

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

### Social Development

Bridge Groups	Joyce DeMichele	424-4008
	Barbara Cerquitella	795-7323
Career Ministry	Al Shaffer	609-417-6770
	June Garafano	229-7461
Funsters (over 50 club)	Bob Lento	344-7454
Parish Festival	Committee	424-3212
Women's Club	Eileen Withers	751-6838

### 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 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 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.

**CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL**

John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



**CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME:**  
We are pleased to welcome into full membership in the Catholic Church Ilana Bagell and William Mitchell. At our celebration of the Easter Vigil, Ilana received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and William received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We ask the prayers of all our parishioners for these new members of our parish community. **Congratulations!**




**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Saint Thomas More Catholic Church  
**2012 GOLF OUTING**  
**Monday, June 4th**  
at Indian Spring Country Club, Marlton

**ALL LADIES AND MEN ARE INVITED**  
Golf Outing: \$125  
*Includes Green Fee, Cart, Door Prize & Dinner*  
*Shotgun start at 12 Noon*  
*If golf is not your interest join us for a lovely dinner.*  
Dinner only: \$55

**For both Golfers & Guests:**  
Cash bar 5 pm, Dinner 6 pm

**Starting next weekend tickets will be sold after all Masses in the gathering space.**

*AJ Ariani (983-5761) & Tom Pajic (795-7520), Co-Chairs*  
Carol Ariani, Michael & Helen Hawksley, Bill & Rosalie Maida, Jerry & Jeannine McMenamin, Arleen Pajic, Dick & Claire Spence, Joe & Chris Torello



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
We are meeting this Thursday, April 12, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Thomas More Hall.  
*Sheila Mohan, Chair*  
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## THE RESURRECTION and a HAPPY EASTER

I felt wounded and distraught when my dad died. I was haunted by a similar deep sense of absence and emptiness twenty-one years later when my mom died.

But now, as I look back I think that what bothered me and hurt me the most when my parents died were the fleeting and passing thoughts that death might have wiped them out and obliterated them forever. I was desperately attempting to come to terms with a sense of meaninglessness and nothingness that seemed to envelop me.

I knew that there was so much about them that deserved to survive. I knew that there was so much that deserved to be rewarded. I knew that the kindnesses they showed; that the good deeds they had done; that the Christ-like attitudes they had exhibited; that the compassion and purpose they donated to their children; and that the prayers they said, could not just end on a deathbed.

Deep down I knew that it would be so meaningless if death were the end. It would be so incomplete if death were the end. I knew it would be so absurd if death were the end. I knew it would be so shocking if death were the end. I knew that it would be so depressing and so hollow if death were the end.

In my quiet reflective moments of faith, I knew that Easter says *death is no longer the end of life*. Easter says *we are made for something more than this life*. Easter says *death is no longer a final stopping place*. Easter says *death is a passage to new life*.

Easter says *death is the gateway to a better pasture and a better life*. Easter is an awakening to the fullness of a life that is eternal and which no death can ever touch. Easter says *death is a pause on the journey so that we can make sense out of the life that is both visible and invisible*.

Easter says that *because Jesus rose from the dead, everything is different and we are different too*. Easter says that *because of the Resurrection, death is the high point of life*. Death is the beginning of a new way of living, being, thinking and acting. Death is the beginning of new life and a sharing in new visions and fantastic possibilities.

Easter says *a large stone was rolled away*. Jesus left his burial wrappings folded on the bench. The tomb was found empty. Jesus appeared to many. Jesus spoke to a group of more than 500 people at one time. Jesus walked with two lonely and dejected disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus comforted them when they were mourning a lost leader.

Easter was the beginning of new life for the disciples. It is the beginning of new life for all of creation. It is the time when flowers begin to show their faces. The daffodils, tulips and crocuses begin to bloom. Forsythia and pansies come back to life overnight. We become acutely aware of this rebirthing and new life.

Easter says that *at the core of our beings and at the core of our existence, nothing ever really dies*. There is just one continuous series of rebirthings throughout our life. Easter says that we can grow in our awareness of God's divinity and power - appearing and shining. We can come to see things differently as though with new eyes or a new set of lenses.

Easter says *our founder and leader is alive!* In fact, Christianity is the only major religion that says its founder is alive. He is not just another prophet, teacher and guru. He has a continued living presence in our midst. And this belief has inherent healing capabilities for the Christian.

