

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



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

MENU: Hors d'oeuvres: Cheese, Potato Chips & Pretzels
Salad: Garden Salad w/Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
Entrée: Tenderloin Filet Mignon Tips w/ mushrooms & pepper in Au Jus—Broiled Salmon in Dijon Mustard Sauce—Chicken & Broccoli DeMarco over Penne Pasta, Fresh Vegetable & Roasted Potatoes, Rolls & Butter & Assorted Desserts, Coffee & Tea

Tickets are now being sold after all Masses.

AJ Ariani (983-5761) & Tom Pajic (795-7520), Co-Chairs



EXPECTANT FAMILIES

On May 20 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 May 17 to sign up for this special occasion.

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING/PIZZA PARTY

All altar servers are asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Church.

Sr. Ann and Deacon John will review altar server responsibilities.

The meeting will be followed by a Pizza Party in the parish hall. Please respond to this invitation by calling the parish office, (424-3212) by Friday, May 11. We thank our Altar Servers for their service to our parish. See you on the 15th!

THANK YOU

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

April 29, 2012

\$9,140.50 - 260 Envelopes

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

**BISHOP GALANTE GIVES MONSIGNOR MORGAN
PERMISSION TO RETIRE FROM PARISH ADMINISTRATION**

It was on April 21, 2003 that I came as pastor to Saint Thomas More parish. I came to you with the strong desire to dedicate the totality of my energies to this faith community.

Nine years ago I felt called to join you on the spiritual journey that began at Baptism. I felt called to journey with you while believing that together we had the ability to go beyond our material bonds. I felt called to lead you on the spiritual journey.

Nine years ago I had no idea where this new phase of my priestly journey would take me. All I knew and sensed at that time was that God was calling me to join you. All I knew was that God was calling me to lead another faith community of God seekers.

These nine years have been a great and learning pastoral experience for me. I found my ministry here at Saint Thomas More to be satisfying and meaningful. I found that this faith community is a place where so many spiritual, wise and thoughtful parishioners nurture their lives.

For nine years I have been privileged to preside at Eucharistic celebrations. I have proclaimed and preached the Word. I have forgiven failings and brokenness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I have blessed homes. I have visited you when you were sick. I sat with those who were dying.

These nine years have been filled with holy and sacred moments. We have strived to build a wholesome and calm centered faith community. We have engaged in powerful dialogue with our souls. We have forged a linkage with God. We have seen God emerge with healings and miracles.

These nine years have connected me with many spiritual seekers. I have met many who know how to turn inward in prayer. They know how to project the fruit of that prayer on to the outside world as they fulfill their varied ministries.

For nine years I have been meeting spiritual seekers throughout the whole parish. They are involved in every phase of parish life. They are the dedicated and committed parish staff. They are those who attend daily and Sunday Eucharistic celebrations.

For nine years I have met spiritual seekers among Parish Pastoral Council members; Parish Finance Council members; Catechists; Eucharistic Ministers; Lectors; Ushers; Altar Servers; Music ministry; Small Group facilitators; Small Christian Community members; Women's Club; Knights of Columbus; Saint Vincent de Paul; Youth ministry leaders; Funsters; Prayer Shawl ministry; Bridge; Golf; Raffle and so many others.

For nine years I have met spiritual seekers in their homes and on the streets. I met them in times of painful illness. I met them in times of difficulty and disappointment. I met them as they strived to cope and realize their better vision for life.

Now Bishop Galante has given me permission to retire as of June 17, 2012. Priests may retire at age 70. I see retirement as one more phase on the spiritual journey. I see it as one more stage in life's journey.

I will continue to do ministry wherever needed. I expect to do some retreat ministry. I expect to do some personal growth ministry and some clinical ministry as I enter deeper into the sacred mystery as that unfolds for me.

Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan



Let us rejoice with these children as they partake of this food for their souls, as we all share in the one Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.

First Communicants - 2012

Nathan Acito	Chase Lennon
William Alexander	George Parsons
Isabel Andino	Nina Parsons
Juan Diego Andino	Jazmen Preziosa
Meredith Bailey	Olivia Reganata
Francesco Benedetto	Natalie Ronan
Jaelyn Burmood	Joseph Rosselli
Anna Cammisa	Megan Wheeler
Ryan Cepeda	Catherine Williams
Carina DiLullo	Angelina Witting
Kelsie Johnson	Alex Zimba

We extend our sincere thanks to our committed, enthusiastic and God-focused catechists and substitute catechists who work so diligently to deepen our children's awareness of God.

Patricia Maggart, PCL	Maureen Chorney	Jackie Pierce
Deacon John Harrington	Joanne Wachman	Jeane Stein
Sister Ann Byrnes	Patricia Kirincic	Janice Quay
Sister Angela Pia	Patricia Baeckstrom	Fran Egges
Sister Bozena	Shirley Kane	Scott Campbell
Sister Dianna	Antoinette Del Campo-Obrien	Beth Markiewicz
Sister Elizabeth		
Sister Philomena		
Stan Thompson		

*Blessings,
Monsignor Morgan*

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - MAY 5

9:00 am Ann Morgan r/b the Beaney Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Jim McHale r/b Mr & Mrs John Clary

SUNDAY - MAY 6

8:30 am Virginia Risse r/b Jerry & Pat Lachnicht
10:00 am Ann Deighan r/b Suarez Family
John & Gloria Galati r/b Galati Family
Janet Sorrentino r/b Sorrentino Family
11:30 pm Kathleen Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY - MAY 7

6:45 am Joseph Kalisz r/b Sr. Bernadette
9:00 am Eleanor Scarpa r/b Gary & daughter, Lenore

