

# 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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			Administration		

### 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

#### “Lord, I Am Not Worthy”

Corinna Laughlin and D. Todd Williamson

The Centurion was a Roman living and working in Jerusalem. Though not a Jewish believer, he had heard about Jesus, and when his servant fell desperately ill, he sought out the wonder-worker from Nazareth. Of course, Jesus agreed to come and cure the servant. But the Centurion responded with these words, a powerful act of faith: “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; only speak the word and my servant will be healed” (Matthew 8:8, NRSV; see also Luke 7:6). At every Mass, just before Holy Communion, we echo the Centurion's words. In the revised translation of *The Roman Missal*, **our response will change slightly**, making the scriptural echo even easier to hear. “**Lord, I am not worthy / that you should enter under my roof, / but only say the word / and my soul shall be healed.**” The liturgy invites us, at this holy moment, to the Centurion's faith in what Jesus can do. The power of Christ, which restored the Centurion's servant to health, is offered to us in the Eucharist. We have only to accept the invitation. “**Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb!**”

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

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### SIGN-UPS FOR SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

**Small Christian Communities will begin meeting the week of November 21 for the Advent Season. Call Sister Ann (424-3212 ext. 104) to see what community is best for your needs and schedule. Come and be renewed, come and discover God and the richness of the small community experience!**

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are meeting this Thursday, November 10, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.



Sheila Mohan, Chair

Last week's collection - October 30, 2011

\$9,482.50 — 236 Envelopes

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

# *Finding faith and support in Advent Gatherings*

## **By Peter G. Sánchez “Star Herald”**

At St. Thomas More Parish in Cherry Hill, worshippers are gathering together in small prayer groups, remembering Jesus’ words, “Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in their midst.” (Matthew 18:20) These Small Christian Communities, as they are called, meet during the Advent and Lenten seasons, once a week, connecting with the Word of God and each other. Led by a trained facilitator, they meet Monday-Thursday, morning, noon and night, and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings. Afterward, there is fellowship.



“Sharing about our life experiences is critical to our spiritual life,” said Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM pastoral associate of St. Thomas More. These communities are where parishioners, young and old, “connect with others, and connect their faith with everyday living...learn about (their) faith, God’s word in the Scriptures, and...search for God.” She noted that currently in the parish, there are about 14 small communities, with close to 150 participants.

Small Christian Communities are not unique to St. Thomas More, and they are not new. Msgr. Thomas Morgan, pastor at St. Thomas More, said that these communities at the parish are not unlike groups of early Christians. “It was in Small Christian Communities that the early church found its vitality, aliveness and strength,” he said. These believers, sometimes gathering together amidst the threat of persecution, interacted with “fellow human beings whom they could depend to help them through the dark times.” Small Christian Communities are also similar to groups in Latin America which became a major force in church life. In North America such communities more often arise from a desire of members to know Scripture better and to find support in their spiritual



Marianne Wilkins has been in a small Christian community at St. Thomas More for the past six years, meeting together with 13 others at the facilitator’s house during the seasons of Advent and Lent. With participants’ ages ranging from 40s-80s, their life experiences are different, but still, “we establish really close relationships,” she said. In sharing their common religious background, whether it be through the upcoming Sunday readings or supporting one another through a difficult time, these communities “become a family.” “You form a bond,” she said.

Parishioner Beth Markiewicz, as well, has formed a strong bond with other faithful in Small Christian Communities she’s been a part of. Currently, she’s facilitating one during Advent. “We share how the ‘Word of God’ comes alive in our minds, hearts, words, and actions,” she said. “I discovered Christ’s light within others. SCC’s give me a glimpse into the paths others are journeying in their faith. We share our ‘little things’ that bring us closer to God. This offers me hope and encouragement.”





## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Ministry Schedule for November 12 and 13, 2011

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	M Kramer E Zerone	N/P Kirincic, J DeMichele B Scarpa	V Marchesani	J Cole R Nicklous
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Pisani A Rivero	A Del Campo-O'Brien Sr. Dianna, M Gorlin	D Miller	H Rosenblatt E Thompson
10:00 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	C Pisani R Pisani	D/L Lyon D/ML Thomas	K McFadden	M Dautle J Wachman
11:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	P Kelton R Pisani	B/AM Lento S Moore, D Spence	L Dombrowski	C Arnold J Fabricius

### Women's Club News

- Board Meeting: Wed., Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.
- Entertainment Book '2012': Now available, still only \$30. Call Clare at 428-9251.

*Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838*

### YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**NEXT SUNDAY Cherry Hill Regional Youth Mass:**  
The 4 parishes in Cherry Hill (St. Thomas More, St. Mary, Holy Eucharist and Christ Our Light) are co-sponsoring a once a month Youth Mass. The second Mass will be held at Christ Our Light (402 Kings Hwy) on **November 13 at 7 p.m.** The Mass is open to all Jr and Sr youth members (grades 6th-12th) and their families and friends.



The Jr. Youth Group and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thank the Religious Ed students and their parents for your donation of food for those in need.

*Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120*

### LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7:30 p.m.**  
In the Conference Room

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to the women who made the apple pies, to the women who donated goodies to sell, to those who bought goodies & raffle tickets, to George Giamanis who donated the pie pans, to McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant (winner: Helen Hawksley) and William Douglas Steakhouse (winner: Mildred Leber) who so generously donated the raffle certificates and to *all of you* who helped make our 'Apple Pie & More' Bake Sale a huge success!

*The Women's Club*

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*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.**

The second class for Confirmation I candidates will be held this Sun., November 6, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend the 10 a.m. Mass prior to class.

