

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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord- April 14, 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)
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 14, 2019**

It's an understatement to say that Saint Thomas Aquinas was a pretty smart guy who wrote extensively. One of his interests was the Passion of the Christ, which commences with Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem today. The natures both human and divine are on full display as the Christ Who has healed, loved, raised, fed and comforted is now disavowed, beaten, spit-upon and tortured to death. What happened? How did we go from *Hosanna* to *Give us Barabbas*? What kind of people would be so fickle? Who could possibly do that? Before we pretend to be shocked at human nature, let's recall that we all walk that fine line between waving palms and erecting a cross. Remember what the theologians Keith Richards and Mick Jagger wrote: *I shouted out who killed the Kennedy's, when after all, it was you and me.* (And I do have moves like Jagger, if anyone's asking. Just saying.). Palm Sunday reminds us of the Great Bipolar Capacity of human nature, which is capable of heroic love and selfish resentment. Pilate *knew* Jesus did nothing wrong, but he gave in to his fear. Caiaphas was well-respected and wanted for nothing, but he gave in to his ego. Judas was a disciple, but he gave in to his impatience. Morton Kelsey writes that even the maker of the Cross was 'probably a good and noble craftsman who knew what the Cross would be used for,' but he gave in to his apathy. He was just doing his job. See? The men and women who put Christ on the Cross were regular folks like us. On Palm Sunday, to quote another theologian from Long Island, *we're forced to recognize our inhumanity, a reason coexists with our insanity* (anyone who correctly guesses the title and author of that song wins a coveted prize- the right to share some of the annual, super-special peanut butter pretzels that I just *know* the Easter Bunny's going to bring me. I've been good!). Holy Week is about facing the Wood of the Cross, and the fine line between heroism and failure in all of us. But don't lose heart. The Cross is also the definitive victory of Salvation over both.

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



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

Weekly Collection for April 6-7: \$5,489.25

Please note collections will not be taken during services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday but can instead be placed in the marked baskets in the Church each day. The collection on Good Friday will be the special, annual collection for the Holy Land, at the request of the Holy Father. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



Monday, April 15:

8:15 am- Regina Fielding
Kathryn Skinner

Tuesday, April 16:

8:15 am- Joseph Rotondi

Wednesday, April 17:

8:15 am- Peter and Julia Skinner

Thursday, April 18:

NO 8:15 AM MASS

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper- People of the Parish

Friday, April 19:

NO 8:15 AM MASS

3 pm Liturgy of the Passion

Saturday, April 20: Holy Saturday

NO 8:15 AM OR 5:00 PM MASS

8:00 pm Easter Vigil- Carmen Liuzza, Jr.

Sunday, April 21:

9:00 am- Donna Buchner

11:00 am- Kay Brewer

NO 7:00 PM MASS



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.



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!



Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will be holding their next meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 23 in the downstairs meeting room. All women of the parish are more than welcome. Hope to see you there!



Blessing of the Food

The traditional Blessing of the Food will take place on Saturday, April 20 at 3 pm in the Church. All are welcome to bring baskets of Easter food to be blessed.



Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held next Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 am on the parish lawn. All children are welcome! Please RSVP no later than this Sunday 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. 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.



Easter Community Cleaning and Decorating Day

Parishioners of all ages are invited to help clean and decorate the Church for Easter at 10 am on Saturday, April 20. Hope to see you there!



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
4 pm - Individual Confessions

Holy Saturday, April 20: 9 am - Kids Easter Egg Hunt
10 am - Decorating for Easter
3 pm - Blessing of the Food
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)



Mark Davis's Music Ministry Notes

The Passion Chorale

When Hans Leo Hassler was leaving the ancient city of Innsbruck (named for the bridge over the green-tinted glacial waters of the Inn river), he was so saddened he wrote a ballad which soon became a "Top 10" of 1610. Soon the beautiful melody was taken over and coupled with the 10-n-g Middle Ages meditation on the various parts of Christ's crucified body. It has been associated with Holy Week ever since.



Encounter Our Neighbors

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community He knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more. Please bring your Rice Bowl donations to Holy Thursday Mass or otherwise to any Sunday Mass for the next 3 weeks. Please put your donation in the envelope that came with the kit, either as a check made out to St. Thomas More or as paper bills (no box and no coins, please). Thank you!



Final Call for Enrollment at St. Vincent Martyr

St. Vincent Martyr School is approaching full capacity for its preschool - 8th grade classes for the 2019 - 2020 school year. There are a few remaining spots available in our Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades, as well as some additional spots in our expanded Pre-K3 program. We offer a modern and competitive STEM-based academic program in a faith-filled environment. Visit the Admissions page on our website to begin enrollment: <https://www.svmsnj.org/>. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (973) 377-1104 x202 or x203.



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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