TUESDAY - MAY 8

6:45 am Jon Kalisz r/b Sr. Bernadette
9:00 am Robert Middleton r/b Mike & Helen
Hawksley

WEDNESDAY - MAY 9

6:45 am Special Intentions of Kristin Russo &
Family r/b Cheryl Green
9:00 am Bridget Sweeney r/b John & Sheila Mohan

THURSDAY - MAY 10

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish
9:00 am Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b Ann & Bill Vigrass
Robert Middleton r/b Don & Ann
Middleton
Hank Seppanen r/b Mr & Mrs Robert Steel

FRIDAY - MAY 11

6:45 am Special Intentions of People of the Parish
9:00 am Josephine Bach r/b Ted & Rosanne Bach &
Family

SATURDAY - MAY 12

9:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
4:30 pm Anna & Joseph Ariani r/b Angelo & Carol
Ariani

SUNDAY - MAY 13

8:30 am Dorothy Sciacca r/b Armetta Family
10:00 am Frances Pisera r/b Gould Family
Elizabeth & Buster Wilson r/b Kathy &
Stephen Drechsler Family
11:30 pm Marie D'Ippolito r/b Radziwill Family

ATTENTION: SANDWICH MAKERS

We will be making sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen on Wed., May 16 in the St. Thomas More Hall after the 9 a.m. Mass.
Marianne Wilkins, Coordinator—428-4924

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...

Don Kreal	Helen Copperthwaite	
Ed Rivero	Bob & Claire Boylan	
Maria Storms	Andrea Buonincontro	
Owen Smith	Naomi Willingmyre	
Mary Flacco	George Sweeten	
Ron Massey	Frank Cappetta	
Olga Mignone	Anna McMullen	
Frank Colbert	Michael Kapischke	
Mary Cowan	Betty O'Donnell	
Yolanda Burke	Marie Mazzagatti	
Jean Colbert	Stanley Kochanek	
Dorothy Brink	Pauline Rosberg	
Pat Barton	Joseph Console	
Leila Lore	Geralyn Coticone	
Chase Lupica	Jerry McMenamin	
Pat Beaney	Chuck Kapischke	
YunYun Shen	Pasquale DiFronzo	
Ed McKenna	Dorothy Wolenter	
Virginia Foley	Mary Branciforte	
Fran Swider	Fr. Joseph Aboagy-Tawiah	
Rose Hession	Sister Peter Marie	
Shirley Birch	Al & Marge Mac Elrath	
Earl Cargen	Teddy Shaffer	



Leona Novak
Danny Perla
Joanne James
Alfred DiFrank
JoAnn Gadren
Gloria Daniels
Denise Daniels
Chris Kolodzey
Marie DiFrank
Ethan Killeen
Avery Caruso
Carlos Santiago
Betty Brennan
Sharon Bushelli
Sally Callaghan
Michael Suralik
Grayson Caruso

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...



Lt. Col. Allison Agar, Lance Corporal Sean Bilson, Lt. Cdr. Richard P. Byrnes, Jr., Pvt. 1st 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, SPC Giselle M. Torres and Cpl. Michael Willingmyre.

Women's Club News

- **Women's Day of Reflection** – *"Awakening the Spirit Within"* Thurs., May 10, 9 am-1:45 pm – LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP, PLEASE JOIN US. Call Clare for more info: 428-9251.
- **Board Meeting:** Wed., MAY 16, 7:30 p.m.
- **End of Year Gala:** Wednesday, May 23, begins at 6:30 p.m. Please call Pat Lachnicht to RSVP, 424-5636, by May 21 and indicate whether you will bring an hors d'oeuvre or a dessert.

Eileen Withers, President - 751-6838

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 6, 2012

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 13, 2012 - John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you... It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you... This I command you: love one another."

Commentary:

God's love for us is both free and costly! It is free in that God first loved and chose us; it is costly in that being loved requires us to "love one another as Christ has loved" us and to "lay down our life" for others.

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?

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The annual May procession and crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother will be this Sunday, May 6, following the 10:00 Mass.

During the month of May the offertory gifts will be brought forward by our First Communicants.

Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 10:00 Mass will conclude for the summer with this Sunday's session. Classes will resume in September.

Thank you to our catechists who faithfully proclaimed the gospel to our young children every Sunday: Julianne Johnson; Coordinator, Dawn Alexander, Janet Barbera, Denise Barrett, Pamela Huynh, Sandra Kenny, Laura Wieland and Melissa Young.

A retreat for all 2011 Confirmation candidates will be held next Saturday, May 12 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Hall. All candidates being confirmed on May 27 must attend.

Parish Religious Education Program registration forms for the 2012-2013 school year have been mailed to the homes of all current students. Please complete and return with appropriate fee as soon as possible, but no later than May 31. Additional forms for first grade students and for students who will be new to the program are available in the gathering space.

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

Ministry Schedule for May 12, and 13, 2012

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 p.m.	Father George	J Mitchell R/C Pisanl	J Andraka, E Beckman B Massey, I Rellosa	T Andraka	J/P/S Wachman
8:30 a.m.	Father Joyce	R Kapischke J Garafano, R Pisanl	P Hengy, S Moore A Pajlc, P Rossi	M Maggart	E Barbera J Fabricius
10:00 a.m.	Father Joyce	Youth Singers J Garafano, E Zerone	K Glover, J Mazzagatti N/P Kirincic	D Mayfield	A Rzepski A/T Rumell
11:30 a.m.	Father Maher	D Kreal L Kolojchick	M Garber, N Pro B/AM Lento	J Arnold	C Arnold, J Cole R Seminara