

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 Vigil: 7:30 pm



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

Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan, Pastor
Reverend George Donkor Tang, In Residence
Reverend Daniel Joyce, S.J., Weekend Assistant
Sister 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			Worship		
Parish Trustees	Gary Gadren	424-3212	Altar Servers	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212
	Pat Lachnicht	424-3212	Church Environment	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Christian Life/Education			Ch. Art Environment	Antonina Nicdao	751-6320
Bereavement	Sheila Mohan	795-6137	Eucharistic Ministers	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
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Intercessory Prayer	Ann Vigrass	428-7217	Sacristans	Ann Vigrass	428-7217
Knights of Columbus	Dick Haughwout	429-8598	Ushers	Tom Petrilli	751-1367
Marriage Formation	Bob/Liz Scarpa	795-1160	Music Ministry	Greta Tyrrell	428-2412
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog.	Pat Maggart	429-6948		Frank Krenslak	309-1999
Pastoral Counselor	Claire Spence	428-8325		Roger Pisani, Director	609-702-7858
Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137		Dolores Kreal	988-0271
Respect Life	Al Mac Elrath	779-7130		Len Kolojechick	346-4078
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212	Social Development	June Garafano, Youth Singers	229-7461
	Sister Ann Byrnes	424-3212	Bridge Groups		
Rosary Ministry	Marian/Chuck Kapischke	424-2053		Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
Small Christian Comm.	Ann Marie/Bob Lento	424-4759	Funsters (over 50 club)	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Spiritual Direction	Deacon John Harrington	424-3212	Parish Festival	Bob Lento	424-4759
Spiritual Retreats	John Galati	428-7073	Women's Club	Committee	424-3212
	Denise Radziwill	424-0494	Administration	Eileen Withers	751-6838

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 called Living in Love. 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. Contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104 or Deacon John Harrington, Moderator, at 424-3212 ext. 103.

RCIA Team: John Mohan and Irene Rellosa

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.

Introducing the Revised Roman Missal

"Glory to God in the Highest"

Corinna Laughlin and D. Todd Williamson

The Gloria, an ancient hymn dating to the early Church, is prayed every Sunday except during Advent and Lent, as well as on solemnities and feasts of the Lord. The hymn brings together images and phrases from Scripture and Tradition. It begins with the words of the angels to the shepherds on the night of Christ's birth: "Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will" (ICEL; see Luke 2:14). Then we sing, "We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory . . ." **Our praise to God cannot be contained in one word, but overflows in many words of praise.** Then we call on the Lord in a crescendo of titles for God: "Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father." The Gloria then moves to a litany in which we implore Christ's mercy on us, and concludes with a great crescendo of praise, acknowledging who Christ is: the holy one, the Lord, the Father's only Son. **In the Gloria, we raise, with one voice, the song of the angels.**

Preparing Your Parish for the Revised Roman Missal: Homilies and Reproducibles for Faith Formation

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RCIA Classes Begin Tuesday, October 4

This will be the first class for those wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

Please call Sister Ann, 424-3212-ext. 104, or Deacon John, 424-3212-ext. 103, to receive more information about the RCIA classes.

'FUNSTER NEWS'



FUNSTERS' next trip: to the **Tomasello Winery, Sunday, Dec. 4** (holiday concert & dinner). Bus leaves St. Thomas More at 1 p.m. and returns by 6 p.m. Bus, dinner, wine & show: \$95, **due by Oct. 8**. Make check payable to St. Thomas More Funsters & mail to Bob Lento, 7 Merryton St., Voorhees, NJ 08043. Any questions please call Bob, 344-7454 (note new address & phone #).

Last week's collection - September 25, 2011

\$9,863.50 — 249 Envelopes

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

RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN PERSON

More than 69 years ago, God miraculously planted the seed of human life in my mother's womb. At that very moment of conception, my life began. At that very moment of conception, I became an embryonic stem cell in my mother's womb. At that very moment of conception, I acquired all the possible and all the imaginable fundamental human rights.

