

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 – Sunday of Divine Mercy – April 16, 2023

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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)
Second Sunday of Easter –
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 16, 2023

Awe came upon everyone...

No doubt we are still taking in the strange beauty of our Salvation in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: God's Victory over the incessant pock of human nature. I think the Resurrection will still have to be absorbed, if it ever can be, long after our age. It's too baffling, shocking, and, well, joyful. So it is that the early Church was filled with awe at this mysterious Reality. But Christ doubles down His love for us, not demurring, but appearing behind locked doors, displaying His wounds and offering Divine Mercy. The Crucified and Risen Christ appears not for retribution but for Mercy. *Peace be with you.* Then awe comes upon all. "Awesome" is a word far too bandied about in our culture, and I confess that I am the biggest offender of this. It started in my youth and continues to this day, perhaps as a nervous habit. I cringe when I hear myself say that the unlimited salad and breadsticks (Who am I kidding? Everyone knows it's really all about the breadsticks!!), at Olive Garden are 'awesome.' Or, when I say that the two favorite wrestlers of my youth, Bob Backlund and Quick Draw Rick McGraw were 'awesome.' I sense my dilution of what should be a powerful word. Awe is a fearful and reverential respect, which is why in Christ every head must bow and every knee bend. For Mercy has come to those who would destroy their Creator from that very same Creator. He proffers His Wounds not for revenge, but for reconciliation. Gods is Divine Mercy. *That* is pretty awesome.

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 1-2: \$9,924.50

Thank you also to all who so generously contributed to the Easter Flowers! The memorials and list of contributors will be printed in an upcoming bulletin.



St. Thomas More Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will have their next meeting on April 25th at 1 pm in the basement of the Parish Office. There will be a short meeting followed by a wine and cheese gathering. All ladies of the parish are most welcome to join them for a fun afternoon!



April 17 – Saint Benedict Joseph Labre
 Pat Schell

April 18 – Blessed James Oldo
 John LaCosta

April 19 – Saint Gianna Beretta Molla
 Eleanor Tola

April 20 – Saint Conrad of Parzham
 Angela Schmidt

April 21 – Saint Anselm
 James Blauvelt

April 22 – Saint Adalbert of Prague
 Michael J. Casey

Maureen Brodeur
 Special Intention for Ray and Rose Trunk

April 23 – Third Sunday of Easter

8 am: Special Intention for the Unborn

11 am: John Macko

7 pm: Cosmo Mazza



Prayers for the Sick

Please join us in praying for all who are ill in our community, and in a particular way, for Joan Allen, Chris Auger, Phil Barrett, Brendan Briscoe, Fred Donikowski, Barbara Kline, Gina Lazaro, Ray Meyers, Elizabeth Napoli, 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 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. To make sure your request is received in a timely manner, please do not place requests in the collection. In your request, please let us know if you would like us to mail the card directly to the recipient 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.



Divine Mercy Sunday - This Sunday

All are invited to join our Divine Mercy Devotional Prayer Service this Sunday, April 16 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!



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 final episode, presented by the STM Scripture Study Group at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 19th in the church.

Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their monthly gathering on Friday, April 21st at 12:30 pm at The Black Horse Pub in Mendham. Our gathering is a no-host luncheon. Contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Academy of Saint Elizabeth

Calling All 7th Grade Girls: Your Future Begins NOW!

On Friday, April 28 from 12 - 3:15 pm, the Academy of Saint Elizabeth will be hosting a special "Panther for a Day" event for 7th grade girls! All 7th grade girls are invited to discover the Academy with a fabulous lunch, meeting their distinguished faculty and students, and getting to know fellow prospective SEAsterners of the Class of 2028. You will get to experience the Academy's rigorous academic program while rotating through a mini schedule of freshman classes. Your Panther for a Day experience will finish with an ice cream social! Make sure to sign up today and save your spot before the event closes out! They look forward to seeing you there! For more information or to sign up, check out their website at <https://www.aosenj.org>.



New Jersey Area Order of Malta Lecture Series

On Saturday, April 29 at 11 am, the New Jersey Area Order of Malta will be hosting Fr. Gerald E. Murray, JCD, ChM, Pastor, Canon Lawyer, Author and Frequent EWTN Commentator, here at St. Thomas More. He will be discussing his new book, *CALMING the STORM, Navigating the Crises Facing the Catholic Church and Society*. Fr. Murray's book will be available for sale, and there will be light refreshments and a free will offering. Kindly RSVP to Janet Parry at janp1101@gmail.com by April 22.



Reminder: Parking Lot Use

Below is a copy of the notice received from the Diocese advising 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. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in complying with this directive.

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	RCDOP.org	
<p>To: Pastors, Administrators, Presidents, and Principals</p> <p>From: Richard Ziccardi, Diocese Risk Manager and Patrick Brennan, Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>Subject: <u>Please Read: Parish and School Parking Lot Use and Insurance</u></p>		
<p>This note provides important guidance on the use and rental of church and school parking lots.</p>		
<p>It has come to our attention that some parishes and locations are allowing parking at their locations to individuals/organizations who are not attending a church service nor conducting parish or school business.</p>		
<p>Under our insurance program, our property and liability coverage is explicitly limited to only coverage during parish/school/diocesan sponsored functions.</p>		
<p>Our insurance carriers do not and will not provide coverage for the use of parish or school parking facilities for any non-parish or non-church service or non-school functions.</p>		
<p>Allowing parking outside of church service times or when not conducting church or school business significantly increases our property and liability exposure to claims. The risk of vehicle accidents, damage, and thefts and personal injury claims is far higher when parking is permitted outside of church services or when not conducting church business activities. The cost of covering that additional risk is multiples higher than the cost of our existing coverage for church services and church business and would be prohibitive for the Diocese and its parishes and schools.</p>		
<p>Therefore, parking for the general public and/or outside of church services or church activities or school activities is not permitted under any circumstances in parish and school parking lots due to insurance concerns.</p>		
<p>Please let us know if any questions or concerns.</p>		
<p>Thank You!</p>		
<p>Rich & Pat</p>		
<p>Richard Ziccardi Diocese Risk Manager (office) 973-777-8818 x225</p>		
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