

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 during Lent:
 9:30—10:00am
 3:00-4:00 pm or any time by
 appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
 9:30 am—12noon
 Fridays in the Chapel

Reverend Phillip M. Johnson, Pastor
 Reverend James H. King, Parochial Vicar
 Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
 Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
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 Cristina Chillem Youth and Young Adult Ministry
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 19, 2019

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 6:30– 8:00 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

Liturgical Ministers Meeting 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the Church

This meeting includes all **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Music Ministers, and Sacristans.** In a framework of prayer we will discuss the primary role of all Liturgical Ministers. The particular role of each ministry will also be reviewed. **As Liturgical Ministers, we have the opportunity to evangelize as we serve in ministries witnessed by many.** What evangelization means for us will be discussed. Thank you for all you do in ministry for the parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish.

Mark your calendar for this Meeting. We look forward to seeing all of you at this time.

Fr. Johnson, Fr. King, Sr. Ann



Come join your fellow parishioners every Friday from 9:30am—12noon for Eucharistic Adoration. All are encouraged to attend.

Our collection for May 12, 2019, was \$7,338.85 from 158 donations. Thank you for your continuing 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 Corner: Fifth Sunday of Easter Stewards Love One Another

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so also you should love one another." (John 13:L34)

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes **Stewardship** to have the strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used, or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone that doesn't look like me.



Love one another as I have loved you.

Meet Cristina Chillem
St. Thomas More Youth Minister



I was raised and currently reside in Cherry Hill. I work for Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Camden by directing a nutrition program as well as a mentoring program for youth at risk of juvenile delinquency.

I completed a Masters in literature from Rutgers University a minor in theater, focusing my thesis on religious medieval poetry. I am an alumnus of St. Peters Elementary School in Merchantville and Camden Catholic High School. During my college studies and beyond God's grace has drawn me to seek His Truth and nurture my relationship with Christ.

I am eager to share with St. Thomas More youth experiences of faith-based fellowship, discovery, and Christ's love that become guiding lights, strength and support throughout life.

Contact me at youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org

CONTACT

Please contact Cristina Chillem via the ministry
email address: youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org

or

in- person at the parish if you are:

- * a young person interested in the ministry activities.
- * a parent, grandparent, or neighbor referring a young person you'd like us to reach out to and invite
- * an adult parishioner with insight, ideas, contacts, or resources you'd like to extend to the ministry.
- * Anyone with any questions and wanting to learn more.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 19, 2019

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for MAY 25/26

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father Johnson	Christy Joe	R. Crawford Sr. Sophia G. Tyrrell	J. Cepeda	M. Gray K. Johnson
8:30 AM	Father King	Jerry Eugene	J. & L. Duffy	M. Maggart	M. Widmer C. Oatway
10:00 AM	Father Johnson	Elena/Marta/Choir Julie	M. Santiago K. Glover D. Staton	K. Friend	T. Kenny A. Kuzinski A. Schwartz
11:30 AM	Father King	Julie	B. Lore M. Gorin B. Haughwout	D. Haughwout	M. & L. Mueller

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



For Our Children

Register Now

Reregistration packets for the school year 2019-2020 were sent home. All returning students must reregister. *Why not complete the form and return it NOW while you are thinking of it?*

Prompt reregistration allows us to schedule the proper number of teachers and to ensure we have enough books and supplies for the number of students we will have. **Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.** Registration forms will be available on the St. Thomas More website: stthomasmorenj.org



Women's Club End of Year Social And Baby Diapers Shower
6 :00 pm Wednesday, May 22 in the Parish Hall.

Come enjoy friendship, appetizers and dessert!

The Women's Club participates in outreach service to others. **This year we are planning a "Baby Diaper Shower" to benefit Catholic Charities Family and Community Service Centers.** These Centers help residents of each of the 6 southern New Jersey counties served by the Diocese of Camden. **Baby diapers in sizes 1 to 6 are desperately needed.**

Bring your Diaper Shower gift to the End of the Year Social on May 22nd. If you can't come to the social please drop off items at the office. RSVP to Lorraine Kennedy (856-489-0031) no later than May 20th so we can plan on having enough food.

Parish Survey Development

Our Parish Convocation Committee will be developing a Parish Survey as one of our initiatives from the recent Diocesan Convocation. The survey will address **how well the parish is doing and where we might improve in areas such as parish life, liturgies, outreach, ministries, etc.** If you have any insight and experience with surveys or just wish to participate, please reach out to us. Please contact Sr. Ann for more details(424-3213)

"Christmas in July 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk"

St. Thomas More Church "Christmas in July 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk" is a challenging, timed, USATF certified course through neighborhoods surrounding the Church grounds. Overall and Age Group awards, event shirts for all pre-registered runners and walkers, race day entrants if available. **This is an EVENING event and will start at 7:00 pm. Packet pick-up and Race day entry at 5:30pm.** Prizes, Gift Bags, Door Prizes.

