

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
Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 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
Sheila Tartamosa, Pastoral Associate for Parish Administration

DIRECTORY

Pastoral Leadership

Parish Trustees
Gary Gadren 424-3212
Pat Lachnicht 424-3212

Christian Life/Education

Bereavement Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Friday Adoration Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
Hospital Visitors Staff & Euch. Ministers 424-3212
Intercessory Prayer Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Knights of Columbus Dick Haughwout 429-8598
Marriage Formation Bob/Liz Scarpa 795-1160
Parish Rel. Ed. Prog. Pat Maggart 429-6948
Pastoral Counselor Claire Spence 428-8325
Prayer Shawls Sheila Mohan 795-6137
Respect Life Al Mac Elrath 779-7130
Rite of Ch. Init. Adults Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Sister Ann Byrnes 424-3212
Rosary Ministry Marian/Chuck Kapischke 424-2053
Small Christian Comm. Ann Marie/Bob Lento 424-4759
Spiritual Direction Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Spiritual Retreats John Galati 428-7073
Denise Radziwill 424-0494
St. Vincent de Paul Frank Nicoletti 424-3212
Stewardship Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212
Youth Ministry Stan Thompson 424-1120

Worship

Altar Servers Deacon John Harrington 424-3212
Church Environment Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Antonina Nicdao 751-6320
Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Ch. Art Environment Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Lachnicht 424-5636
Lectors Ann Vigrass 428-7217
Linen Committee Tom Petrilli 751-1367
Sacristans Greta Tyrrell 428-2412
Ushers Frank Krenslak 309-1999
Music Ministry Roger Pisani, Director 609-702-7858
Dolores Kreal 988-0271
Len Kolojejchick 346-4078
June Garafano, Youth Singers 229-7461

Social Development Bridge Groups

Joyce DeMichele 424-4008
Barbara Cerquitella 795-7323
Al Shaffer 609-417-6770
June Garafano 229-7461
Bob Lento 424-4759
Committee 424-3212
Eileen Withers 751-6838

Career Ministry

Funsters (over 50 club)
Parish Festival
Women's Club

Administration

House of Charity Sheila Tartamosa 424-3212
Parish Finance Council Robert Crawford 424-3212
Parish Pastoral Council Marie Enny 751-8893

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.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Christmas celebrations so joyous and memorable.

From those who provided flowers, cleaned, decorated, prepared the altar, made the music so special at all the Masses, ushered during Mass and served at the altar; Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and Lectors.

**Mark Your 2012 Calendar
Upcoming Events**

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY

January 8, 11:30 AM

BIBLE STUDY: "Women in the Old Testament"

Presented by Sister Ann Byrnes
 Mondays (following the 9:00 Mass)
 January 16, 23 and 30
 February 6, 13

ST. THOMAS MORE MISSION

Father Simeon Gallagher
 January 29 and 30

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

February 12

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Sister Ann Byrnes, Moderator
 Facilitators' Training January 28
 Sign-Up Weekend February 5
 Small Christian Communities begin
 Week of February 20

Ash Wednesday February 22

Holy Thursday April 5
Good Friday April 6
Holy Saturday April 7
Easter Sunday April 8

First Reconciliation January 21
First Communion May 5
Confirmation May 27

Golf Outing June 4

HEART-FELT GRATITUDE

Dear Parishioner,

It is with heart-felt gratitude for your generous Christmas donations that we wish you the blessings of this holy season of the year. We say a heart-felt thanks to each one of you for so generously sharing your personal financial resources to assist Saint Thomas More Parish.

Your generosity is allowing Saint Thomas More Parish to enhance the lives of hundreds of families within the confines of our parish boundaries. Your generosity is another reminder that you believe our ultimate destiny, meaning and purpose in this life and in the next life is to find God.

Your generosity is an expression of your awareness that God's presence permeates all of our lives and all of creation. Our parish exists to facilitate that discovery of His holy presence and His holy indwelling. This is why you support us financially and prayerfully.

Your generosity is enabling your parish leadership to promote the spiritual growth and human dignity of all our parishioners. You are helping your parish to realize its mission of spreading the Good News that God loves us and that Jesus came among us as a brother.