Easter says *Jesus is not in the tomb or marble monuments or stained glass windows*. *He is right in our midst*. *The Risen Jesus lives within us and all around us*. *He lives in all of the counties in Southern New Jersey and all over the world*.

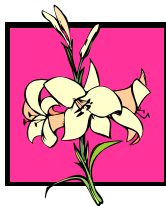
Easter is a time to discover how to live deliberately and deeply. It is the time to cultivate awareness and living through the eyes of compassion. It is the time to work on changing a stressful, unfulfilled, unfocused life into a life that is filled with purpose and direction.

Easter is the time to gain new insights into the meaning of dying and rising. It is the time to connect my own death and my own resurrection. It is the time to connect my faith and my life.

Easter is the time to dive beneath the surface of my life and look at the architecture of this human and divine existence that is mine for a time and forever. In this way I will taste the deepest meaning of a ***Happy Easter***.

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

<b>Ministry Schedule for April 14, and 15, 2012</b>					
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Presider</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Father Maher</b>	<b>C Malatino R/C Pisani J Mitchell</b>	<b>J Kenney, D Kreal E Klein, I Rellosa</b>	<b>Sister Barbara</b>	<b>J Fabrilcus K Johnson L Smith</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Father Joyce</b>	<b>R Pisani L Kolojchick</b>	<b>M Gorin J/S Mohan D Staton</b>	<b>M Maggart</b>	<b>E Barbera D DeMarco M Lender</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Father Joyce</b>	<b>M Kramer R Pisani L Kolojchick</b>	<b>D/ML Thomas N/P Kirincic</b>	<b>K McFadden</b>	<b>C/J McFadden J Pol</b>
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Father Maher</b>	<b>P Kelton R Pisani</b>	<b>J/L Duffy J Kenney, S Moore</b>	<b>C Spence</b>	<b>G/M Gray M Ronan</b>



### THANK YOU

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

Thank you for providing flowers, cleaning, decorating, preparing the altar, making the music so special at all the Masses, ushering during Mass and serving at the altar; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, and Altar Servers.

#### Women's Club News

- **Board Meeting** – Wed., April 11, 7:30 p.m.
- **General Meeting** – Wed., April 25, Please Note: **1:00 p.m.** Daytime Meeting
- **Women's Day of Reflection** – *Awakening the Spirit Within*: Thurs., May 10, 9 am-1:45 pm. Call Clare for more information: 428-9251.

Happy Easter

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

### YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. – High School students    Jr. – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades



**HAPPY EASTER**  
*from the Youth Group!*

Stan Thompson, YG Coordinator - 424-1120

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Individual five-minute meetings with either Monsignor Morgan, Deacon John, Sister Ann Byrnes or Pat Maggart will be held next Sunday, April 15, following the 11:30 Mass for all First Communicants and their parents.

There will be no Religious Education classes for grades 1-8 on Tuesday, April 10, during spring recess.

During the months of April and May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

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

### SAVE THE DATE!

St. Thomas More  
TWELFTH ANNUAL PARISH-WIDE

PROGRESSIVE  
DINNER

St. Thomas More Parish's *always popular* Progressive Dinner will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Caffe Aldo Lamberti, Cherry Hill, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Price remains at \$48 per person which includes hot & cold butlered hors d'oeuvres, salad, choice of entrée, dessert, soft drinks, coffee or tea. Red & white wines throughout the evening provided by the Women's Club.

For reservations (seating limited) and menu selections, please call Mary Lou Thomas, 856-429-1379 or Barbara Cerquitella, 795-7323.

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 7

7:30 pm Robert & Rob Moore r/b Sheila Moore

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - APRIL 8

8:30 am Henry & Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Family  
10:00 am Joseph Zielinski r/b Cindy & Family  
William Wislocky r/b Ken & Kim  
Thomas J. Cairns r/b daughter, Tracey Eng  
11:30 pm Sheri & Joseph Soldo r/b Anne Soldo

MONDAY - APRIL 9

6:45 am Recovery/Special Intention of Doris Pepper r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Justo Padre r/b David & Pat Garde Hill

TUESDAY - APRIL 10

6:45 am Bart Regazzi r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Ernesto Cusia r/b Ron & Gail Bizzoso

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 11

6:45 am Bart Regazzi r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am 53rd Wedding Anniversary of Chuck & Marian Kapischke

THURSDAY - APRIL 12

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish  
9:00 am Sr. Camille Clark r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass  
Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Ann & Don Sullivan  
Dick Schweitzer r/b Family

