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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 Lent - Laetare Sunday - March 19, 2023*

### **Parish Staff**

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### **Parish Office Hours**

Wednesday - Thursday  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

### ***Celebration of the Eucharist***

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm [No 7 pm Mass from the weekend before Memorial Day through the weekend of Labor Day, or on 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, concluding with Benediction at Noon

### ***Additional Sacraments***

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 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 call the Parish Office 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) \****  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday**  
**March 19, 2023**

*The Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes...*

I just filled out my March Madness brackets and am preparing for a great windfall. But don't worry, even after I'm rich and famous, I'll still find time to pen this column (no doubt a huge relief to my many faithful readers!). *The Blast* completely disavows sports wagering in any form or fashion. However, I have Seton Hall winning the NIT. You heard it here first. I can't disclose my NCAA Championship picks, however. Those are the Third Secret of Fatima. I can't divulge them, so don't ask. They're pure money in the bank!! Okay, in truth, my brackets are actually filled out blindly. I have no idea what I am doing! Will Creighton make a run? Will Gonzaga cut down the nets this year? How about Iona? While I like to watch the Tourney, I've nary a clue about college hoops. I need catechesis in that regard. We can all use catechesis in some area of our life. Such is the service on offer during these last three weeks of the Lenten season, as we prepare to encounter Palm Sunday. From the Woman at the Well, to the Man Born Blind, to the Raising of Lazarus, these Lenten Gospels extrapolate the meaning of our Baptism. The Woman at the Well last week reminded us of God's desire for us. The Man Born Blind this week shows us that Christianity is a way of seeing reality. And next week, in Lazarus, we see that our sin and death do not have the final word. Jesus is the Christ Who loves you. Finish Lent well, in the true meaning of the season, in order to celebrate Easter with vigor.

God Bless you!!!!!!

*\*The (Un)official Bulletin Column of the New York Mets*



***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**

**March 4-5: \$ 7,005.50**

*"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)*



***St. Thomas More Women's Guild***

The Women's Guild will have their next meeting on March 28th at 1 pm in the basement of the Parish Office. Since last month's meeting was cancelled, this month's meeting will be "Bingo." Please bring your chips or pennies to play. All ladies of the parish are most welcome to join them for some fun!



**March 20 - Saint Salvator of Horta**

Oscar Granflor

**March 21 - Blessed John of Parma**

Bao-Qiong Li

**March 22 - Saint Nicholas Owen**

Sal Callerame

**March 23 - Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo**

Madeline McCloskey

**March 24 - Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero**

Monsignor James Murray

**March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord**

Mary Finlay

James and Josephine Laughlin and James K. Laughlin

John F. McKeon

Jean and Alfred Villavecchia

**March 26 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8 am: Anthony Gervasio

11 am: Special Intention for Ray Meyers

7 pm: Carmen Liuzza, Jr.



***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, Brendan Briscoe, Fred Donikowski, Barbara Kline, John LaCosta, Gina Lazaro, Ray Meyers, John O'Neil, Bethann and Bob Panzer, Bobby Polidore, Christopher Popp, Eileen Scheibner, Gloria Souchuk, and Flynn Sullivan. 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 [info@stmnj.org](mailto:info@stmnj.org) or call the Parish Office.



***Mass Intentions/Mass Cards***

If you would like to request a Mass to be said for a loved one, please complete our online Mass request form at <https://stmnj.org/request-a-mass-card>, click on the link on our home page or call the Parish Office. In your request, please let us know if you would like us to mail the card or leave it for you to pick it up (or if you do not want a card). Our Mass intentions are finalized two weeks in advance, so please understand we unfortunately may not always be able to accommodate last-minute requests.





### **PLEASE READ: Parking Lot Update**

As mentioned last week, on March 7, we received a notice from the Diocese that parking for the general public and/or outside of church services or activities is not permitted under any circumstances in parish parking lots due to insurance concerns. This includes St. Thomas More. Effective immediately, we have to ask that parking in our lot be restricted to times when you are attending Mass or another parish function only. Please do not leave your vehicle here for any other purpose, including when taking the train. Under this policy, we are unable to honor any hang tags. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



### **Scripture Study Group**

#### **Sign of Contradiction**

#### **St. Francis of Assisi**

Saint Francis is known as a lover of peace and nature, but he also went against all social norms. All that the world said would lead to happiness, he abandoned for something else. He was a real person with real struggles, temptations, and doubts. His life was marked by an unwavering openness to the Holy Spirit and a deep call to penance.

**Sign of Contradiction** is a video about a sinner and saint who was on a lifelong journey animated by grace. All are welcome to the first of three episodes, presented by the STM Scripture Study Group at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in the church.



### **Broken and Blessed:** **Men in Communion with Christ**

Calling all men in the Diocese of Paterson to a Lenten Evening of Prayer at St. Paul Inside the Walls (205 Madison Avenue, Madison) on Friday, March 24, from 6 pm to 9 pm. As we journey through this Lenten season, why not join us for a men's night of pizza, penance and prayer? Bishop Emeritus Arthur Serratelli will present a reflection on the Eucharist and the evening will include both Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for Confession.



### **Welcome Home to Healing**

There are just 2 Mondays left to take advantage of the Welcome Home to Healing Program this Lent! For the 15<sup>th</sup> year, all Catholic Churches in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties (including Saint Thomas More) will have their doors open for Confession between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm every Monday night through March 27.

For more information and resources on how to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please take a look at the Welcome Home to Healing Website at: [www.welcomehometohealing.org](http://www.welcomehometohealing.org). You can also check out the Brief Examination of Conscience from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Examination-of-Conscience-Ten-Commandments.pdf>.



### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

#### **Palm Sunday Weekend April 1-2**

**5 pm Saturday – Vigil Mass**

**8 am Sunday – Mass**

**11 am Sunday – Mass**

**7 pm Sunday - Mass**

#### **Holy Thursday, April 6**

**7 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**(Adoration will take place following Mass until Midnight)**

#### **Good Friday, April 7**

**3 pm – Liturgy of the Passion**

**7 pm – Stations of the Cross**

#### **Holy Saturday, April 8**

**9 am – Blessing of the Food**

**8 pm – Easter Vigil**

#### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

**8 am – Mass**

**11 am – Mass**

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 7 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY.**

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16**

**3 pm - Divine Mercy Sunday Devotional Prayer Service**

**(Followed at 3:30 pm by the opportunity for Individual Confessions)**

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