

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.

Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord- April 17, 2022

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am and 7:00 pm [from Labor Day through Memorial Day, with the exception of holiday weekends]

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday at 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 email smarshall@stmnj.org or submit the Baptism Request Form at: <https://stmnj.org/baptism-request-form> for more information. Arrangements should be made at least 8 weeks in advance of the desired date.

Funeral Rites: Please contact Father Tom for more information and to make arrangements.

Marriage: Please email smarshall@stmnj.org or submit the Marriage Request Form at <https://stmnj.org/marriage-request-form> for more information. 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 complete the new parishioner form at <https://stmnj.org/membership-information> or call the Parish Office at 973-267-5330. We'd love to welcome you!!



Blast from the Past(or)
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...he bent down and saw the burial cloths there...

Happy Easter! Felices Pascuas! Buona Pasqua! Caisc Shona Duit! Wesolych Swiat Wielkanocynych! Man, Google Translate is so much fun! Rejoice in our defining hope that is an Empty Tomb. Heaven is opened; Our Lord and Savior is Risen as He said!! On this Greatest of Days, the Gospel of John highlights our sense, and sensibility, of sight. From the beginning of Jesus's ministry, Our Savior bids us to come and see... On Easter Morning, Mary Magdalene saw the stone removed from the tomb. Peter and John saw the burial cloths and the cloth that had covered His head. Using my advanced brain power, I can see that there is a theme here! Because we who walk by Faith and not by sight ultimately see and believe. And, blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe (but that's a story for a later time!). A former professor of mine who is now a fancy Bishop always said Christianity is a way of seeing. How true! The Resurrection is an historical event, attested by those who saw. 2,000 years later, we proclaim the same. Easter means that you are changed and that your bodily life trends toward Heaven. Thank You, Jesus! It is the real world that Jesus's Resurrection was decisively and forever reclaimed by that event...(NT Wright).

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

Thank You for Your Generous Contributions!

We are very grateful for all who contribute to the financial support of our parish and who take stewardship seriously.

Weekend Collection for

April 9-10: \$6,300.00

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)



Happy Easter!!

Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Thank you to all who have so generously participated in the Rice Bowl project throughout the Lenten Season. Kindly combine your total your contributions into one check payable to St. Thomas More, write "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line, and put it in the collection box. The parish will gather all the donations and send them to Catholic Relief Services.



April 18 - Monday in the Octave of Easter
 Carmen Liuzza, Jr.

April 19 - Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
 Eleanor Tola
 Ruth Gallego

April 20 - Wednesday in the Octave of Easter
 Nicholas Maize

April 21 - Thursday in the Octave of Easter
 Helen Marie Chajkowski

April 22 - Friday in the Octave of Easter
 Hamza Muheisen

April 23 - Saturday in the Octave of Easter
 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Villavecchia, Sr.
 Pauline Falcone

April 24- Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday
8 am: Kay Brewer
11 am: Deceased Members of the Hoffman, Lovenberg
 and Daley Families
7 pm: Pat Schell



Prayers for the Sick

Please join us in praying for all who are ill in our community, and in a particular way for Chris Auger, Phil Barrett, Anthony Balloutine, Fred Donikowski, Barbara Kline, Ray Meyers, Lorraine Zedalis Moschini, John O'Neil, Bobby Polidore, Christopher Popp, Bethann and Bob Panzer, Eileen Scheibner, Gloria Souchuk, Flynn Sullivan and Marlene Widmer. 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 (or removed from) the request for healing prayers in our weekly bulletin, please send an email to Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org.

Mass Intentions/Mass Cards

If you'd like to request a Mass to be said for a loved one, please email smarshall@stmnj.org, complete our online Mass request form at <https://stmnj.org/request-a-mass-card> or click on the link on our home page. Please try to provide at least 24 hours' notice for a card to allow adequate time. In your request, please let us know if you'd like us to mail the card or leave it for you to pick it up. Our Mass intentions are finalized at least one week in advance so please understand we unfortunately may not always be able to accommodate last-minute requests.



Divine Mercy Sunday - Next Sunday

All are invited to join our Divine Mercy Devotional Prayer Service next Sunday, April 24 at 3 pm. We will begin with a brief prayer followed by recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confessions will follow immediately afterwards. Come and celebrate the Good News of God's Divine Mercy!



Two Years Ago - Do We Remember?

As we celebrate Easter in this year of the Eucharist, we pause a moment to remember how different our world looked just two years ago, and to appreciate the great gift of being able to gather around the Lord's Table on this Easter morning...

Two years ago our churches were empty.

Priests celebrated the great sacrament of the Mass, alone.

As the sun rose on Easter morning, some celebrants spoke to video cameras, others looked out simply into the darkness of empty pews.

