

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.

Third Sunday of Lent- March 24, 2019

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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)
Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019

DATELINE: RETIREMENT HEADQUARTERS, VERO BEACH, USA.

The day begins pre-dawn here in this mystical place. One is gently roused from slumber by the soothing sounds of a paper shredder. Why? Well because the Alpha of this hamlet must shred personal documents at precisely 3:30 AM, guarding against those 'out there' who will sift through garbage to obtain private information, I am told. Sensitive documents safely dispatched, he ventures to convene with others like him at the local coffee shop under cover of darkness to formulate next steps. I watch and learn. Fascinating. Today Moses also takes in a remarkable sight, amazed that the burning bush is not consumed. On that hallowed ground, God speaks to Moses and identifies Himself as *I Am*. In his worship and encounter, Moses hides his face, terrified. Sometimes our familiarity with holy ground can blunt our fascination of God. Sometimes we get caught up in the art of the 'show,' designing churches with movie theater seats and cup holders, large jumbotrons and intricate lighting systems. Sometimes we focus on 'being welcoming,' and even, *gulp*, 'attendance' and the almighty 'collection' (don't get any ideas; put the envelope in the basket). But our encounter with God is much more than those things. Like Moses, standing on holy ground should put us off-kilter, causing us blindness and even a bit of fear. The great Cathedrals of Chartres or Notre Dame, for example, are not warm, fuzzy or welcoming places. Instead, they are burning bushes where we are arrested by beauty and forced to think beyond ourselves. They are holy grounds where we know immediately that we are in a different space, out of this world, as it were, whereby we bow our heads, close our eyes and pray to God. As we make our way through our own desert this Lent, let us seize the opportunity to cast out the distractions in our lives so we can once again be cognizant of and amazed by the Holy Ground of our Church and our own encounters with God. Take heed....

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



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

Weekly Collection for March 16-17: \$4,530.00



Monday, March 25: Annunciation of the Lord

8:15 am- John Urban

Tuesday, March 26: Saint Catherine of Genoa

8:15 am- Tucker Helstrom

Wednesday, March 27: Lazarus

8:15 am- Madeline McCloskey

Thursday, March 28: Saint Catharine of Bologna

8:15 am- Joseph Szollosi

Friday, March 29: Saint Ludovico of Casoria

8:15 am- Emma Grassia

Saturday, March 30: Saint Peter Regalado

8:15 am- Peter Iorlano

5:00 pm- Anselmo Dias

Sunday, March 31: Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am- Donna Buchner

11:00 am- Rosemarie Raiola

7:00 pm- Tommy McCarthy



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, 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.



2018 Contribution Statements

2018 Contribution Statements are available near the collection envelopes in the vestibule of the Church. If you'd like a copy emailed or mailed to you or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



How Well Do You Know Saint Thomas More?

St. Thomas More insisted upon giving his daughters the same classical education as his son, which was a rarity at the time. His eldest daughter, Margaret, particularly attracted a great deal of praise for her accomplishments. The story is even told that when More shared with the bishop a letter she had written, the bishop responded with surprise, saying he would have never believed it was her work if he hadn't been told so. (Source: Ackroyd, Peter (1999). *The Life of Thomas More*. New York: Anchor Books.)



Easter Egg Hunt

Save the Date! We will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20. More details to follow! If you're interested in helping with this fun event, please contact Kay at kaykiernan95@yahoo.com or Emmanuelle at efleur@gmail.com.



OASIS 2019 - Day of Prayer for Women

All women are invited on Saturday, April 6, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, to "Weaving a Tapestry of Holiness," with Avis Clendenen, author and speaker. This program will be hosted by The Religious Teachers Filippini at Villa Walsh, 455 Western Avenue, Morristown. It consists of a day of spiritual reflection with women from all across New Jersey and New York, including two multimedia conferences, Mass, Reconciliation and the Rosary. The registration fee is \$15. Beverages will be provided but you are asked to please bring your own lunch. For more information, please contact Sr. Elaine Bebyn, MPF at srelaine@villawalsh.org or 973-538-2886 x143.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

Calling all single parishioners! Please join us for our next monthly gathering on Tuesday, April 2, at 12:30 pm at Olive Garden Restaurant, 277 Eisenhower Parkway, Livingston - The Village (off the Livingston Circle). It will again be a no-host (i.e. each attendee will pay for his/her meal) luncheon and fellowship gathering. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Resources for Your Lenten Journey



Spend your time with Christ in the Gospel this Lent alongside Bishop Barron and the Word on Fire community. Receive free, daily Gospel reflections in your inbox every morning by signing up at: <https://www.lentreflections.com/>.



Encounter Dhathcroos family

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Welcome Home to Healing

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 and 8:30 p.m. as part of the Welcome Home to Healing program. In his letter inviting all to participate, the Bishop wrote, "Like the Prodigal Son barely able to confess his sins, we at times are ashamed and even afraid to name those evils that separate us from God who loves us so much. But the Father is not ashamed to recognize us as his own son or daughter. He longs to wrap his arms around us. He is waiting to welcome us home." All are encouraged to participate in this beautiful Sacrament this Lent!



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will continue at 7 pm each Friday during Lent 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!

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