Your generosity is helping us move ever so deeply into the realization that God is always with us and especially alert in our most difficult moments. Your generosity enables us to responsibly, as good stewards, maintain our parish buildings and enhance our Sunday worship and prayer environment.

Our prayer for you is that in return for your generosity that the gladness and peace of that First coming of Jesus will fill your heart with a joy that will never cease. May you be filled with His blessings. May you be surrounded by His peace.

Our prayer is that you be renewed by His grace. May you be close to Him always through the Eucharist. May all of us who share in His body and blood be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

If you have not had the opportunity to make your Christmas Offering, you may do so by dropping it in the collection basket or at the parish office.

May your 2012 be healthy, holy and happy.

Blessings,

Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Ministry Schedule for January 7 and 8, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Monsignor Morgan	C Malatino R/C Pisani	E Beckman, R Crawford P Hengy, E Kleinz	K Erickson	L Smith D Madlson
8:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	R Kapischke R Pisani	B Massey J/S Mohan G Tyrrell	B Scarpa	D DeMarco H Rosenblatt
10:00 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	C Pisani R Pisani	D/L Lyon D/ML Thomas	L Dombrowski	A/I Camlisa J Pol
11:30 a.m.	Monsignor Morgan	Adult Choir, R Pisani L Kolojechlick	S Kane, P Rossi M Santiago, D Staton	R Ciccotta	M/T Ciccotta

Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting:** Wed., Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m.

***Happy New Year from
the Women's Club.***

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A special class for children receiving First Reconciliation will be held next Saturday, January 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. All students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on January 21 will be participating.

The fourth Confirmation I class will be held next Sunday, January 8, at 11 a.m. in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All seventh grade students are expected to attend the 10:00 Mass prior to class.

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

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. - High School students Jr. - 6th through 8th grades

The Youth Group wishes you a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Stanley Thompson — Sr. YG Co-President
Sam Wachman — Sr. YG Co-President*

Upcoming Event(s):

- **NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 8, 7 pm** - Cherry Hill Regional Youth Group Mass will be held at St. Mary's. The 4 Cherry Hill parishes (St. Thomas More, St. Mary's, Holy Eucharist and Christ Our Light) are co-sponsoring a once a month Youth Mass. The Mass is open to all Junior and Senior youth (grades 6-12) and their families and friends. Food & Fun after the Mass.
- **February 5 - Souper Bowl of Caring**
- **February 25 - Serving breakfast at the SJ Ronald McDonald House**

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

Presentation of the Gifts - At each Sabbath Mass the gifts, Bread and Wine and the Sunday offerings, are presented at Offertory Time. This is not reserved to any particular few. We encourage parishioners to volunteer. This is especially appropriate when a family is attending a Mass offered for a loved one, or when celebrating a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to do this, simply speak to one of the ushers before Mass begins.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are meeting on Thursday, January 12, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.

Sheila Mohan, Chair

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Mary's Stewardship

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

How lightly Mary held Jesus. She did not clutch Him to her but held Him out for the world to know. She knew that He did not belong to her alone. From the moment of His birth she was called upon to share Him with strangers who flocked to see Him. In the same way, we are also called to hold our blessings lightly, being willing to share in *Stewardship* what God has given to us with those whom God may lead to us. As this New Year begins, let us look to Mary as a grace-filled model of sharing all that God might ask of us.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 31

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Special Intentions of McCabe Family r/b
(Vigil) Jim & Ann Tobin

SUNDAY - JANUARY 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30 am Joseph & Stella Mucci r/b daughter, Lorraine, & Family
10:00 am Ralph Stilley r/b Rosemont College Faculty Members
Thomas J. Cairns r/b son, Tom Cairns
Special Intentions of Matos Family r/b Norma
11:30 am Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - JANUARY 2

6:45 am Special Intentions and Thanksgiving of Family of Heyja Chung
9:00 am Eleanor Scarpa r/b Gary

TUESDAY - JANUARY 3

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish
9:00 am Antonio Del Vecchio & Emilio Bruno r/b the Bruno Family

