

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

Holiday Vigil: 7:30 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm
or any time by appointment

Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Morgan, Pastor
Rev. George Donkor Tang, In Residence
Rev. Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
Sr. Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Deacon John Harrington
Pat Maggart, Parish Catechetical Leader
Roger Pisani, Pastoral Associate for Music & Liturgy
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Norma Matos, Parish Secretary

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees
Gary Gadren 424-3212
Pat Lachnicht 424-3212

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement
Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Friday Adoration
Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
Hospital Visitors
Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212
Intercessory Prayer
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Knights of Columbus
Dick Haughwout 429-8598
Marriage Formation
Bob/Liz Scarpa 795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.
Pat Maggart 429-6948
Pastoral Counselor
Claire Spence 428-8325
Prayer Shawls
Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Respect Life
Al Mac Elvath 779-7130
Rite of Ch. Dnit. Adults
Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Jim Vecchiola 424-9555

Rosary Ministry
Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
Small Christian Comm.
Ann Marie/Bob Lento 424-4759
Spiritual Direction
Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Spiritual Retreats
John Galati 428-7073
Denise Radziwoill 424-0494
St. Vincent de Paul
Frank Nicoletti 424-3212

Worship

Altar Servers
Church Environment
Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Antonina Niedao 751-6320
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
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Tom Petrilli 751-1367
Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
Frank Krenslak 309-1999
Roger Pisani, Director 609-702-7858
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Len Kolojechick 346-4078
June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461

Social Development Bridge Groups

Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
Bob Lento 424-4759
Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Parish Festival Committee 424-3212
Women's Club
Eileen Withers 751-6838

Administration House of Charity

Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 1, 2011

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 office if you or a family member will be admitted to the hospital. Anointing of the sick is available for those who are confined to home for a period of time. For emergencies, please call the parish office any time.

BAPTISM

Arrangements for Baptism can be made in advance by calling the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a class in preparation for this Sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry must attend a marriage preparation program offered by the diocese. One-year notification of the marriage date is recommended.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of instruction for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments. For more information please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.
RCIA Team: John Mohan and Jim Vecchiola

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.

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.



Pictured above are the newest members of our parish community, Michael and Michele Capyak (center), after the celebration of the Easter Vigil with the RCIA Team (left to right: Deacon John Harrington, Jim Vecchiola, Sister Ann Byrnes and John Mohan).



SAVE THE DATE!

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

2011 GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 6th

at Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton

Golf Outing: \$125

*Includes Green Fee, Cart, Door Prize & Dinner
Shotgun start at 12 Noon*

If golf is not your interest join us for a lovely dinner.

Dinner only: \$55

For both Golfers and Guests:

Cash bar: 5 pm Dinner: 6 pm

**Tickets are now being sold after all
Masses in the gathering space.**

ALL LADIES AND MEN ARE INVITED

Golf Committee:

*A. J. Ariani (983-5761) & Tom Pajic (795-7520), Co-Chairs
Carol Ariani, Joe Centonze, Michael & Helen Hawkley,
Jerry & Jeannine McMenamin, Arleen Pajic,
Dick & Claire Spence, Joe & Chris Torello*

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 24, 2011

\$25,710.00

441 Envelopes

May the Lord bless you for your generosity to your parish.

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

We deeply appreciate your generous Easter donation to St. Thomas More Parish. Your overwhelming generosity is a great witness of your commitment to the mission of St. Thomas More Parish. As you know, we would not be able to meet our parish obligations without your continued support.

We extend a special thanks to all who gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so spiritually rewarding and spiritually meaningful.

We welcome Michael and Michele Capyak to our Catholic Faith Community. We are thankful for the dedication of our RCIA Team, Deacon John Harrington, Sister Ann Byrnes, John Mohan and Jim Vecchiola, for sharing their knowledge and insights of the Catholic faith.

Our Communion call shut-ins truly appreciated the Easter plants that were delivered to them during Holy Week by Elaine Beckman, Terri Conway, Kathy Glover, Marianne Gorin, Pat Kirincic, John and Sheila Mohan, Sheila Moore, Antoinette Del Campo-O'Brien, Irene Rellosa, Bob Scarpa and Greta Tyrrell. We thank them for their kind efforts.

A special thanks to Joyce and Dick DeMichele, Ann and Bill Vigrass, Pat and Jerry Lachnicht and Ray and Gloria Desrochers for the wonderful work they did decorating the Church and environment. We thank those who provided the beautiful Easter flowers.

We extend our gratitude to Ann and Bill Vigrass and Dags Nicado for cleaning the Church on a weekly basis and to all the women who clean and iron the Altar Linens.

For those who sang and provided the musical accompaniment under the direction of Roger Pisani, Dolores Kreal, Len Kolojchick and June Garafano at all the Holy Week Services and Liturgies we extend our gratitude.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to the ushers and all those who served at the Altar; Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors. Your service to the priest, deacon, and to all present for the Mass is a service that only you can give.

