

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

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 Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
 Miriam Gilbert, Religious Education Coordinator
 Julie Linn, Music Ministry
 Kathleen Witts, Youth Coordinator
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2017

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: Sister Ann Byrnes and John Mohan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 6:30– 7:45 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.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

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

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



Religious Education Students participate in Christmas Pageant and Prayer Service last month.

**Monday, February 13, 2017
7:00—8:30 pm**

“Ten tips for living in Love.”
Wine & Cheese following presentation. Call Sister Ann 424-3212.



Second Collection next weekend for Catholic Schools in the Camden Diocese.

A Catholic school education is the gift of a lifetime—a gift to benefit not only the children we serve today, but the world they will shape in the future. Please be generous to this collection.

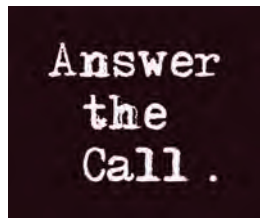
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Stewardship Reflection: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Stewardship Calling

“ Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” Isaiah 40:5a



You have to do what God is calling **you** to do and **I** have to do what God is calling **me** to do. Guess what, each **Steward** has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to one other. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

A Pastor's Christmastide Litany of Gratitude

Fr. Phillip M. Johnson

I know a man whose way of expressing his gratitude to others is to say, "Thank you, and *thank God for you*". The following litany of Gratitude is offered in that spirit, as we leave behind the Christmas season.

For the gifts of time, talent, and treasure,
offered by the faithful of our parish,
in adoration of the Christ Child—
I thank you and praise you, O Lord.

For the singers and musicians, the old and young,
who led us in Your praise—
I thank you and praise you, O Lord.

For Advent Lessons and Carols,
the planners and choirs, the servers and hosts, the music and food —
I thank you and praise you, O Lord.

For the Knights of Columbus who helped us "Keep Christ in Christmas"—
I thank you and praise you, O Lord.

For mothers and fathers and grandparents, for catechists and teachers,
who prepared our children for the Christmas celebrations—
I thank you and praise you, O Lord.

For crèches and candles, for flowers and wreaths, and evergreen all around,
for those who adorned our church with the beauty of holiness;
I thank you and praise you, O Lord.

For our staff, and all who clean, fix, plan, organize, and maintain,
that others can pray and worship with ease—
I thank you and praise you, O Lord.

For all who, by giving or doing, remembered those in need at Christmas;
for the SVPS, the Women's Club, the K.O.C. the Youth Group, with all who supported them,
I thank you and praise you, O Lord.

For readers proclaiming God's Word, for servers at Christ's Altar,
for sacristans and ushers, for ministers of Holy Communion, for counters of money,
with all the faithful gathered
at the Lord's Altar on the Lord's Day—
I thank you and praise you, O Lord.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2017

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for JANUARY 21/22

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Father Johnson	Mena/Choir Julie	G. Tyrrell P. & N. Kirincic	J. Mohan	I. & C. Fulton N. Ortega
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Mary Rich	B. Massey, P. Lavala B. Lento	R. Pierce	M. Widmer G. & M. Gray
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Becca Julie	D. & L. Lyon E. Beckman	K. McFadden	C. McFadden I. & A. Witting
11:30 am	Father Rossi	Becca Julie	M. Gorin, M. Garber, B. Haughwout	D. Haughwout	M. & T. Dautle K. Wieland

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

8th Grade students: Letter to the Bishop due January 15th.
Sacrament of First Penance: 10 am Saturday, January 28 in the Chapel.
Mark your calendars:
Parish Intergenerational Event: Teaching of the Mass during class time February 14, 2017.



Liturgy of the Word for Children—This program is offered at the **10:00 Mass**. All children **ages 4 thru first grade are welcome**. No registration is needed.

From the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception:

To the ...”Youth Group...Women’s Club...St. Vincent DePaul Society...I am writing on behalf of all our grateful recipients to extend a warm, sincere and grateful thank you.
 The children from the parish and the many poor and homeless you have helped greatly appreciate all of your many kindnesses. On behalf of the Cathedral Parish of the Immaculate Conception, I assure that you will all be remembered in prayer as we always pray for our many benefactors during our weekend Masses. Most grateful,
 Rev. John J. Fisher, OSFS

STM Youth



“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” Martin Luther King, Jr
 Martin Luther King reminds us to be mindful of those who are in need and hurting. Martin Luther King worked and stood for justice and equality for all. As Catholics we are called to live out the themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Try to incorporate the 7 themes into your daily life.