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 4

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish
9:00 am Barbara Reichmann r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

THURSDAY - JANUARY 5

6:45 am Sister Melchiora, LSIC r/b Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus
9:00 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish

FRIDAY - JANUARY 6

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish
9:00 am Harry Crist r/b Charles & Jean Reinert

SATURDAY - JANUARY 7

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Monsignor William Buchler r/b M/M William Turner

SUNDAY - JANUARY 8

8:30 am Irene Flattery r/b Teri Bones
10:00 am Ann Lechner r/b the Tobin Family
Thomas J. Cairns r/b son, Tom Cairns
11:30 am Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

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	
Dorothy Brink	Pauline Rosberg	
Catherine Zee	Alfred DiFrank	
Pat Barton	Geralyn Coticone	
Ethan Killeen	Jerry McMenamin	
James Louzon	Joe Pottackal, Sr.	Owen Smith
Grayson Caruso	Chuck Kapischke	Leona Novak
Chase Lupica	Pasquale DiFronzo	Danny Perla
Carlos Santiago	Fr. Joseph Aboagyie-Tawiah	Anna McMullen
Sharon Bushelli	Yun Yun Shen	Don Kreal
Pat Beaney		Joanne James
		JoAnn Gadren
		Gloria Daniels
		Mary Flacco
		Ed Rivero
		Marie DiFrank
		Avery Caruso
		Leila Lore
		Betty Brennan
		Jim McHale

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. Ianuzzi, 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.

Baptism Anniversaries: *All children baptized in our parish in the last 3 years are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, January 8. These newer members of our Faith Community and their parents will be recognized and blessed during this Liturgy.*

Scripture Series: The second part of the Scripture Series "**Women in the Old Testament**" will begin Monday, January 16. The class meets after the 9 am Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall. Parishioners who participated in the fall are already registered. The class will meet Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6 and 13. Call Sister Ann at 424-3212 for additional information.

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 Epiphany of the Lord, January 8, 2012 - Matthew 2:1-12

(Magi from the east heard of the birth of the King of the Jews (Jesus). They came to Jerusalem in search of this King. Herod heard about this and was anxious to know about this newborn king - for reasons different from the Magi. Herod investigates. The king is in Bethlehem, Herod is told. Herod plots...)

"Go and search diligently for the child," Herod says. "When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was... They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Commentary:

The Magi find Jesus because they are open to being led by God who uses a star and a dream. Herod never finds Jesus - his desire is to satisfy his own needs. The astounding events portrayed in this gospel (a star leading strangers from the east, Herod's hypocrisy, warning dreams) indicate to us that God's offer of salvation will be extended to all people and will not be thwarted. The gospel presents a choice to us: do we want to be like Herod or like the Magi?

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?

Ongoing Devotions... (In Chapel)

Novena of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Rosary

Tuesday mornings after the Novena

Wednesdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Saturdays after 9 a.m. Mass

St. Thomas More Guided Meditation

Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. until 12 Noon

ST. THOMAS MORE PRAYER CHAIN:



Do you have a special intention for which you are praying? Have others share your need by calling the Prayer

Line. All requests are kept confidential.

Contact the parish office, 424-3212.

December 18, 2011 Collection

\$11,444.50

271 Envelopes

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

THE PARISH REJOICES... with the families of *Ava Kathleen Bresani, Sebastian Anthony Farinelli, Callie Krista Ferrante* and *Gavin Shane Ferrante* all of whom were received into the Church through the waters of Baptism.



Be counted among His chosen few. Pray at least one hour a week for an end to abortion and euthanasia; fast, witness at abortuaries, help out at pregnancy centers, and write letters or wherever God directs you.

Compiled by Stephenson County Right to Life

Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130

The Career Transitions Partnership can help with **your job search**. Saint Thomas More Parish is partnering with The Career Transition Partnership ministry that has developed a full curriculum of free training programs to assist job seekers. (Check out their web site; www.ctpnj.org.)

For more information contact Al Shaffer at 609-417-6770 or email al.shaffer@comcast.net.