I am reminded of St. Paul's words to the Church at Corinth "I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus." (1Cor 1:4)

Your prayerful generosity allows your parish to enhance the lives of hundreds of families in St. Thomas More Parish. Through your support we promote spiritual growth and human dignity. Your generosity is another reminder that you believe our ultimate destiny, meaning and purpose in this life and in the next life is to find God.

Your goodness helps our parish realize its mission of spreading the Good News that God loves us; that Jesus is our brother; that God is always with us; even in our most difficult moments.

May the Resurrected Jesus bless you and your family in countless ways for the many gifts that you give so freely. We bless you and thank you for the unique gift of yourselves that you bring to St. Thomas More Parish.

May you be surrounded by His peace and His grace. May you be close to Him always through the Eucharist. This is His greatest gift of love given to help us on our spiritual path of life.

*Blessings,
Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan
Pastor*

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Ministry Schedule for May 7 and 8, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	C Pisanl R Pisanl	E Beckman, R Crawford J DeMichele, E Kleinz	Sr. Barbara	M Lender R Nicklous
8:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	G Nacarelli L Kolojejchick	J/L Duffy, J Neff B Scarpa	M Maggart	A Rzepski I Zebrowski
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Youth Singers J Garafano E Zerone	G Gadren, D Gould D/ML Thomas	V Marchesani	Me/K Quay D Sheehan
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapschke R Pisanl	S Kane, B/AM Lento G Tyrrell	F Eggles	K McKenzie R Semnara



Prayer Shawl Ministry

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

Just for month of May we will be meeting this Thursday, May 5, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Sheila Mohan, Chair

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., May 11, 7:30 p.m.
- **Women's Day of Reflection—Awakening the Spirit Within:** Thurs., May 12, 9 am-1:45 pm. Call Clare for more information: 428-9251.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS/REMEMBRANCES

During the month of May the parish will remember all the mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased, of our parishioners. Ten Masses will be celebrated in the chapel in their honor. If you would like your mother or grandmother remembered in this special manner please return a Mother's Day envelope that was sent along with your weekly collection envelopes.

Extra envelopes are available in the gathering space or parish office.

Mother's Day cards are also available, in the gathering space, which can be sent to your mother telling her that she will be remembered at the Masses at St. Thomas More.

All returned envelopes will be placed on the altar during May.



COURTYARD ROSARY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us.

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 2011-2012 school year have been mailed to the homes of all current students. Please complete and return with appropriate fee as soon as possible, but no later than May 31. *Additional forms for first grade students and for students who will be new to the program are available in the gathering space.*

Rehearsals for First Communion will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Attendance by all First Communicants is mandatory.

The annual May procession and crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother will be next Sunday, May 8, following the 10:00 Mass.

Pat Maggart, PCL, 424-3212 - ext. 106

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students Jr. – 6th through 8th grades
Upcoming Event(s):

- **Concert:** Tues., May 10, 7 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc, Marlton – Steve Angrisano (Composer/musician & youth minister) has been featured at 6 World Youth Days and several National Catholic Youth Conferences. Audiences of all ages have been engaged by his unique blend of humor, songs & stories.
- **Youth Group (End of year) Party** — Date to be announced.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY - APRIL 30

9:00 am Charlie Kelton r/b Jim & Pat Beaney
4:30 pm Frances Radula r/b Joan Radula

SUNDAY - MAY 1

8:30 am Nicky Ristagno r/b cousin, Mopsy
10:00 am Richard Burke r/b Family
Scott Roncace r/b Dr. & Mrs. Roncace
Frank Rapetti r/b Carmel & Family
Charlie Kelton r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - MAY 2

6:45 am Thomas Unfreed r/b Chris & Suzie Good
9:00 am Ann Powell r/b John & Sheila Mohan

TUESDAY - MAY 3

6:45 am Dr. Rupert Friday r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Alice Charette r/b the Charette Family

WEDNESDAY - MAY 4

6:45 am Special Intention of Mother Jadwiga Cierpiska
9:00 am Jane Smith r/b Ted & Kay Uhlman

THURSDAY - MAY 5

6:45 am Charlie Kelton r/b John & Lenity Duffy & Dags
9:00 am Ann Morgan r/b Jim & Pat Beaney
Justo Padre r/b Pat & David Hill
Dorothy Listenberger r/b Henry & Kathy Glover

FRIDAY - MAY 6

6:45 am Dr. Rupert Friday r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am Rosalie Iezzi r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY - MAY 7

9:00 am Eleanor Scarpa r/b Gary & daughter, Lenore
4:30 pm Marion White r/b Ken & Kim Wislocky