It was in my mother's womb that the gift of human life bloomed. It was in the quiet of her womb that my survival was ensured. It was in the safety of her womb that my future was guaranteed. It was in my mother's womb that I developed. It was there I grew to have all the potentialities of a fully functioning human being. All the while, my parents cherished the mystery of God's infinite love.

During these nine months the wonder and sacredness of the sexual love of my parents was contemplated. They were the instruments and co-creators of my life. They cooperated with the infinitely loving touch of God and I was given life.

*"The human person begins in the mother's womb and remains a human person until his or her last breath.
The human person must always be respected as a human person." (Pope Benedict XVI, August 5, 2006)*

Ever since I was born, I grew up to believe that God is the creator of all human life. The infinitely loving touch of God's outstretched hand is what gives us life. God's touch is the giver and sustainer of my life.

Without God's touch, I could not have life. Without God's touch, I could not have survival powers. Without God, nothing would exist. Everything and every life come from God. Only God can take life away.

Traditionally in Ireland and in the U.S.A. marriage and the family have been the structures that have provided environments for the protection of human life. Moreover, even today marriage and the family remain the most highly prized human relationships.

Marriage and Family contribute to the well-being of men, women and children. These structures contribute to the well-being of God's great gift of human life. These structures support human life. They protect the right not to be killed.

Yet, the high rate of divorce has diminished confidence in the structures of marriage and the family. This high rate of divorce has resulted in trepidation in young people. They often consider marriage a financial risk. This is largely because they think that their marriage might fail.

Young people today often put off marriage. There are fewer marriages. There are fewer environments to protect the sacredness of human life. There are fewer structures that protect human life.

Young people often engage in multiple low-stakes relationships. They cohabit to test fidelity. They get involved in casual sexual relationships. Unwed motherhood becomes an acceptable choice. There is no commitment beyond the encounter itself. There are few ethical obligations beyond the mutual consent.

Therefore, the present day culture is not all that supportive of human life. We are saturated with narcissism and self-interest. We search for instant gratification. Reverence for life from the moment of conception until death through natural causes is definitely on the wane.

We advocate embryonic stem-cell research in the name of science. But we all know that it is immoral. It is wrong to destroy human life. It does not matter how immature that life is. We cannot blind ourselves to this irreducible fact.

More than 69 years ago, I was a tiny embryonic stem cell in my mother's womb. In another culture and at another time I could have been exploited. They would say they were advancing science.

In another culture and at another time my life could have been intentionally ended. I could have been seen as biological waste. That is immoral. That is wrong. God gives human life. We are called to protect that life. Only God can end that life.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for October 8, and 9, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father George	Adult Choir, M Kramer R Pisanl	E Beckman, J DeMichele I Rellosa, M Santlago	F Eggles	G/M Gray
8:30 a.m.	Father George	C Pisanl R Pisanl	M Gorin, J/S Mohan J Neff	M Maggart	E Barbera J Fabrlcius
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	C Pisanl R Pisanl	D/L Lyon J Mazzagattl, P Rossi	S Thompson	J Cole E Thompson
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Pisanl A Rivero	S Kane, N/P Kirlncic D Staton	J Arnold	C Arnold R Semnara

PARISH FESTIVAL GRATITUDE

How blessed we are at St. Thomas More Parish to have the BEST volunteers in all of Cherry Hill. Our Parish Festival was a wonderful event of community celebrated with and among a wonderful group of parishioners. To all who came to the Festival, we say thank you. The event was perfect for relaxation and for getting to know others in our community.

Deep gratitude is expressed to those who planned, purchased, advertised, set up on Saturday and Sunday, prepared the food, served where needed, provided the music, organized the Olympic races and cleaned up afterwards.

So many hands and hearts made the day memorable. The remarkable part of it was that it all seemed to happen so easily. The committee had a plan, they executed the plan, and they all knew their jobs.

Deepest gratitude and God's blessings to all of you for an afternoon of fun, games, and most importantly, *COMMUNITY*.