It is not too early to start training!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 19, 2019



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, MAY 18

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm Janet Lisitski r/b Joe & Chris Torello

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:30 am Andrew Rossi r/b Rossi family
10:00 am Ted Uhlman
 r/b Claire & Angelo Di Giacomo
Joseph Ryan, Jr. r/b Ryan family
Charles J. McAndrew
 r/b Mena & Arnold Kramer

11:30 am Bernadette Johns

MONDAY, MAY 20

6:45 am Dante & Louise Bielli r/b family
9:00 am Vincent John & Vincent E. Tyrrell
 r/b family

TUESDAY, MAY 21

6:45 am for families with members who have autism

9:00 am Brian Bones r/b Teri

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

6:45 am for families who have members with any disability

9:00 am Gerard V. Carey r/b Tyrrell family

THURSDAY, MAY 23

6:45 am Special Intentions
9:00 am William Boxley r/b wife

FRIDAY, MAY 24

6:45 am end to abortion and euthanasia
9:00 am intentions of Robert Kapischke
 r/b Marian Kapischke

SATURDAY, MAY 25

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm John & Helen Banitvoglio r/b children

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:30 am intentions of Christina Castillo
 r/b Emelita A. Suarez
10:00 am Ted Uhlman r/b Ann & Don Sullivan
Charles McAndrew
 r/b Toni & Joe Andraka
11:30 am intentions of Sonia Taylor
 r/b Emelita A. Suarez

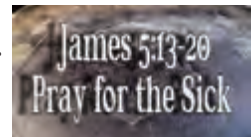
Papal Intentions for the Month of May: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

**Memorial Day Mass Schedule
 at Catholic Cemeteries**

Memorial Day Masses are held in most of our Catholic cemeteries to honor those who have served our country and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Please join us on May 27. For a complete listing of locations and times, visit:
SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, GERALYN Coticone, John Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Catherine Diana, Angelo DiGiacomo, Chuck Goodwin, Thomas Handler, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Ron Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, John Minot, Arleen Pajic, Tom Pajic, Youngmork Park, Fred Petrone, Tina Petrone, Joseph Ryan, Frank Sabatino, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Frank Sines, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Jim Tobin, Linda Van Name, Ann Vigrass, Kathryn Wolfe



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

2nd Lieutenant Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Captain Anthony R. Cosentino, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lily Hutchinson, USN, Petty Officer 3rd class; Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, 1st Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin



Dining for Dollars with the Knights!

4:00 pm—10:00 pm

Tuesday, May 28th, 2019

Lamberti's Tutti Toscani (B.Y.O.B.)

1491 Brace Road

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856-354-1157

Reservations requested— mention this fundraiser when booking.

Give your flyer to your server when you pay for your meal. EACH member of your party must have their own flyer.

20% of your bill will be donated to the Knights of Columbus for its charities.

Thank you to all who attend



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 19, 2019

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 19, 2019 - John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him... The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives peace do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Commentary:

Jesus tells his disciples that his peace is different. How different? Jesus' peace is everlasting. Compared with global diplomatic relations, which tend to fall apart in a generation or less, Jesus' everlasting peace is good news. Christ's peace is not contingent on anything that the world attempts to offer us in the guise of peace. The peace that Jesus gives comes clean, free, and permanent, with no strings attached. It is a peace that doesn't crumble on contact when the troubles of this world crowd in. St. Paul called Jesus' peace "a peace which passes understanding." (Philippians 4:7)

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?



help.

Pro-Life Corner: Regarding abortion: Compassion for the mother is extremely important, but is never served through destroying her innocent baby. There are thousands of pregnancy care centers waiting to



For Our Children

Thank you to ALL those who contribute in any way to the Religious Education of our children. Your commitment to your ministry is a witness and a blessing.

Antonina Bellesorte; Helen Protzman; Sue Roettger; Janet Johnson; Marianne Wilkins; Sr. Elizabeth Kulesa, LSIC; Rosemary Cinefra; Carol Erlam; Sr. Agnes Tyniec, LSIC; Georgia Fowler; Lynda Chiaravallotti; Christine Betson-Smith; Margaret Branca; Pat Kirincic; Te Rellosa; Richard Brendley; Veronica Consalvi; Fran Eggles, Janet Barbera, Lynda Chiaravallotti, Pam Huynh, Sinead Royster, Betty Vasile, Carol Erlam.



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St. Thomas More 2019 House of Charity– Bishop's Annual Appeal is \$119, 648.00. As of this time we have received \$49,800.00(41.6 of our goal) in donations and pledges. We are grateful for any and all donations to this Appeal. Pledge Cards are available at the end of each pew, in the Gathering Space and in the Parish Office. Please fill out and return your pledge card if you have not already done so. Thanks!

Lost our lease!



Cherry Hill Food Pantry has lost its lease and is looking for a new space to continue its mission to feed the hungry.

If you know of any space available in the Cherry Hill area that is between 6,000 and 8,000 square feet, please contact Janet Giordano at cherryhillnfood-pantry@gmail.com or call 856-912-2353.



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