SUNDAY - MAY 8

8:30 am Buster Wilson r/b Beverly & Vincent DeMasi
10:00 am Frances Pisera r/b Gould Family
Hazel Sung r/b Elaine Sung
Tom Unfreed r/b Marisa & Rob Schuenemann
11:30 am Marie D'Ippolito r/b Radziwill Family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

Devon Sheehan	Helen Copperthwaite
Denise Daniels	Bob & Claire Boylan
George Sweeten	Andrea Buonincontro
Maria Storms	Frank Cappetta
Leona Novak	Joseph Console
Ruth Suita	Michael Kapischke
Ron Massey	Betty O'Donnell
Marie Cain	Marie Mazzagatti
Frank Colbert	Stanley Kochanek
Mary Cowan	Pauline Rosberg
Yolanda Burke	William Mitchell
Jean Colbert	Geralyn Coticone
Mary Flacco	Jerry McMenamin
Mary Beuhler	Chris Kolodzey
Charlie Kelton	Marie DiFrank
Carlos Santiago	Joe Pottackal, Sr.
Ralph Stilley	Theresa Carozza
Robert Geisel	Pasquale DiFronzo
Marcy Toub	Anthony Cristiano



Harry Watson
Danny Perla
Anna McMullen
Olga Mignone
Joanne James
JoAnn Gadren
Gloria Daniels
Dorothy Brink
Alfred DiFrank
Don Kreal
Ed Rivero
Marie Read
Catherine Zee
Chase Lupica

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lt. Col. Carl Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st Class Mario Centofanti, Sr. Airman Alyssa Cosentino, Staff Sergeant Anthony R. Cosentino, Capt. Anthony T. DeMarco, A1C John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, CDR Katherine (Tobin) McCabe, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Major Louis J. Papa, SSgt Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, Major James P. Tobin, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m.**

THANK YOU



Thank you to all who gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Easter celebrations so joyous and memorable.

Thank you for providing flowers, cleaning, decorating, preparing the altar, making the music so special at all the Masses, ushering during Mass and serving at the altar; Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers.

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

(For use in homes as well as in small groups)

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for the 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 Third Sunday of Easter, May 8, 2011 - Luke: 13-35

(The scene - Easter evening - two followers of Jesus are walking away from Jerusalem toward Emmaus. A man (Jesus) joins them on the road and speaks to them. The men do not recognize Jesus - they are too upset about what happened over the last three days. Jesus asks them what things happened in Jerusalem. The men are astounded that this stranger seems to be the only one who doesn't know what has happened). The followers of Jesus say, "Some women from our group have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive." (Jesus is invited to stay with the men and have supper.)

"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight...So the two set out at once and returned to Jerusalem." (Here, they reported what had taken place.)

Commentary:

The travelers on the road to Emmaus had not gone to the tomb themselves. They heard many rumors about the empty tomb, but, no one reported actually seeing Jesus. But then, these two traveling in the wrong direction, away from Jerusalem and the community of faith, had their eyes opened in a simple act of breaking bread. They had been prepared to give up the cause and go home to their old lives. They had decided the disappearance of Jesus' body was the last straw. When the shared bread was put into their hands again, they saw what they had been missing. They saw Jesus in the stranger. They wouldn't lose sight of him again. In fact, they immediately left home and began the trip back to Jerusalem and to the community of faith.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. Share something from the reading or the commentary that spoke to you.
2. What has been a disappointment in your life that turned out to be a blessing?
3. When one of your own dreams was shattered and all you could talk about was the loss, what helped you to see new possibilities?
4. What keeps you from recognizing Jesus in all the events of your daily life?

1st Year Anniversary African Community Mass

at St. Thomas More Church - Fr. George, Celebrant

Next Sunday, MAY 8 - 1 p.m.

Refreshments to follow.

AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Help Earn Money *EFFORTLESSLY*

Don't forget about this Program:

TD Bank will make an annual contribution to Saint Thomas More Parish based on the average balance in all members' accounts. There is no cost to Saint Thomas More Parish or the participating members. Members' accounts are not affected in any way by this contribution. Your account balances are used to determine the level of contribution and are KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. Visit any TD Bank to enroll.

If you have any questions, call George Sierra, TD Bank Manager at 428-8545.

CONGRATULATIONS to Teri Bones:

Teri, a parishioner of our parish, recently entered her hand-stitched quilt in the "Love Apples Quilt Show" in Marlton. There were 300 entries and her quilt was chosen as "Best of Show".



Also two vendors at the show voted her quilt the best. Her quilt is named "Dear Jane Quilt" and is a replica of a quilt created in 1863 by Jane Blakely Stickle. Teri's hand-stitched quilt contains over 5,000 pieces and is indeed a work of art!

CHILDREN'S HOME CLOTHING DRIVE

The semi-annual clothing drive will be on the weekend of May 14/15 in the church parking lot.

Gary Gadren

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society