Weeks earlier, Pope Francis offered a solitary prayer service in the rain in a vacant St. Peter's Square.

We stayed at home, locked away from the world, from our churches, from the lives we had known.

Not unlike the disciples, we huddled together in fear, seemingly distanced from our Lord.

Now, two years later, on Easter Sunday our churches are filled with light, with music, with flowers, with *people*.

While Jesus never left us, we are more keenly aware as we gather together in joy and love that He is truly in our midst.

As we go about our celebrations this day, enjoying the ability to gather at table with family and friends, may we not lose sight of the most important table of all at which we gather.

May we have a renewed sense of appreciation of this great gift of the Eucharist and our ability to share it again.

He is risen—Alleluia!

For more information regarding the celebrations of this year in our Diocese, please check out the Diocesan page at <https://rcdop.org/year-of-the-eucharist> or use the QR Code below.



Scripture Study Group

Frank Miles will be continuing the STM Scripture Study Group, now exploring the Mass:

You attend Mass regularly on Sundays and sometimes on weekdays. But do you know exactly why we do various things at Mass and, in return, what it can do to and for us? Why is the Mass structured the way that it is? Do you wonder if there is a deeper meaning to parts of the Mass and how can you participate more fully in the celebration? There is so much more to understand about the Liturgy of the Mass and so much more that we can get out of it. All are invited to join with the STM Scripture Group for the first of four video and explanatory sessions on Tuesday April 26th at 3:00 PM in the Church.

For further information or questions, call Frank Miles at 973-538-6554 or email lexan@ix.netcom.com.

break open the tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise,

I live in faith of the Resurrection,
but such is the nature of my faith
that so much of me remains entombed.
Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.
Help me to roll away this stone
And find the miracle of new life
That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

Amen



We've been asked to announce...



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Only a few hours of your time can make all the difference in the world. Our volunteers provide general companionship and respite to hospice patients and their families. No previous experience required. Must be 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and willing to undergo background check. Proof of Covid-19 vaccine required. Learn how your presence can make an impact on someone's life. Training sessions start Tuesday, April 26th. For more information and/or packet please contact: Stella Benedict at 908-580-3888 or by email at sbenedict@fellowshipsl.org, or Josephine Mazzeo at 908-797-1635 or by email at mazzeo@fellowshipsl.org.



Our friends at Morris Catholic High School are now accepting applications for the Class of 2026 and for transfer students for this upcoming academic year. Their two spring open house dates are April 3 from 2 to 4 pm and May 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. More information about these events, campus tours and all Morris Catholic has to offer can be found on their website, www.morriscatholic.org.



Assumption College for Sisters

Assumption College for Sisters has asked us to pass along their summer session schedule:

200 A Morris Avenue in Denville

SUMMER SESSION 2022

May 23-July 1

Th 201 The Church: Its Nature and History 3 credits

Sister Carol Schuyler, SCC

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

May 30: Holiday, no classes

Th 203 Fundamental Moral Theology 3 credits

Rafael Gonzales, MA

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

1:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

May 30: Holiday, no classes

INFORMATION: To register contact Sister Teresa Bruno, Academic Dean

Phone: 973-957-0188 Ext. 106

E-mail: academicdean@acs350.org

Cost - Three Credit Course: \$510

Cost - Audited Course \$255



A two-year ‘synodal’ process is taking place right now in the Catholic Church. It started in October, 2021 and will culminate in the final Synod Gathering in Rome in October, 2023. The synodal journey is of great significance for the good of both the universal and local Church. During this process, we invite all the People of God to listen to each other, without exception, and with particular care to involve also those who are further away and are perhaps sometimes not included or marginalized.

The synodal journey is a process of listening to one another to recognize the voice of the Holy Spirit. First and foremost, this process is a spiritual process. It is a period of discernment where we listen to each other, to our faith tradition, and to the signs of the times in order to discern what God is saying to all of us. This kind of discernment is not only a one-time exercise but ultimately a way of life, grounded in Christ, following the lead of the Holy Spirit and guided by the teachings of Christ Himself.

You can find more information on the Diocesan Synod Page, <https://rcdop.org/synod-2023>, the US Bishops’ Synod Site, <https://www.usccb.org/synod>, and the Official Vatican Synod Site, <https://www.synod.va/en.html>. Stay tuned for more updates throughout this process!

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus
Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit for an ecclesial assembly of governance or discernment (thus synodal)

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

Title revised from Latin, to have a proper incipit, different from the *Adsumus Dominus Sancte Spiritus*. The *Ceremoniale Episcoporum* 1984os., n. 1173, only proposes the use of the *Adsumus* but does not give the text. The German version *Das Zeremoniale für die Bischöfe*, n. 1188, gives a German translation based on the Latin text of the *Acta Synodalia* of the Council, vol. I/1, p. 159.



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