

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

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We exist for one reason: to come to know and be formed by the Word of God and the Message of Jesus. When we gather in prayer and worship, in service and community, we assemble as disciples and friends with the Lord in our midst. Rooted in our Roman Catholic tradition, we are proud of our parish heritage and hopeful for our future.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7, 2019

Parish Staff

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm *(Please note there will be no 7 pm Mass on holiday weekends.)*

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:15 am

Holy Days: Vigil 7:00 pm; Holy Day 8:15 am and 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Saturday: 3:30 pm or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Every First Friday of the Month following the 8:15 am Mass and concluding with Benediction at Noon

Additional Sacraments

Baptism: Please call or email the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least 8 weeks in advance of the desired date.

Marriage: Please call or email the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance of the desired date.

Join the St. Thomas More Family

New parishioners can register at any time! Please call or stop by the Parish Office between 9 am - 2 pm, Monday through Wednesday, or send an email to info@stmnj.org. We'd love to welcome you!!



Blast From the Past(or)
Fifth Sunday of Lent
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The final Sunday of Lent brings one of the great mic drops in all of Scripture: *let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.* Bam. Jesus got everyone squirming in that homily. I'm sure many letters to the Bishop followed ("Jesus, can you please come down to the Chancery? The Bishop wants to set up a meeting with You."). But the Gospel stubbornly shines an uncomfortable light on our flawed human nature. The Scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman who was *caught in the very act of adultery.* Um, slow day at the Mount of Olives, guys? Do you have a job? Do you have a life? What were you looking at? Is prurient voyeurism cool? The Scribes and Pharisees have some explaining to do. Their idea of satisfying the letter and law of God makes them relish in the sufferings and sins of someone else. Sometimes people are breathless to regale in the messiness of others and in fact base their worth in others' dirty laundry. A long time ago, I was at a parish where a woman railed against another young lady becoming a Eucharistic Minister, providing lurid and salacious details of this 'unworthy' young person's situation. I asked the protester if she'd like to confront the young woman with me. She declined, and quite quickly. Yeah, that got weird. Unlike the Scribes and Pharisees, however, we strive to improve, *straining forward to what lies ahead.* God is intimately aware of our sins and the sins of others. But Lent directs us to what we might become. Every saint has a past, just like the woman in the Gospel. Recall that the Finger of the Lord which once placed the Commandments on the Tablets now writes in the sand. Thanks be to God. In the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict: *the distinguishing mark of the Christian is that they have a future.* A future...unlike my NCAA brackets, which have no future. Again. They are bad news. But this Gospel is Awesome Lent News!

God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Thank You for Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure!

Weekly Collection for March 30-31: \$4,762.25



Attention Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers!

The schedule for April and May is available in the Church vestibule and also online by logging into your profile at: http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas_More. Please contact Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org with any questions or issues. Thank you!



- Monday, April 8: Saint Julie Billiart**
8:15 am- Rose Hundt
- Tuesday, April 9: Saint Casilda**
8:15 am- Robert Foley
- Wednesday, April 10: Saint Magdalen of Canossa**
8:15 am- Elinor Mantone
- Thursday, April 11: Saint Stanislaus**
8:15 am- Terry Manelski
- Friday, April 12: Saint Teresa of Los Andes**
8:15 am- Sienna Maloney
- Saturday, April 13: Saint Martin I**
8:15 am- Tyler Rodimer
5:00 pm- Mary McGovern
- Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday**
9:00 am- Anita Zonin
11:00 am- Carmen Liuzza
7:00 pm- Madison Torres



Mass Cards

Having a Mass offered is a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or for any special intention you may have. Mass Cards can be obtained by visiting the Parish Office Monday - Wednesday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.



Prayers for the Sick

Please join us in praying for all who are ill in our community, and in a particular way for Phil Barrett, Karen Lavin, Mary Murphy and Brian Smith. May God bring them and their families His healing, comfort and peace. If you would like to have your name or that of a loved one included in the request for healing prayers in our weekly bulletin, please send an email to smarshall@stmnj.org.



As a reminder, our Clothing Drive for Catholic Charities will be held NEXT WEEKEND! Donations may be left in the designated area of the vestibule of the Church between Thursday, April 11 and Sunday, April 14. Please note due to storage limitations we can only accept items at those times. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



How Well Do You Know Saint Thomas More?

Perhaps these words from St. Thomas More can help to focus our reflections on the Lord's Passion as we embark upon the final days of our Lenten journey:

“Let him also choose himself some secret, solitary place in his own house, as far from noise and company as he conveniently can and thither let him sometimes secretly resort alone, imagining himself as one going out of the world even straight unto the giving up of his reckoning unto God of his sinful living. Then let him before an altar or some pitiful image of Christ's bitter passion, kneel down or fall prostrate as at the feet of Almighty God, verily believing Him to be there invisibly present as without doubt He is.” Taken from *A Dialogue of Comfort Against Tribulation*.



Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 am on the parish lawn. All children are welcome! Please RSVP on the sign-in sheet in the Church vestibule with the names and ages of the children participating so we can get an accurate headcount. Egg donations and prizes are greatly appreciated! For more information, to make a donation or to otherwise help with this fun event, please contact Kay at kaykiernan95@yahoo.com or Emmanuelle at efleur@gmail.com.



2019 Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 18: 7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration will take place following Mass until Midnight)

Good Friday, April 19: 3 pm - Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday, April 20: 8 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 21: 9 am - Mass
11 am - Mass

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 7 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY.

Sunday, April 28: 3 pm - Divine Mercy Sunday Devotional Prayer Service (Followed at 4 pm by the opportunity for Individual Confessions)



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will continue at 7 pm this Friday in the Church. It's a perfect opportunity at the end of a busy week to spend some time with Jesus and join fellow parishioners in this Lenten journey. All ages are always welcome!



Encounter Ona

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Welcome Home to Healing

This is the last Monday to take advantage of this wonderful program! All Catholic Churches in Morris, Sussex and Passaic counties (including St. Thomas More) will have their doors open for Confession every Monday night from March 11 through April 8 between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm as part of the Welcome Home to Healing program. All are encouraged to experience this Sacrament!



COME, WALK WITH JESUS

High School Seniors to Young Adult Women

COME JOIN US

Religious Teachers Filippini Sisters

as we celebrate the

SACRED MYSTERIES of HOLY WEEK

Join us in prayer, ritual, sacred liturgy, meals and reflection as we walk with Jesus and experience the faith journey of **HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, and HOLY SATURDAY**

WHEN: April 18-20, 2019 Arrive: Thurs., 4PM / Depart: Sat., 3PM

WHERE: Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ

Suggested Donation (if possible): \$15



RSVP BY MONDAY, APRIL 15

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