

# *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.*

## *Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023 - Good Shepherd Sunday*

### **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 Easter**  
**Good Shepherd Sunday**  
**April 30, 2023**

*'Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep...'*

On Good Shepherd Sunday, I always think of my high school classmate, Carmen. He was a class clown extraordinaire, who went on to become a very successful partner at a large law firm. Carmen was willed by God to be taken to heaven far too soon, in my opinion, and he left a lasting legacy and a smile to all those who think about him. But in high school, as most of us kids were contemplating the lofty occupations we were sure we were destined to have, as doctors, lawyers, accountants, etc., Carmen always said, 'I just want to be a shepherd.' I think he said this to mess with the algorithm of the career aptitude tests we used to take to reveal what our path should be. Does anyone else remember these tests? Am I dating myself (again!)? Without fail, every year, mine always announced that I was to be a professional tap dancer, or a florist. Both are noble pursuits, but I daresay given my great dread of the words, 'now everyone head out to the dance floor!' at any wedding, and my struggle to keep even a cut Christmas tree alive for long, perhaps these were not quite my callings. If you took one of these tests, I'd love to hear your outcome, especially if it was actually accurate. Anywho, I think Carmen mostly declared his desire to be a shepherd in order to infuriate Sister Carmela, who could be a very intense person, especially during the weeks of mandated testing. Mission accomplished! That aside, shepherding is gritty business, probably as tough as being a partner in a law firm. The shepherd has to manage, and to be firm, vigilant and self-sacrificing. So it is we see the familiar image of Jesus the Good Shepherd in the Gospel of John. Such is the reminder that no matter what we are seeking, following or devoting our time to finding, or what any aptitude test might say, our pursuit is ultimately a search for God. As Father Richard John Neuhaus reflects in his book, *God With Us*, the Good Shepherd implores us to *give up our searching to allow ourselves to be found*.

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.

**Weekly Collection for 4/15-16: \$5,619.00**

*"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)*



**May 1 - Saint Joseph the Worker**

Julia McManus

**May 2 - Saint Anthanasius**

Theresa Gallagher

**May 3 - Saints Philip and James**

Jean Laroche

**May 4 - Blessed Michael Giedroyc**

Special Intention for Ron Brodeur

**May 5 - Saint Hilary of Arles**

John LaCosta

**May 6 - Saints Marian and James**

Neil Cassidy

Gerard DeLorenzo

**May 7 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8 am: Leonard Bendzin

11 am: Angela Schmidt

7 pm: People of the Parish



***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, Ron Brodeur, 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](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. 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.



### ***World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

This Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It's the perfect day for us to pray for those discerning a religious vocation, as well as those who already selflessly give their lives to these vocations each and every day. Keep an eye on upcoming bulletins for more resources on this topic, including prayers, videos and other information.



### ***First Friday Eucharistic Adoration***

We hope you'll join us on Friday, May 5 for Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. Whether you can come for hours or even just 10 minutes, all are invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus.



### ***Scripture Study Group***

#### ***Video Presentations of Parables of Jesus***

All are invited to dramatic recreations of seven parables found in the New Testament, each introduced and placed in its historical and cultural setting. In these videos you will see the Bible come alive, understand the customs and culture behind the parables, and feel the impact of Jesus' message. The first two parables:

**The Treasure & the Pearl (Mt 13:44-46)**

**The Midnight Visitor (Lk 11:5-10)**

are presented by the STM Scripture Study Group at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the church.



### ***First Holy Communion - Saturday, May 13***

All are warmly invited to join us for the celebration of First Holy Communion here at St. Thomas More on Saturday, May 13 at 9:30 am. Even if you are unable to attend, please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare to approach the Table of the Lord for the very first time.

### ***Easter Flower Memorials***

*Thank you to all who so generously contributed!!*

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