There will be **NO** Parish Religious Education classes this Tuesday, November 8 due to the closing of the public schools for Election Day.

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

### PARISH VETERANS RECOGNIZED:

Next Sunday, November 13, at the 10:00 Mass our parish veterans who have served in the Armed Services will be recognized and receive a special blessing.



*Any questions please call Sister Ann at 424-3212 ext. 104.*

### 'FUNSTER NEWS'



**FUNSTERS MTG:** Mon., Nov. 28 at 1:00 in St. Thomas More Room. All attending **Tomasello Winery Gala** and those interested in 2012 trips should attend. Rep from Collette Vacations will give a slide presentation of Mackinac Island, Michigan and Rose Parade & New Year's Eve Party in Pasadena, CA. Questions, call Bob Lento; 344-7454.

### ALL ARE INVITED!

**Next Sunday, NOVEMBER 13 - 1:00**  
**African/Ghanaian Mass—Fr. George, Celebrant**

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**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

**SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 5**

- 9:00 am Special Intention (100th Birthday) of Minnie D'Gangi r/b Dom & Marie Sacca Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Special Intention of Rob Tyrrell r/b Greta Tyrrell

**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 6**

- 8:30 am Darlene Maggart r/b Mike & Pat  
10:00 am Richard Burke r/b Family  
Mrs. Magda Waligurszky r/b the Hu Family  
Anna Audino r/b Robert & Roseann Luther  
William H. Cowper r/b Kristina Quiambao  
11:30 am Mary McHugh r/b daughter, Mary Ellen Carrozza

**MONDAY - NOVEMBER 7**

- 6:45 am All Souls  
9:00 am James & Eva Sirna r/b Floriann

**TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 8**

- 6:45 am Nancy Andres r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Special Intention of Robert Kapischke r/b Chuck & Marian Kapischke

**WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 9**

- 6:45 am Nancy Andres r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Nelson Matos r/b Sheila Moore

**THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 10**

- 6:45 am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory r/b Sr. Mary Ann Marshall  
9:00 am Alice Charette r/b the Charette Family  
All Souls  
Louise DeVault r/b John & Sheila Mohan  
Frances Massenelli r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass

**FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 11**

- 6:45 am Bob Kimbley r/b Mc Geady Family  
9:00 am Albert Marino r/b wife

**SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 12**

- 9:00 am Special Intention of Margaret Licon And Remembering Nelson Matos r/b sister, Norma Matos  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Marion White r/b Ken & Kim Wislocky

**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 13**

- 8:30 am Darlene Maggart r/b Jim & Pat Beaney  
10:00 am Joe Canal r/b wife, Annette  
Deceased Members of Bernauer Family  
r/b Mildred  
All Souls  
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE DECEASED... Nicholas Pino and Pilar Castillo.**

**THE SICK...**

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

**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.



**The Gospel of Life must be proclaimed, and human life defended, in all places and all times. The arena for moral responsibility includes not only the halls of government, but the voting booth as well.**

*- Priests for Life, Living the Gospel of Life  
Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

**Sandwich Makers Wanted**

If you would like to help make sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen, please meet in the St. Thomas More Hall after the 9 a.m. Mass on Wed., Nov. 16.

*Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator—428-4924  
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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 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 13, 2011 - Matt. 25:14-30**

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them...after a long time the master came back and settled accounts with them...Well done, my good and faithful servant...come, share your master's joy...for to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich...but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away..."

**Commentary:**

Being entrusted with responsibility is a great honor and privilege and with that comes responsibility. What are the possessions the master has entrusted to you? I offer for your consideration: love, respect, honor and dignity, service, cultivating relationships and developing the skills and talents that are part of who you are. So where do I live out these responsibilities? In my family life as a loving parent, child or sibling, when I care about my friends and coworkers, or as I do my job earnestly and honestly, when I give the benefit of the doubt to those who cross my path negatively, when I support life—in people, the environment and for all of God's creatures and creation. WOW! Are you smiling at God's generosity and trust and delighting in who you have become for God? Listen carefully and you just might hear in your heart of hearts: "Well done, my good and faithful servant!"

**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?

**You Can Be A Winner!**

**You Can Be Jumping for Joy!**



Saint Thomas More Parish  
2011 Fundraiser



**The Last 3 Tickets Drawn**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>33.3%</b>

*If all tickets are sold*

**Do Not Miss this Opportunity to Participate!**

**Drawing: Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m.**

Refreshments will be served.

AJ Ariani, 983-5761 - Tom Pajic, 795-7520, Chairpersons

**Ticket Price: \$100.00**

Run on over to the Raffle Table today after Mass or simply complete the information below and we will mail your ticket. Make Check Payable to Saint Thomas More Parish

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Attending the raffle night    Yes    No

ST. THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S CLUB  
CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

It is time again to extend the Spirit of Christmas to our friends at Holy Name Parish. St. Thomas More Women's Club invites you to help with our "Christmas Families."



The true meaning of the Christmas Season is giving and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. If you would like to buy a gift for one or more Holy Name Family members, please call one of our volunteers listed below. They have the names, sizes and ages of those whose Christmas could be made a little brighter with your help.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY CO-ORDINATORS

PAT BEANEY, 751-1958    CLARE DIGIACOMO, 428-9251  
MILDRED LEBER, 267-5564    SHEILA MOHAN, 795-6137  
TINA PETRONE, 751-0330    LOIS UDICIOUS, 795-1890

***FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:***

Mildred Leber; 267-5564, Lois Udicious; 795-1890 or Clare DiGiacomo; 428-9251

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:30 p.m.**

**In the St. Thomas More Chapel**