Special thanks to our Youth who helped set up and clean up: Carrie Baeckstrom, Tatiana Baeckstrom, Michael De Groot, Ryan Nicklous, Eric Thompson, Stanley Thompson, Joelle Wachman, Philip Wachman, Sammy Wachman, Arnaud Zimmerman, Louie Zimmerman, Philippe Zimmerman & Stephen Zimmerman.

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., October 12, 7:30 p.m.
- **Entertainment Book '2012':** Now available, still only \$30. Call Clare at 428-9251.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

ALL ARE INVITED!

Next Sunday, October 9 at 1 p.m.
African/Ghanaian Mass - Fr. George, Celebrant

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

An enrollment of all seventh grade candidates into the Confirmation preparation program will be held next Sunday, October 9, during the 10:00 Mass.

The first Confirmation I class for all seventh grade students and their parents will be held from 11:00 to 12:30 in the St. Thomas More Hall immediately following the Enrollment Mass.

Liturgy of the Word for Children - This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages four through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed.

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2:

- **Youth Group Annual CAR WASH** - Funds raised will support YG programs for the upcoming year. All YG volunteers please arrive at the Rectory at 9:30. **Parishioners can have their cars washed while attending the 10:00 Mass.**
- **Cherry Hill Regional Youth Mass:** The 4 parishes in Cherry Hill (St. Thomas More, St. Mary's, Holy Eucharist & Christ our Light) will be co-sponsoring a once a month Youth Mass. The first is **this Sunday evening at 7:00 at Holy Eucharist** on Kresson Rd. The Mass is open to Jr. & Sr. youth and their families and friends.

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 1

9:00 am Chester Zielinski r/b Cindy
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Betty Powell r/b Buzz & Loretta Cirillo

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 2

8:30 am John Gray r/b Mike & Pat Maggart
10:00 am Richard Burke r/b Family
Jack Slivinski, Jr. r/b Chris & Lisa Mele
Angela & Iole Scotto r/b Agatha Scotto
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - OCTOBER 3

6:45 am Special Intention of Sr. Maria Di Rosa
9:00 am Lillian Reader r/b Lillian Creedon

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 4

6:45 am Special Intention of Michael Curtis r/b
Rev. Henry Weeks, OSA
9:00 am Special Intentions of Chung Family r/b
HeyJa, Charlie, Jennifer & James

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 5

6:45 am Recovery of James F. McHale r/b Michael
Curtis
9:00 am Special Intention of Robert Tyrrell r/b
Greta Tyrrell

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 6

6:45 am Special Intention of Sr. Angela Pia
9:00 am Arnold Gilden r/b Floriann

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 7

6:45 am Recovery of James F. McHale r/b Michael
Curtis
9:00 am Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 8

9:00 am Special Intentions of Vincent & Angela
Corso—Anniversary Blessings
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Rosemary Spinelli r/b Buzz & Loretta Cirillo

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 9

8:30 am Vincent Giordano, Jr. r/b Mary Lou &
Harry Horlacher
10:00 am Charles Anstotz r/b Annette Canal
Ursula Sorbera r/b Carroll Family
Helen Ruocchio r/b Carroll Family
Billy Walker r/b Carroll Family
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE DECEASED... Judy Cefaratti and Sister
Christine Virginia Kurek, LSIC.
THE SICK...**

Denise Daniels
George Sweeten
Chris Kolodzey
Maria Storms
Frank Cappetta
Leona Novak
Ron Massey
Olga Mignone
Frank Colbert
Mary Cowan
Yolanda Burke
Jean Colbert
Dorothy Brink
Catherine Zee
Pat Barton
Ethan Killeen
James Louzon
Grayson Caruso

Helen Copperthwaite
Bob & Claire Boylan
Naomi Willingmyre
Andrea Buonincontro
Margaret MacElrath
Joseph Console
Michael Kapischke
Betty O'Donnell
Marie Mazzagatti
Stanley Kochanek
Pauline Rosberg
William Mitchell
Geraldyn Coticone
Jerry McMenamin
Carlos Santiago
Joe Pottackal, Sr.
Pasquale DiFronzo
Chuck Kapischke



