMasi  
**10:00 am Thomas Wilkins** r/b family  
**Marie Mazzagatti** r/b Joe & Debbie  
**Helen Lamarca** r/b Kathy & Henry Glover  
**11:30 am Kay Frain** r/b Jack Boesch

**Papal Intentions for the month of September:**  
 That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**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.



**You, yes, YOU, are invited!**



**Saint Thomas More Parish Picnic  
 September 20, 2015 from 12:30 – 3:00 PM.**

- A Time for Fellowship, Food and Fun!
- A Time to Connect after the Summer!
- A Time to Welcome Back our Catechists and Students!
- A Time to Launch our Religious Education Year!
- Music! Entertainment for All!
- Children's Games and Crafts!
- Pig Roast, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages and More!
- Bring a Favorite Dessert to Share**

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 6, 2015 - Mark 7:31-37

People brought Jesus a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. Jesus took him off by himself. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!" - And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

Commentary:

The cure of the deaf-mute in today's Gospel points to a deeper reality. We are told that Jesus returned "into the district of the ten cities." This was Gentile country. The deaf-mute symbolizes the Gentiles who had to have their ears opened to God's word before they could proclaim it. For Mark's community, which was mostly Gentile, the man's cure dramatized their hearing the Good News. God draws near to all, Jews and Gentiles alike.

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:**

When two people are fighting, and they are attacked by a third party, they quickly become a unified force against a common danger. So it should be today with Jews, Protestants and Catholics. There is a common enemy, the "culture of death". Now, more than ever, let there be a common front against a common affront.



Al Mac Elrath, *Respect Life Coordinator* - 779-7130

\*\*\*Many thanks to all those who participated in the NJ Right to Life raffle ticket sale after last weekend's Masses. Your purchase of 61 tickets for a total of \$610 to the NJ Right to Life movement is greatly appreciated.\*\*\*

**From Karen Talarico, Executive Director of the Cathedral Kitchen to the parishioners of St. Thomas More:**

"The summer months always prove a challenge at the Kitchen—many of our regular volunteers are away, and the school groups that do so much for us are on summer break. However, there is no break from hunger for our dinner guests, and it can be even more difficult in the summer when the children do not receive the meals that are usually provided by the school system. Thank you for thinking of those in need all year round—the sandwiches that you prepare and deliver to the Kitchen are so very important to us and to those we have the privilege to serve.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission at the Cathedral Kitchen."

+++As you can see, our efforts are greatly appreciated!+++  
Marianne Wilkins

On Wednesday, August 19 we had a scant crew, and we still managed to make 453 sandwiches and a sizable

box of utensil packages (in 75 minutes!) for the Cathedral Kitchen! In addition to Joe & Grace Sklencar paying for the above items, they also donated 164 chocolate bars for the Kitchen. They even treated the sandwich makers to some candy bars! Again, Thank you to the workers and the Sklencars!



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