

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 Lent – Laetare Sunday – March 10, 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)
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
March 10, 2024

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...

Well, there it is: one of the most familiar and quoted Gospel lines. I don't see it so much anymore, but when I was a kid, you'd see folks holding up placards of 'John 3:16' at sporting events. It was usually a guy in a rainbow wig who, it could be deduced, had perhaps engaged in some 'pre-gaming,' shall we say, before the event. But nonetheless, the sentiment of John 3:16 has attracted millions over the centuries. Why? Because it is the definitive statement of God's love for us. For YOU. He loves you so much, in fact, that He sent the World's Greatest Superhero to carry out the Greatest Rescue Operation that the world has ever known. And who doesn't love a good superhero?? I know I do! In fact, my second grade art project was a paper mâché sculpture of Wonder Woman. I had a particular affinity for Linda Carter back then. Long story. Anywho, our Lenten Superhero is none other than God's Own Son, Who by His Passion, Death and Resurrection saves us from ourselves! In our often self-absorbed world, Lent reminds us that we are not alone in it. Our sins disguise themselves in many ways, but in the fullness of time, God has sent Jesus to the rescue! May we grow in God's own humility this Lent, and prepare for the Triduum and the Blessings of Easter!!

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 2/24-25: \$5,952.38

"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)



Academy of St. Elizabeth - Panther for a Day

The Academy of St. Elizabeth will be hosting its annual 7th Grade Panther for a Day event on Friday, April 26 from 12 pm to 3:30 pm. This afternoon provides prospective students with insights about life at the Academy, including experiencing several classes, as well as meeting with administrators, faculty, staff and Academy Ambassadors. Seats are limited for this event, so make sure to register now at aosenj.org and save your spot!



March 11 - Saint John Ogilvie

Lena Scialla

March 12 - Blessed Angela Salawa

Rosemarie Raiola

March 13 - Saint Leander of Seville

Joan Boylan

March 14 - Saint Maximilian

Special Intention

March 15 - Saint Louise de Marillac

Deacon Drew and Mary Calandriello

March 16 - Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer

Edward and Helen Wallace

March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8 am: Carmella and Anthony Gervasio

11 am: Maureen Brodeur
Thomas Briscoe

7 pm: Coach Dan Allen

††The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in remembrance of Carmella and Anthony Gervasio.††



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.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend, March 23-24

Regular Mass Schedule (5 pm Saturday; 8 am, 11 am and 7 pm Sunday)

Holy Thursday, March 28

No 8:15 am Mass

7 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Adoration will take place following Mass until Midnight)

Good Friday, March 29

No 8:15 am Mass

3 pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7 pm – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 30

10 am – Blessing of the Food

7:30 pm – Easter Vigil

****THERE WILL BE NO 5 PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY****

Easter Sunday, March 31

8 am – Mass

11 am – Mass

****THERE WILL BE NO 7 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY****

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

3 pm – Divine Mercy Sunday Devotional Prayer Service

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



Welcome Home to Healing

All Catholic Churches in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties (including St. Thomas More) continue to 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. 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.

Lenten Mission with Bishop Serratelli

All are invited to a Lenten Mission led by Bishop Emeritus Serratelli from 7-8:30 pm on March 13-15 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 9 Parsippany Road in Whippany. He will be walking through the 15th chapter of the Gospel of Luke, often called, the "Gospel within the Gospel." March 13: We'll delve into the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

March 14: We'll examine the story of the prodigal son.

March 15: We'll explore the older brother's character.

There will be a light reception following Wednesday's presentation. All are most welcome!



Hope House Food Drive Update

Thanks to your generous donations, our religious education program delivered 800 pounds of food to Hope House last month. They asked us to share their gratitude for these much-needed donations!



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.



Scripture Study Group Meeting

Catholicism Revealed

Word Made Flesh - Part 1

Mystery of the Liturgy and Eucharist

Bishop Barron explores the ancient practices of the Church's worship that endure to this very day. The Eucharist is the central practice of the Catholic Faith, "the source and summit" of Christian life. In this episode, he explains the words, gestures, and meanings of the Church's Eucharist.

Presented by the STM Scripture Group

March 20th at 3:00 pm in the church.

JEREMIAH PROJECT

For Young Men High School Age

Join priests and seminarians for a night of sports, games, fellowship and more:

-  Basketball, soccer, and board games
-  Prayer & teaching of the Catholic Faith
-  Light snacks and refreshments
-  Help discern God's call in your life

MEETS MONTHLY

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7 PM - 9 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE (GYM)

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