

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, Pastor
 Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
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 Kathleen Witts, Youth Coordinator
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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: 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

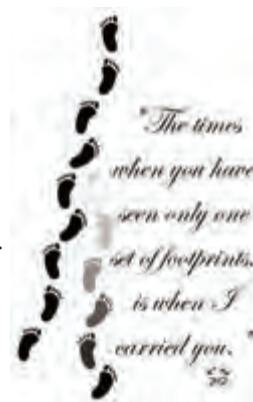
St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

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Invitation to a Journey Called RCIA:

This invitation is open to those who are not baptized as well as those who are baptized in a Christian faith and wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist or Confirmation. The RCIA process would prepare you for these sacraments.

Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212 - ext. 104, to receive more information about the RCIA classes.



Please remember your *Soap for Hope* donation (unused travel-sized soaps and shampoos for the homeless) **and place in the basket in the gathering space. Thank you.**
St. Vincent DePaul Society



Going on vacation? Need to find a church?

For nationwide Mass times and locations: www.masstimes.org



The collection for Sunday, July 9, 2017 was \$8,116.00 from 161 donors. As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

**“... 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**

Stewardship Reflection: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time— Stewardship Lifestyle

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? **Stewardship** is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It affects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.



The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 99)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

Professing, Praying, Thinking, and Living the Faith of the Church

The Pastoral Ministry to the Sick and the Dying

Three sacraments of the Church are especially fundamental to the pastoral care of the sick and the dying—*Confession and Reconciliation*, the *Anointing of the Sick*, and *Holy Communion* administered in the special form of *Viaticum* (a Latin term meaning “bread for the journey”).

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick . . .

In her teaching documents the Church no longer speaks of “last rites” to be received only once as death draws near. This change was enacted by Pope Paul VI and was a return to the more ancient practice of the Church. The Anointing of the Sick, with the other healing rites may be received whenever a serious and sustained threat to health occurs, including major surgery. If the illness is chronic Anointing of the Sick may be received more than once—for example, in the case of hospice care when the “terminally ill patient lives on longer than expected.

The simple sacramental rite begins with a reading of Holy Scripture. After the priest lays hands on the head of the sick person, praying for healing, the rite continues with the anointing of the sick “given on the forehead and hands with the blessed olive oil . . . saying once only these words: *Through this Holy Anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy heal you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up*” (Pope Paul VI, Apostolic Constituion).

Viaticum

This is not the name of a separate sacrament; it is rather the receiving of Holy Communion *as Viaticum*, as the bread from heaven that sustains one in the “hour” of death. “The sacrament of anointing of the sick should be celebrated at the beginning of serious illness. Viaticum, celebrated when death is close, will then be better understood as the last sacrament of Christian life” (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, p. 158). As the Catholic Christian once made a “first communion,” now he or she actively accepts death in a final act of faith. In this sense Viaticum does serve as a “last rite”. However, as it often happens that a dying person lingers unexpectedly, even for many days, the Church encourages the receiving of *Viaticum* more than once, even daily, during the time of vigil. “A distinctive feature of the celebration of Viaticum . . . is the renewal of the baptismal profession of faith.” This action recalls the faith profession renewed during the Easter season. In this profession, the hope of eternal life comforts and strengthens the Christian .

Confession and Absolution . . .

In the Gospels, the miracles of healing and the miracle of forgiveness are linked together. The link is not necessarily that of cause and effect. However, the physical healings are always anticipations and “parables” of spiritual healing. Throughout the Psalms, the occasion of life-threatening sickness or injury provides the believer with opportunity to examine the whole of his life. As we experience the vulnerability of our bodies, so we may become more deeply aware of our vulnerability to sin. So it is that Confession takes its place as a sacrament of healing.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 16, 2017

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for JULY 22/23

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	K. Wislocky P. & N. Kirincic	B. Sorrentino	I. & C. Fulton
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	P. Lavala, B. Massey R. VanderWeilen	M. Maggart	C. Oatway
10:00 am	Father Rossi	Music Ministry	E. Beckman, K. Glover M. Huynh	K. McFadden	T. Kenny
11:30 am	Father Durkin	Music Ministry	M. Gorin, M. Dwyer A. Thompson	D. Haughwout	W. Quay

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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Catechists Needed!
We need (2) grade 7 catechists to teach **Tuesdays 6:30-7:45pm.** We also need substitutes in grades 1-4(4:30—5:45pm) and grades 5-8 (6:30—7:45pm). No experience necessary; only

your time and talent! Training is required and will be provided. It is a beautiful ministry.

“Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive: they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others.” Pope Francis

Liturgy of the Word for Children will resume in September!

Baby Bottle Drive Thank You!

*To the parishioners of St. Thomas More
From Options for Women*

“Your church raised \$1,277.62 for life this year! Thank you for agreeing to partner with us in this important way. Please know how much we appreciate the help....We are so grateful!!!”



Welcome !!

We welcome the newly registered families to our parish:

Matthew, Maria, Mia & Miles Filandro

Michael, Amanda, Emma-Rose and Michael Phillips

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. We have 1-2 Monthly Youth Group Activities scheduled for 2017-18! Try to make them all or come when your schedule allows. Fill out the form below to receive regular updates and reminders!

