

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.

Third Sunday of Lent - March 3, 2024

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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)
Third Sunday of Lent
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He Himself understood it well...

After 'cleaning house' in the Temple with His whip of cords, Jesus spoke to the people about the Temple of His Body. Be He did 'not trust Himself to them because He knew them all.' He knew the proclivities of human nature, as corrupted by original sin. There are many iterations of Gandhi's quote, *I like Christ, but I'm not so fond of Christians*, i.e. I love God, but I have problems with His children. Such is the result of this frustrating and indelible mark of the nature we refer to as 'human.' We ourselves know well this 'human nature'...the one which fails to return shopping carts, instead leaving them to take up a perfectly good parking spot. The one that sometimes sends emails in ALL CAPS and hits 'reply all' on large group messages. It has also been known to kick the back of my seat on an airplane, talk during the movie (20 bucks at IMAX, thank you) and hold loud, obnoxious, public cell phone conversations on speakerphone! Sorry, I am getting myself worked up! Let me bring it in. Our fallen human nature somehow craves the money changers over the Love of God. Perspective is in order here: our possessions are not bad in themselves, but it is the place they can hold in our lives. Christ is *intimate* with our nature because He is its original Source and End. He knows who we were before Eden, and who we can be. As we struggle daily with material temptations and other weaknesses, we would do well to remember that our true Nature is the Image and Likeness of God, for Whom our hearts were made! May our acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent help us, in the words of the prophet Joel, return to Him with our 'whole heart,' seeking His great mercy and love.

God Bless you!!!!!!



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

Weekly Collection for 2/17-18: \$5,512.38

"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)



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their monthly luncheon on Friday, March 15th at 12:30 pm at The Florham Park Diner, 182 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-615-4715 for more information or to RSVP.



March 4 - Saint Casimir

Anthony Joseph Viola, Sr.

March 5 - Saint John Joseph Of The Cross

Coach Dan Allen

March 6 - Saint Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

Kiernan Foley

March 7 - Saints Perpetua and Felicity

Joan Gensicke

March 8 - Saint John of God

John and Carmella Antonelli

March 9 - Saint Frances of Rome

John R. Manahan

March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

8 am: Carmella and Anthony Gervasio

11 am: Joan Boylan

7 pm: William Amberg, Jr.



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). If you do not want a card mailed directly to the recipient but would like one with a blank envelope, it will be left for you to pick up in the parish vestibule. Our Mass intentions are finalized two weeks in advance, so please understand we unfortunately may not always be able to accommodate last-minute requests.



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, Caitlyn Gara, Barbara Kline, Gina Lazaro, Vincent Lazaro, Elizabeth Napoli, John O'Neil, Bethann and Bob Panzer, Bobby Polidore, Christopher Popp, Father Ed Rama, 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.



Scripture Study Group Meeting

Catholicism Revealed

A Body Suffering and Glorious – Part 2

Mystical Union of Christ and the Church

Bishop Barron explores the Catholic Faith's Unique understanding of the relationship of Jesus Christ and the Church. Witness how the Mystical Body of Christ is a living organism that stretches from Rome to New York, Sao Paolo, Manila, and Namugongo, embracing humanity in all of its joys and sorrows.

Presented by the STM Scripture Group

March 6th at 3:00 pm in the church.

Of Possible Interest

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH COMMUNITY

All are welcome to join us for a 2 day Lenten Series:

THE MERCY MISSION

MARCH 10TH & MARCH 11TH
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St. Patrick's Day Parade - Morristown

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Parade starts at 12:00 Noon from behind Morristown Municipal Building, 200 South Street, across from King's Supermarket. Parade ends at Morristown High School.

Wear green & festive St. Patrick's attire, makeup, top hat, etc. We will carry our MCRTL banner, Pro-Life flags and balloons with a simple, positive Pro-Life message.

Come and bring family & friends for a real pro-life witness! 10:00 AM Mass at Assumption Parish.

For lineup location and info see www.paradeday.com or contact Lisa Hart at: llsahartpt@yahoo.com

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Welcome Home to Healing

All Catholic Churches in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties (including St. Thomas More) will have their doors open for Confessions between 7 pm and 8:30 pm every Monday night in Lent as part of the Welcome Home to Healing Program. It is a beautiful chance to take advantage of this powerful sacrament and prepare ourselves to celebrate the promise of salvation through Christ's resurrection this Easter. For more information and resources on how to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please see the Welcome Home to Healing Website at: www.welcomehometohealing.org.

Guide to Confession

Are you considering going to Confession this Lent, but feeling a little nervous? Maybe it's been a little while...or a long while. Or maybe you're just not sure what to say or where to even start. There is no need to be afraid! The Sacrament of Reconciliation is intended as one of healing, not of fear. Below is a little guide from our Diocese to help you get started and point you in the right direction. Just remember, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms!

Prepare

Pray to the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to know your sins and the courage to confess them. Take a look at an Examination of Conscience for guidance.

Begin

Start with the sign of the cross and tell the priest how long it's been since you last went to Confession. If it's been a while, that's okay, just let the priest know.

Confess

Name all of the sins that come to mind based on your Examination of Conscience.

Listen

Listen to the advice the priest gives you based on your confession. Remember the Penance he gives you, which is to be completed after your confession.

Pray

Pray the Act of Contrition. There are a few versions. Use whichever one you remember. If you have forgotten, don't worry. Tell the priest and he will help you through it.

Be Forgiven

Be attentive as the priest prays the Prayer of Absolution. Respond, "Amen," and rejoice in knowing that your sins are completely forgiven.

Go in Peace

The priest will conclude with, "Your sins are forgiven, go in peace," or similar words. Respond, "Thanks be to God!"

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