FRIDAY - APRIL 13

6:45 am Leo & Eleanor Yeager r/b Michael Curtis  
9:00 am Charles Soos r/b Sr. Barbara Gondek

SATURDAY - APRIL 14

9:00 am Santo & Francesca Bravata r/b Corso Family  
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
4:30 pm Millie & Vince Giordano r/b Angelo & Carol Ariani

SUNDAY - APRIL 15

8:30 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Randy & Pat LeBlanc  
10:00 am Deceased Members of St. Thomas More Parish r/b St. Vincent de Paul Society  
John Podobinski r/b the Pryor Family  
11:30 pm Joe Turiano r/b Kay & Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:  
THE SICK...**

Don Kreal	Helen Copperthwaite	
Ed Rivero	Bob & Claire Boylan	
Maria Storms	Naomi Willingmyre	
Owen Smith	George Sweeten	
Mary Flacco	Grayson Caruso	
Ron Massey	Margaret MacElrath	
Olga Mignone	Andrea Buonincontro	
Frank Colbert	Anna McMullen	
Mary Cowan	Michael Kapischke	
Yolanda Burke	Betty O'Donnell	
Jean Colbert	Marie Mazzagatti	Leona Novak
Dorothy Brink	Stanley Kochanek	Danny Perla
Catherine Zee	Pauline Rosberg	Joanne James
Pat Barton	Alfred DiFrank	Frank Cappetta
James Louzon	Geralyn Coticone	JoAnn Gadren
Leila Lore	Jerry McMenamin	Gloria Daniels
Chase Lupica	Chuck Kapischke	Denise Daniels
Sharon Bushelli	Pasquale DiFronzo	Chris Kolodzey
Yun Yun Shen	Dorothy Wolenter	Marie DiFrank
Mary McCarthy	Fr. Joseph Aboagye-Tawiah	Ethan Killeen
Ed McKenna	Mary Branciforte	Avery Caruso
Virginia Foley	Sister Peter Marie	Joseph Console
Fran Swider		Betty Brennan
		Pat Beaney
		Sally Callaghan
		Michael Suralik
		Carlos Santiago

**THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...**



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mario Centofanti, 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.

**HOUSE OF CHARITY**

*Sincere thanks to all who made a gift or pledge to our House of Charity Appeal. Pledge cards can still be found at the doors of the Church. Completed cards can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office. We are so grateful for your support. May the Lord bless and reward you for your generosity.*

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**

*Rice Bowl Collection:* To ensure that Catholic Relief Services is able to continue providing life-saving work to millions of people around the world please give generously to this special collection. Thank you.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Tuesday, APRIL 17, 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

### 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 Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15, 2012 - John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ... Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. He said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (Jesus appears to them again. This time Thomas is present. Jesus invites Thomas to see his wounds and to believe.) Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

#### Commentary:

Thomas, who was absent when Jesus first appeared to the apostles in the locked upper room, refused to believe that the Lord has risen. Now, Jesus speaks to Thomas and tells him to examine his hands, etc. Thomas moves from unbelief to belief. Thomas saw and believed and new life was given to him. We who have not seen and have believed have also been given new life by God. The Spirit's presence within those who believe testifies that Jesus is the Son of God.

#### 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?

#### **For Our Country:**

*We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our constitutional rights.*

*We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our Religious liberties.*

*We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our Freedom of conscience.*

*We pray that the leaders of our country will honor our Catholic Christian values.*

*We pray that the leaders of our country will understand that marriage involves at least one male and at least one female person.*

**This is God's definition of marriage that has prevailed for thousands of years in both highly civilized and primitive cultures.**

*Monsignor Morgan*



American Catholics have long sought to assimilate into U.S. cultural life. But in assimilating, we have too often been digested. We have been changed by our culture too much, and we have changed it not enough.

Priests for Life, Political Responsibility  
*Al Mac Elrath, Respect Life Coordinator - 779-7130*

#### **St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society -**

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

**As you donate food or funds to purchase food, next weekend after all Masses, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.**

*Frank Nicoletti, President*

#### **Stewardship Reflection**

##### *Thankful Stewards*

*"Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever."*

(Psalm 118:1)

**On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and arose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." We can show our gratitude by living *Stewardship* all year to the Lord who spread out His arms on the cross to save us and show us the way to salvation.**

#### *Diocese of Camden - Office of Communications:*

Sexual abuse is a grave wrong that can never be tolerated. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.