SIGN UP FOR REMINDERS

Please return the form below to the office or Email Katie at YouthGroup@stthomasmorenj.org.

Name _____

Grade _____ Birthday _____

Email _____

Parent Email _____

_____ I will try my best to participate in monthly activities

_____ I will participate when my schedule allows

_____ I am interested in a Bible Study or Small Group to explore my faith further.

Looking to help? Parents and Adult Chaperones needed to help the Youth Group –Planning, driving, and coordinating activities. Please let Katie know you would like to help. Email youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org to receive more information.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JULY 15

9:00am living & deceased members of the parish

4:30 pm **Pat Brink** r/b Don

SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:30 am **Ray Desrochers**
r/b Mike & Pat Maggart

10:00 am **Ray Desrochers**
r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

11:30 am **Fran Boesch**
r/b husband, Jack

MONDAY—JULY 17

6:45 am intentions of **Charles W. Fischer, Jr.**
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am **Jim Bones** r/b Teri Bones

TUESDAY, JULY 18

6:45 am intentions of **Charles W. Fischer, Jr.**
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am **Kathleen Centonze**
r/b Joseph Ryan & family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

6:45 am intentions of **Charles W. Fischer, Jr.**
r/b Michael Curtis

9:00 am **Ray Desrochers** r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

THURSDAY, JULY 20

6:45 am **People of the Parish**

9:00 am **Kathleen Centonze**
r/b Gaye Pino
Jane Kenney r/b a friend

FRIDAY, JULY 21

6:45 am **John Connolly** r/b McGeady family

9:00 am **Ray Desrochers** r/b Sheila Moore

SATURDAY, JULY 22

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish

4:30 pm **Ann Bell** r/b Tobin family

SUNDAY—JULY 23

8:30 am **Jane Kenney**
r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

10:00 am **Ray Desrochers**
r/b Dick & Claire Spence
Liz Valusek r/b Lynn Ellinger

11:30 am **Eduardo Rivero**
r/b Claire & Dick Spence

Papal Intentions for the Month of July : That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith may discover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life through our prayers and witness.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jane Kenney**.

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, Pasquale DiFronzo, Angelo DiGiacomo, Harry Gindele, Sue Hagan, 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., Jerry McMenamin, Youngmork Park, Hilda K. Pellerito, Fred Petrone, Pauline Rosberg, Joseph Ryan, Barbara Salpas, Carlos Santiago, 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, Kathryn Wolfe, 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, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin



Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council Fundraiser Raffle Tickets \$5 donation. 50/50 drawing Saturday,

October 14th at 10:00am at Cherry Hill Food Pantry, 1463 Brace Rd. Cherry Hill.

First prize: 35% of ticket sales
Second prize: 10% of ticket sales
Third Prize: 5% of ticket sales.

Proceeds used to purchase food for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Tickets will be sold at St. Thomas More the weekend of September 9th/10th.

Contact Elaine at 428-8431 or Jon at 905-6162



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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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 23, 2017 - Matt. 13:24-30

The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.... The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?' No, let both grow together until the harvest.

Commentary:

Weeds apparently resemble wheat in the early stages of growth and, entwined with the wheat, make it difficult to distinguish. As the parable states it is better to wait until harvest time and then separate the two. Since this is a parable about the Kingdom of heaven, there is an important lesson for us to glean from this story. The Kingdom of heaven is here already, planted like a seed in the hearts of those who believe. When we feed the hungry, forgive those who hurt us, act justly, practice charity, we make the kingdom evident. But within all of us, weeds grow. Weeds that produce dissent, alienation, anger and brokenness. God doesn't write us off because of these weeds but gives us ample time to work through them so that hopefully, by the end of our lives, we will have surrendered to the power of grace, expressed our contrition and turned our weeds into a bountiful field of wheat.

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 Commentary resonates with me?



Do we believe in the Bible? Do we **really** believe in the Bible? God said, "I knew you before you were born." Every baby aborted is God's creation sent into this world to be a future priest, pastor, doctor, lawyer, etc. Abortion is saying "no" to God's plans for the future of our nation.

Al MacElrath, Respect Life Coordinator 779-7130



Our House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal 2017 goal is **\$117,880**. We will need the help of all parishioners to meet and exceed this goal. We have received gifts totaling **\$109,293.00 from 215 donors**. Thanks

to all who have contributed. **We are still accepting donations to meet our Parish goal.** To make a pledge, please **pick up a Pledge card, available in the gathering space and at the entrances to the Church and mail in or drop off at the parish office.** *Every donation moves us closer.*

Healing Mass
Monday August 21, 2017
7:00—9:30 pm

Fr. Matthew and the Team from the Potta World Evangelization Ministry.

The program will focus on inner reflection of the Word of God, followed by Mass and Eucharistic Adoration accompanied with Spirit-filled music.



Call or email if you plan to attend
St. Thomas More Parish Office— 856-424-3213
or email: stthomasmore@comcast.net



St. Thomas More Volunteer Days
at Cherry Hill Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed to work at the Cherry Hill Food Pantry the following dates and times:

Tuesday, Tuesday, July 18th : 5—8pm

Thursday, July 20th: 10:00 am—1:30 pm

Please contact Elaine (856-428-8431) with dates you are available.

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