

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.

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday- April 24, 2022

<p>Parish Staff</p>	<p><i>Celebration of the Eucharist</i> <u>Saturday Evening</u>: 5:00 pm <u>Sunday</u>: 8:00 am and 11:00 am and 7:00 pm [from Labor Day through Memorial Day, with the exception of holiday weekends] <u>Daily Mass</u>: Monday through Friday at 8:15 am <u>Holy Days</u>: Vigil 7:00 pm; Holy Day 8:15 am and 12:10 pm</p>
<p>Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D. Pastor tfallone@stmnj.org</p>	<p><i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)</i> <u>Saturday</u>: 3:30 pm or by appointment</p>
<p>Fr. Daniel Chajkowski In Residence lionheartdan@gmail.com</p>	<p><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Every First Friday of the Month following the 8:15 am Mass and concluding with Benediction at Noon</p>
<p>Tina Jurgaitis Parish Bookkeeper tjurgaitis@stmnj.org</p>	<p><i>Additional Sacraments</i> <u>Baptism</u>: 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. <u>Funeral Rites</u>: Please contact Father Tom for more information and to make arrangements.</p>
<p>Frank Miles Trustee</p> <p>Mary Murphy Trustee</p>	<p><u>Marriage</u>: 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.</p>
	<p><i>Join the St. Thomas More Family</i> 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!!</p>



Blast from the Past(or)
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DATELINE: FLORIDA, USA.

My Lord and my God....

The Easter Proclamation continues in the definitive confession of the one who doubted. Thomas gives voice to Christianity in his famous salutation! As I have done for many years, I concluded Easter Sunday by traveling to visit my parents, the ones who taught me the Faith in the Lord and God Who has Risen from the dead and is made manifest in the Divine Mercy we celebrate today! Of course, I did not feel very celebratory at the airport where our flight was delayed for two hours due to a pigeon that found its way into the cabin of the plane. I was so mad at this pigeon. Then, I bumped into a brother priest on my flight. He's a really great priest of our diocese. But I took issue because he showed up late to the gate and so he didn't have to suffer the pigeon delay. Me? If I am not at the gate 16.5 hours before my flight, I suffer anxiety. Yeah, I'm that guy. I got issues. What's more, this priest got upgraded to first class. I was so mad at this priest. It turns out that he, too, was making an Easter visit to his parents. Do all parents of priests live in Florida? This is one of the secrets of Fatima, so we can't know for sure. But anyhow, I wasn't feeling very merciful on Easter. Luckily, I am not God, for Whom mercy is not a feeling. *Love is the flower, Mercy is the fruit*, writes Saint Faustina in her Diary. Since God is the sheer *act of being* we note His revelation in *Mercy*. Let's let St. John Paul II explain: *The Bible, Tradition and the whole faith life of the people of God provide unique proof that Mercy is the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God (Dives in misericordia, 13)*. Amidst pesky pigeons and upgraded priests, may I always remember that God's love leaks through His pierced Hands, Feet and Side. That's Mercy for ya'. That's the Divine Mercy the World has and sadly forgets. Celebrate well Divine Mercy today!

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.

The Easter Collection total is still being processed and will follow in a subsequent bulletin.

“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)



April 25 - Saint Mark

Archie Ferraro

April 26 - Saint Pedro de San José Betancur

Tucker Helstrom

April 27 - Saint Louis Mary Grignon de Montfort

Marleny Castano

April 28 - Saint Peter Chanel

Bill McGuire

April 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena

Hamza Muheisen

Michael LaCosta, Sr.

April 30 - Saint Pius V

Filomena Cianciotta

May 1 - Third Sunday of Easter

8 am: Walter Wary

Veronica Sloan

11 am: Fred Manacore

7 pm: Anna Caporella



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.

Year of the Eucharist



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI - Sacramentum Caritatis

As we continue to reflect on the great gift and power of the Eucharist this year, a wonderful resource is *Sacramentum Caritatis* (The Sacrament of Charity), the first post-synodal apostolic exhortation of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. He opens it with the following words: “The sacrament of charity, the Holy Eucharist is the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, thus revealing to us God’s infinite love for every man and woman.” (SC, 1)

Later in the document, Pope Benedict reflects further on the consequences of this profound sacramental mystery:

“Our communities, when they celebrate the Eucharist, must become ever more conscious that the sacrifice of Christ is for all, and that the Eucharist thus compels all who believe in him to become ‘bread that is broken’ for others, and to work for the building of a more just and fraternal world. Keeping in mind the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, we need to realize that Christ continues today to exhort his disciples to become personally engaged: ‘You yourselves, give them something to eat’ (Mt 14:16). Each of us is truly called, together with Jesus, to be bread broken for the life of the world.” (SC, 88)

His words offer a great reminder that this is not to be a passive gift that we simply receive. Rather, we are to honor and share the gift of the Eucharist. Just as we heard Jesus charge the Apostles in today’s gospel, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (Jn 20:21), He says the same to us each time we participate in the Eucharistic celebration of the Mass.

Sacramentum Caritas, The Sacrament of Charity, February 22, 2006. Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation.

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.



Pray for Peace 



Divine Mercy Sunday - This Sunday

All are invited to join our Divine Mercy Devotional Prayer Service this 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!



Thank you!!

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! 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. You can also donate online at crsricebowl.org/give. God bless you for your generosity!



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.

What's New at St. Paul Inside The Walls...



Evidence of the Resurrection: A Lawyer's Analysis

Would the evidence of Jesus' resurrection from the dead stand up in a court of law? This in-person event at St. Paul Inside the Walls on Wednesday, April 27 at 7 pm features Christian Clark, a Harvard Law School graduate, who will investigate the biblical account of the resurrection with a lawyer's critical eye.



2022 Garden Party

All are invited to the 2022 Garden Party at St. Paul Inside the Walls. They are excited to join together for what is sure to be a beautiful event on Friday, June 3, 2022 starting at 7 pm. Each ticket includes dinner provided by the Brownstone and an open bar. There will also be opportunities to walk away with a bottle of wine from the wine pull as well as silent auction prizes. Your support and presence will help sustain the mission of the Evangelization Office at St. Paul Inside the Walls and the many fulfilling programs and events that are run there. Please purchase your ticket by May 18 at <https://insidethewalls.org/gardenparty>.



Wine Pull

In connection with the Garden Party, they are also taking wine donations through Cambridge Wines in Morristown. Each bottle of wine purchased through the special link will be raffled off at the Garden Party on June 3. Please join the fun and donate a bottle of wine by following this link: <https://www.cambridgewinesnj.com/our-services/wine-pull/st-paul-inside-the-walls/>

We've been asked to announce...



Fellowship Garden State Hospice Invites You to Join Its Dynamic Team of Caregivers

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 have asked us to announce that they are now accepting applications for the Class of 2026 and for transfer students for this upcoming academic year. Their remaining spring open house date is 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* 1984ol., 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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