Owen Smith
Danny Perla
Anna McMullen
Don Kreal
Joanne James
JoAnn Gadren
Gloria Daniels
Mary Flacco
Alfred DiFrank
Ed Rivero
Marie DiFrank
Avery Caruso
Chase Lupica

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison 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, Sr. Airman John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, PFC Sonny Morrison, Major Ryan Orfe, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, SSGT Arturo Rivero, Jr., Lt. Col. Karl Rohr, USN SR Lindsay Schaffer, Major James P. Tobin, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

EXPECTANT FAMILIES



For over 20 years we have had the tradition of blessing expectant parents at two different times (Masses) during the year.

At these special Masses the expectant parents and their unborn children are blessed. As a parish family we support and promote parenthood and the sanctity of life. On October 16 at the 10:00 Mass we shall once again bless and support expectant families. If you are expecting or know someone who is please call the parish office, 424-3212, or Pat Lachnicht, 424-5636, by October 13 to sign up for this special occasion.



ROSES FOR LIFE: Next weekend after all Masses the Knights of Columbus Cherry Hill Council #6173 members will be accepting your donations to help **Right to Life** causes.

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

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 the proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday.

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 9, 2011 - Matt. 22:1-14

Today's gospel is a parable. "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants twice to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." A third invitation was sent to whomever they found. The servants brought in everyone they could find - the good and the bad. "But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment? But he was reduced to silence.'" Afterwards he was cast into the darkness.

Commentary:

In Scripture, meals are always occasions of sharing life, memories and intimacy. This meal is different, though. This meal, rather banquet, is by invitation of the king! For now, it is the Eucharist. Later, it's "eternal life." Refusing to come at the king's behest seems incongruous, yet, as in the parable, some say - no. No matter who we are or how we are, we are invited, the good and the bad. ALL are invited, but then...one comes but without a wedding garment! Who would ever turn a *friend* away for not wearing the proper garment? The king who is focused on **Gospel attire** would have to turn his friend away. Unless we clothe ourselves, or at least try to be loving, peaceable, humble, patient, good and kind, I simply won't fit in, I won't belong - by my own choice! We are invited to share in the heavenly banquet both now and for all eternity. How do I respond?

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?

IT'S COMING!

'APPLE PIE & MORE' BAKE SALE

October 22/23 after all Masses

Donate a HOMEMADE baked good.

Need more information?

Call Marianne Wilkins, 428-4924.

sponsored by the St. Thomas More Women's Club



NEW Altar Servers NEEDED

The ministry of Altar Server is a privileged and important one of our parish community. Each year we invite students in grades 4 thru 8 to consider this ministry. Sister Ann and Deacon John will meet with those interested beginning Tuesday, October 4 at 4 p.m. (Grade 4 students) and 6:30 p.m. (Grade 5-8 students). Please call Sister Ann at 424-3212 (ext. 104) if you need further information.

ANYONE interested in being on a rotating schedule to help serve at the Cathedral Kitchen please contact Marianne Wilkins at 428-4924.

FACTS TO CONSIDER:

When we go: 2nd Wednesday of month

Time: Carpool leaves St. Thomas More parking lot at 2:50 p.m., we return at approximately 6 p.m.

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society for *The Children's Home, Mt. Holly* on **October 29-30** — MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Gary Gadren, Coordinator

Principled Ministry with Brother Loughlan Sofield

All involved in parish ministry will benefit from this interactive program designed to help us become more solid, effective ministers.

NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Thomas More Parish, Cherry Hill

Schedule: 9 a.m.-Mass in Chapel, 9:30 a.m.-Program begins, 1 p.m.-Closing

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Send to: Principled Ministry c/o St. Thomas More Parish
1439 Springdale Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Principle Ministry (STM Parishioner)
All registrations are due by October 3.

This session limited to 100 participants!