

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
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Prayer Shawls	Sheila Mohan	795-6137		Dolores Kreal	988-0271
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	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

“I Believe”

Corinna Laughlin and Daniel Merz, sll

When Catholics pray the Creed during Mass, the changes in the translation will be immediately apparent. We are used to beginning the Creed with the words “We believe.” But with the **new translation, we will say, “I believe”** (emphasis added). “I believe” is an accurate translation of the Latin word *Credo*. **This “I” emphasizes our personal Profession of Faith.** At the same time, we pray the Creed not one-by-one, but communally. As Saint Thomas Aquinas observed, when the Church proclaims the Creed, she does so as a single person, made one by faith. The singular “I” reflects the united, corporate nature of the Church. In a beautiful way, when a Catholic prays the Mass, we are both one and many: many parts, one body; many grains, one loaf; many minds, united in one faith, in the one mind of Christ.

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

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IT'S COMING!
'APPLE PIES & MORE'

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

Covered Dish Dinner for SCC Participants

All participants in Small Christian Communities are invited on Thurs., November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. Please mark your calendars now for this special get together! All participants will be hearing more from their SCC facilitator in the coming weeks.

Call Sister Ann, 424-3212 ext. 104, for more information.



Last week's collection - October 2, 2011

\$10,819.00 — 253 Envelopes

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

THE SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS WHERE WE EXPERIENCE CONVERSION

Experience has shown us that small groups are the most effective way to evangelize. It is almost impossible to evangelize crowds.

Experience has shown us that it is through the experience of Small Christian Communities that people convert. Small groups are the most effective way to lead people to conversion.

Jesus, in His very first public address, talked about conversion. Jesus said, "Repent and believe in the good news" (*Mark 1 15*). This word repent comes from the Greek word *metanoia* which literally means to change the way you think which leads to a change in our emotions and a change in our behavior.

The small group experience empowers people to change their way of thinking; their way of believing; their way of acting. The group spiritual energy is what leads to a change in our values and in our behavior. Truly, a unique and special process emerges from listening and sharing.

Unfortunately, preaching very often does not facilitate conversion. Taking courses in catholic theology does not lead to conversion. Discussions on church issues do not lead to conversion. None of these group experiences have the same power to convert in the way that a Small Christian Community does.

The Small Christian Community experience is the most effective way to conversion. It is the optimal environment to empower our parishioners to make a serious commitment to the way of Jesus. It is the most effective way to commit to help one another convert.

The Faith Sharing in the small group is the key to personal conversion. This is the place where we connect our individual stories with the Bible story just read. Here we connect our faith with our everyday life experiences. Here we connect with our hearts where God abides.

The Small Christian Community is not a discussion group. There are no pros and cons. It is a sacred space where individual stories are shared and revered. It is done in the mirror of the great God story as revealed in the Bible. Here in this sharing and in this listening we sow the seeds of conversion.

The teller of the story and the empathic listening by others are intertwined deeply at the same time. The participants are at once humbled and inspired. They are wrapped in the experience of God in their lives. It is uplifting and at the same time challenging.

Faith Sharing is simply talking about the times you felt God's presence. Or you could talk about the times God felt absent. It is all about God working in our lives. It is all about becoming more aware of God's activity in us and with us. It is all about an enlargement of self in God.

When we share our faith, we grow in our faith. When we share our faith, we stop the downward spiral of feeling alone or misunderstood on the spiritual path. The sharing inspires us to live more by faith and less by sight. It opens up new vistas and new ways of visioning this one and only journey we are on.

One woman said, "It is through the Small Christian Community experience I discovered a deeper patience with the questions in my life. I developed more faith that the answers would come in their own time. They would come in God's time."

Another young man said, "The Small Christian Community experience left me more excited about life again. I have much less emotional pain. My values have changed. My priorities are different. I seem to have more control. I'm less impulsive."

A young widow put it this way "I look forward to getting together with my new friends. I like the reflecting on the sacred scriptures and telling our stories. It recharges my batteries. I regain perspective. I am learning and experiencing myself and God in a new way."

Another elderly gentleman who has been away from the church for a long time put it this way "I have reignited my relationship with Jesus. I feel transformed. I did not do it alone. God's grace is there all the time. Now, I am more hospitable to His presence. I feel great."

All have different stories. All have been transformed. All have a new awareness of God's movement in their lives.

Blessings,
Monsignor Morgan, Pastor

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for October 15, and 16, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father George	M Kramer E Zerone	J Andraka, R Crawford T Petrone, S Moore	T Andraka	M Dautle J Wachman
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	J Garafano R Kaplschke L Kolojechick	A Del Campo-O'Brien Sr. Dianna B Scarpa, G Tyrrell	D Miller	M Lender H Rosenblatt
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	G Nacarelli L Kolojechick	G Gadren, D Gould D/ML Thomas	K McFadden	C/J McFadden
11:30 a.m.	Father George	C Malatino L Kolojechick	J/L Duffy B/AM Lento	L Dombrowski	A/Me Quay

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



HELP WANTED FOR APPLE PIE MAKING

WHEN: Friday, October 21
after the 9:00 Mass

WHERE: in Classrooms 1 & 2

If you peel apples, you qualify to help!

Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator -428-4924

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 6th through 8th grades
Last Sunday the Jr. & Sr. Youth Groups held a Car Wash Fundraiser. Over 15 youth volunteers washed cars as Parishioners attended the 10:00 Mass. Thanks to your generosity we raised \$200 that will be used to support YG activities. Thank you!

Stanley Thompson, YG Co-President
Sammy Wachman, YG Co-President

Also last Sunday evening the first Cherry Hill Regional Youth Group Mass was held at Holy Eucharist. The Mass and Social were well attended. Next month the Regional Mass will be held at Christ Our Light (Kings Hwy) on Nov. 6; join us!