Friday Jan 27 Family Night at the Sixers

Sunday January 28 4:30 Mass and Family Dinner
 check email for details

Sunday, Feb 5 Souper Bowl of Caring
 Help with Collection Following all masses

Any questions about the Youth Group, Please contact Katie Witts youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org



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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Thomas Silvestri r/b Fulton family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 am Ronald Maggi r/b Stacia & Dale Strack
10:00 am intentions of Jim & Pat Beaney for their
50th wedding anniversary
r/b Don & Dolores Kreal
11:30 am Fran Boesch r/b husband, Jack

MONDAY—JANUARY 16

6:45 am for those in the Church preparing for
Baptism

9:00 am Phyllis Schadt r/b John Ravena

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE

9:00 am Jim Bones r/b Teri Bones

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

6:45 am Vicar Eric Greer

9:00 am for peace in war torn countries

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

6:45 am COMMUNION SERVICE

9:00 am for the homeless

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

6:45 am for displaced persons

9:00 am Veronica Kapischke
r/b Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish

4:30 pm Mildred Radziwill
r/b Stan & Annette Thompson

SUNDAY—JANUARY 22

8:30 am Phyllis Schadt r/b Pat & Mike Maggart

10:00 am intentions of Lou Regina
r/Rhonda & Larry

11:30 am Joan Maguire r/b Dick & Claire Spence

Papal Intentions for the Month of January:

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

**"... if My people, who are called by My Name, are sorry for what they have done, if they pray and obey me and stop their evil ways, I will heal their land."
2nd Chronicles 7: 14**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...Pat Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Anna Bedrick, Francesca Capra, Elva Clark, Frank Colbert, Sean Colbert, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, GERALYN Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Bryan Dietrich, Pasquale DiFronzo, Angelo DiGiacomo, Harry Gindele, Sue Hagan, infant Joseph Hale, Thomas Houston, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, Stephen Kaye, John B. Kennedy, Peggy Kiefner, Stan Kochanek, Don Kreal, Julia Lepre, Mary Ellen Lepre, Marie Manalo, Vince Marchesani, Wayne Mauri, Sr., Margaret McClure, Jerry McMenamin, Hilda K Pellerito, Fred Petrone, John Ravena, Amelia Rivero, Ed Rivero, Pauline Rosberg, Joseph Ryan, Joseph Ryan, Jr., Barbara Salpas, Carlos Santiago, Phyllis Schadt, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Frank Sines, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Maria Storms, Samuel Stafford, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, George Sweeten, Christopher Tama, Stephanie Tama, Marcy Toub, Ted Uhlman, Ann Vigrass.



THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

2nd Lieutenant Patrick J. Bones, USMC,
Captain Anthony R. Cosentino, Spc. Peter DeCrescenzo, SSgt John P. DeYoung,
Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, 2nd Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, PFC Sonny Morrison, 1Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, and Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa.

St. Thomas More is hosting "A Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona" April 30, 2017 to May 9, 2017. The year 2017 is very special as it celebrates the 100th anniversary of the visitation of our Lady to the three shepherd children. Brochures are available on table in the front of the church. Call Lin Lyon at 795-4396.

"Living the Gospel Today" Parish Mission

St. John Neumann Parish

560 Walton Ave. Mt. Laurel.

Sunday, January 29th thru Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 2017

Evening sessions 7:30 pm in the Church

Morning Session: Monday—Wednesday after the
10:00 am Mass

For more information call: 856-235-1330

Retrouvaille Marriage Weekend

Malvern February 10—12, 2017

Family Life Center in Malvern, PA

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. *If you are struggling in your marriage, attending a Retrouvaille program could be the best gift you give to your spouse and your family.* Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six sessions that follow it.

Visit the website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230.

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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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 22, 2017 - Matt. 4:12-23

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Commentary:

Imagine the scene in your neighborhood. Jesus walks down the street, calling all who hear his voice to follow him. And there go your neighbors one by one, abandoning their computers and television sets, gardening tools and supper preparations, cell phones and homework, to fall in behind a virtual stranger. Why do they do it? Some go because they hate what they were doing and are looking for any excuse to shirk their responsibilities. Some go out of curiosity because they are bored and yearn for something interesting to happen. Some go because they have felt neglected or ignored and are grateful to be asked. Some even go because they were startled by the call they heard, by the insistence in the voice that roused them to feelings they can scarcely name. For the best reasons and for the worst, lots of people leave everything behind and follow Jesus. And you know what? All of them are better off than the ones who never even looked up to see who just passed by.

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?



Just because something happens to be legal does not make it moral, ethical or right. Abortion is perhaps one of the most dramatic examples of a situation where something is legal, but is very much a sin against God and an affront against mankind. Fight the pro-death forces today. Tomorrow your life may depend upon it.

Al MacElrath, Respect Life Coordinator 779-7130

Diocesan Black History Month Mass

Sunday, February 19, 2017

2:30 pm

St. Charles Borromeo Church

176 Stagecoach Road
Sicklerville

Join Bishop Dennis Sullivan, homilist Maurice J. McNutt and the Diocesan Gospel Choir. A light reception will follow the Mass. All are invited to attend.

The Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Camden

Sponsors *Courage: The Catholic support group for men and women with same-sex attraction.*

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For more information: www.couragec.org or
Call (856) 365-1570



Pivotal Players by Bishop

Robert Barron begins on

Mondays, January 16 through

February 20, 2017, in the Hall

after the 9:00 am Mass. Come and learn more about the Church. All

are invited to attend.

WELCOME!

Saint Thomas More Parish Welcomes All

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc; you are **Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected** at Saint Thomas More Parish.

New Parishioner Registration

(Are you attending Mass here regularly? Are you registered? If not, please fill out information below and return to the parish office. The parish office will contact you for further information. Please drop this form in the collection basket.)

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