

# *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.*

***Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2019***

## **Parish Staff**

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D.  
Pastor  
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Frank Miles  
Trustee

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Trustee

## **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)**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 12, 2019**

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

‘Short and sweet’ could be a raw description of today’s Gospel. Voices hold sway with us and on a day we remember moms, perhaps we can recall that unique voice which could cajole, comfort, encourage or even at times correct. When I misbehaved as a kid, my Mom had this miraculous ability to speak intelligibly through clenched teeth. Her gaze told most of the story, but it went something like this: *‘You put on that sweater Aunt Connie gave you, right now, so help me, and say ‘thank you’ to her.’* ‘But this is ridiculous!’ I protested. I even looked toward my dad for help, who, in turn, looked away. Thanks for having my back, bro. Man Code, anyone? Then came Mom’s ultimatum: *‘You can do this the hard way or the easy way’...or something like that.* Anyway, I thanked Aunt Connie that day and dutifully donned the sweater that none of the cool kids were wearing in school that year. But at least Mom was happy. Myriad voices in our lives motivate, guide and shape us. They vie for your money, time and energy. One guy tells me it’s the right time to buy gold. Another tells me to buy his pillow. (Truth be told, the My Pillow guy *does* seem nice.) Add the Internet and Social Media and you’ve got a din of voices! Thankfully, the Gospel bids us respite. Stop. Put everything down. Listen to God Incarnate Who has risen from the dead. It is said that Sinatra was called ‘The Voice’ and that orchestra members accompanying him would actually lay down their instruments just to hear him. How much more should it be with the voice of the Good Shepherd. Take some time this week to quiet the cacophony and listen to the Influential Voice par excellence. Jesus is not your mom, but your mom has put in a good word for you with Him.

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



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

Weekly Collection for May 4-5: \$6,442.25  
Online Collection for April 2019: \$3,565.00



Please join us as we celebrate the Baptism of this weekend of Andrew Arthur Hitchings and welcome this little one into our parish family. May God bless Andrew and his family on this special day and always!



**Monday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima**

8:15 am- Lena Scialla

**Tuesday, May 14: Saint Matthias**

8:15 am- Terry Manelski

**Wednesday, May 15: Saint Isidore the Farmer**

8:15 am- Special Intention

**Thursday, May 16: Saint Margaret of Cortona**

8:15 am- Louis Augustini

**Friday, May 17: Saint Paschal Baylon**

8:15 am- Mary Alice Ruckel and Mike Darcy

**Saturday, May 18: Saint John I**

8:15 am- Robert Boyle

5:00 pm- Achille Capponi

**Sunday, May 19: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am- Bill Kearney

11:00 am- Michael and Anna Christie

7:00 pm- Frances X. Lee



***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, Florence Kearney and Mary Murphy. 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 Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org).



***Help “Spruce Up” Saint Thomas More!***

Your generosity brought relief to our parish through the new HVAC System. Now to beautify the area, we will plant ten spruce trees around the HVAC Unit. This provides a unique opportunity to offer a living tribute to benefit the St. Thomas More community. With each donation of \$550.00 we will plant a tree and include a plaque on which you can remember a loved one, honor friends or family members or memorialize a special event or occasion. For more information or to make a donation, please call or email the Parish Office. Go green, beautify your parish and offer a memorial that will live on...



## Women's Guild News

*Thank You!*

The members of the Women's Guild would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the parish for its support of the bake sale last weekend. Total proceeds were \$615! Thank you for your generosity.

### *Next Meeting*

The Women's Guild will meet next on Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 pm in the Basement Meeting Room. At this month's meeting we'll have a special treat— a reading of the play *Quarters* written by our own Norma Mortimer. All women are most welcome!

### *Luncheon*

The Women's Guild will hold its end-of-the-year luncheon on June 5th at 12:30 pm at The Serenade, 6 Roosevelt Avenue, Chatham. The cost is \$40.00 per person. All women are invited to attend. If you'd like to join us, please R.S.V.P. to Pat Briscoe at 973-267-8276 or Bridie Murphy at 973-539-5008.



## **ANNOUNCING**

### ***"A Night at the Museum" Gala***

***October 19, 2019***

### ***The Newark Museum***

With our first gala having been an OVERWHELMING success, Saint Thomas More Parish proudly announces our second gala- "*A Night at the Museum*" to be held at The Newark Museum on Saturday, October 19, 2019!!! This is a fundraising event with all proceeds benefiting our parish. An elegant evening of dining, dancing, a 50/50 raffle and much more is planned promising a truly memorable event. Bring family and friends to join in the celebration with our parish family to raise much needed funding for Saint Thomas More Parish. We are counting on your support and generosity to make this "A Night at the Museum" Gala even more successful than our first.

Transportation will be provided to and from the Gala.

Table reservations, Gala journal ads and 50/50 raffle tickets will go on sale in the near future.

For additional information, please contact:

Sharon O'Neil: 973-462-5102

Jeanne Bass: 201-400-8881

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## ***A Mother's Day Prayer***

Dear Lord,

Thank You for the gift of our mothers, as they counted fingers and toes, kissed scrapes and bruises, listened, loved, sacrificed, forgave...for the times they talked with, sang to and comforted us...for the Faith they instilled in us by their living example...and for all of the hopes and dreams they've had for us from the moments before we were born to those after we'd grown and sometimes forgotten how very much we needed them.

Thank You for our grandmothers, Godmothers and all others who have shown us a mother's love, tenderness and compassion, whether for years of our lives or even just a single moment.

Thank You for all mothers-to-be and those hoping to be mothers. May they be blessed and guided on their journey and graced with the gift of happy, healthy children to love and protect who will love and protect them, too.

We ask Your special blessing upon all those for whom today may be a difficult day-- mothers who have suffered the heartbreaking loss of a child, all who have lost a mother, and those who desperately want to be mothers but for whom motherhood may not be a part of Your plan. May You gather them into Your comforting arms and wrap them in Your healing love.

And Thank You most especially for the extraordinary gift of our Blessed Mother who so bravely and selflessly said "Yes" to Your plan and who continues to care for, protect and intercede for us still. May we follow her incredible example by living a life of faith, gratitude and unconditional love.

Amen.

Wishing a Blessed Mother's Day to All!