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

An enrollment of all seventh grade candidates into the Confirmation preparation program will be held **THIS 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.

A meeting outlining the preparation program for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be held for parents of all second grade children *next Sunday, October 16*, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Liturgy of the Word for Children - This program is offered at the 10:00 Mass. All children ages 3 through first grade are welcome. No registration is needed.

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



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.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

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

MONDAY - OCTOBER 10

6:45 am **Peggy O'Malley** r/b Family
9:00 am **Special Intention of Donna Carol Kapischke** r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 11

6:45 am **Recovery of James F. McHale** r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am **Darlene Maggart** r/b Norma

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 12

6:45 am **Armand Perella** r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am **Agnes Marie Hughes** r/b Charette Family

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 13

6:45 am **Sr. Virginia Kurek** r/b Franciscan Sisters
9:00 am **Robert Schadt** r/b Phyllis & Family
Louise DeVault r/b Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tom Lord r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 14

6:45 am **Peggy O'Malley** r/b McGeady Family
9:00 am **Richard Smith** r/b Pat & Jim Beaney

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 15

9:00 am **Gennaro Meoli** r/b Marianne & Tony Orlando
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm **Joe Canal** r/b wife, Annette

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 16

8:30 am **Darlene Maggart** r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
10:00 am **Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish** r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society
Bernie Leber r/b wife, Mildred
William Grady r/b Mary Brown
11:30 am **Mary Menna** r/b Kay Turiano

Prayer Shawl Ministry: We meet this Thursday, October 13, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.



Sheila Mohan, Chair

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

Denise Daniels	Helen Copperthwaite	
George Sweeten	Bob & Claire Boylan	
Chris Kolodzey	Naomi Willingmyre	
Maria Storms	Andrea Buonincontro	
Frank Cappetta	Margaret MacElrath	
Leona Novak	Joseph Console	
Ron Massey	Michael Kapischke	
Olga Mignone	Betty O'Donnell	
Frank Colbert	Marie Mazzagatti	
Mary Cowan	Stanley Kochanek	
Yolanda Burke	Pauline Rosberg	Owen Smith
Jean Colbert	William Mitchell	Danny Perla
Dorothy Brink	Geralyn Coticone	Anna McMullen
Catherine Zee	Jerry McMenamin	Don Kreal
Pat Barton	Carlos Santiago	Joanne James
Ethan Killeen	Joe Pottackal, Sr.	JoAnn Gadren
James Louzon	Pasquale DiFronzo	Gloria Daniels
Grayson Caruso	Chuck Kapischke	Mary Flacco
		Alfred DiFrank
		Ed Rivero
		Marie DiFrank
		Avery Caruso
		Chase Lupica
		Michael Mahon

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.

PARISH VETERANS RECOGNIZED:



On Sunday, November 13, at the 10:00 Mass our parish veterans will be recognized and receive a special blessing. We ask that all parishioners who have served in the Armed Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard) make every effort to be present for this Mass. Your presence will assist all in attendance to value the varied ways we can serve our fellow man. Following this Liturgy refreshments will be offered in the St. Thomas More Hall.



St. Vincent de Paul Society:

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, please answer the call to help the poor. We will be collecting food and funds to purchase foods next weekend after all Masses.

Frank Nicoletti, President

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 16, 2011 - Matt. 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Commentary:

Conflict and sarcasm are part of the conversation between Jesus and the Pharisees. Both conflict and sarcasm can be difficult to deal with, yet Jesus does not shy away from either. Ironically, it is the sarcasm that speaks the greatest truth: Jesus is unwaveringly truthful and he addressed the conflict head-on. He has clarity about what is central - God and his kingdom - living a good and holy life - and so he is able to give to God what belongs to God: his very self. Would that we have clarity about our life and duties as Jesus portrays in the gospel! So, keeping our eyes on Jesus, we gain clarity, giving to Caesar (government) what is due, as Jesus did, and giving to God, our very selves, living Gospel lives, loving, truthful, good and honest lives, for God's greater honor and glory.

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?

Doctor Richard Spence Receives Honor

On Sunday, October 2, 2011, Dr. Richard Spence was the recipient of the Saint Luke Award for outstanding service in Catholic health care within the Diocese of Camden.

Dr. Richard Spence and his wife Claire are active members of Saint Thomas More Parish. He is an exemplary husband, father and grandfather.

Dr. Richard Spence is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. He is currently the Deputy Grand Knight of Council 6173, Cherry Hill.

Dr. Richard Spence is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at Saint Thomas More Parish. He is involved in all social and community building activities at the parish.

Dr. Richard Spence is a physician who inspires others to dream more about God and to dream more about God's invitation to live a spiritual journey. He knows how to attract others to follow the Jesus way of love and forgiveness.

Dr. Richard Spence is energized and motivated to be the best physician he can be. He is driven to be a good Christian role model in his daily routine around our parish and in ministerial situations.

Dr. Richard Spence wants to bring good medicine and good spiritual living to all his relationships. He is a spiritual inspirer both when practicing medicine and when practicing his ministry. He is at his best promoting the values of Jesus Christ in all contexts.

Dr. Richard Spence has worked in the medical field for 39 years sharing Jesus' love and mercy to those in need of healing. He is a renowned Vascular Surgeon, surgical educator and expert on the treatment of venous disease.

Dr. Richard Spence has devoted much of his clinical work to the advancement of blood management. He started this project as a means of providing good medical care for Jehovah's Witness patients and expanded to encompass all patients. He has been nationally and internationally recognized for his work.

In summary, Dr. Richard Spence is a fine Christian gentleman. He is visibly an outstanding Catholic layman. Richard exhibits great moral integrity, a high code of ethics and a high moral standard.