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Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me." Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.



We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else

do we see? Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.

Inside

Requests

Fr. Knott Invite

p4 Passion Play

Divine Mercy





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Visit our website for a staff listing www.stthomasmorechurch.org/staff

SACRAMENTS

For a more in-depth look at the sacraments. please visit our parish website www.stthomasmorechurch.org.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard every Wednesday 9:00-10:00am and Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm. Appointments can also be made for confessions to be heard when needed.

Baptism: Children of all ages and adults are welcome to the sacrament of Baptism. Baptism for children is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month at 1:00pm. Parents need to be registered members and should be faithful in attending Mass. Participation in a baptismal preparation class is required. Please call Sharon Hall at the parish office to make arrangements. Adults seeking Baptism should contact Linda McEwan at Imcewan@stthomasmorechurch.org.

Matrimony: Baptized Catholics are called to be married in the Catholic Church. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

If you were married outside of the Catholic Church and would like to have your marriage blessed, we would be happy to guide you in that process.

Call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest to begin all marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and physical strength during an illness, for those having surgery, and for those near death. Call the parish office to make arrangements to receive this sacrament.

St. Vincent de Paul

Are you in need?

In the name of Jesus, we strive to comfort, feed, clothe, and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential and preserving dignity.

Please call our answering machine at 847.628.5170.

Do you feel called to serve?

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm alternating between St. Laurence and St. Thomas respectively. For more information, please contact conference president

Christa at StThomasMoreElginSVDP@gmail.com.

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Prayer Requests

Join us in praying for members of our community who are sick or ailing. To add or remove a name on our prayer list, please call the parish office 847.888.1682. To keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for 3 months. After that time, please contact the parish office to renew names.

†All Souls in Purgatory

+Brad Abell

†Shirley Bednarke

†Chuck Benson

†Lucas Buckardt

†Gracie Cannina †Jav Connell

†Jessica Connell

†Daniel Coyle

† Juanita Cundiff

†Julie Dalv

†John Demstron

†Michael Geppert

†Angela Guasta

†Vincent Guasta

†Frank lori

†Laura Keating

†Edward F. Kelly

†Bev Kittler

† Dennis Kittler

†Kevin Knott

†Tadeusz Krasowski

†Stephen Lange

†Amy Lara

†Denny Lisiecki Jr.

†Jenny Lisiecki

†Ann Marie

LoPiccolo-Carlsen

†Lourdes Manalese

†Reynaldo Mangila

†Bob Mateika †Ginny Menzel

†Bill Movlan

†Gloria Neitzel

† Delphine Ornelas

†Bruce Ostdick

†Colleen Ottens

†Frank Perrino

†Deacon Robert Plazewski

†Chuck Pruter

†Gerry Regan

†Lutie Regan

†Patty Romano

†Louis Scatena

†Diane Schumacher

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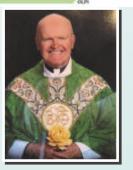
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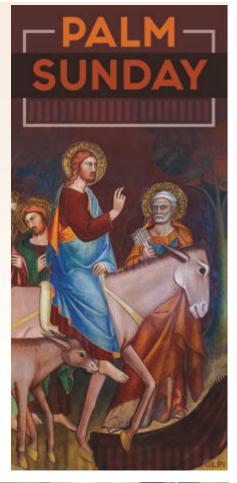
If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office: 847.888.1682.

YOU'RE INVITEI

Father William Patrick Knott

All are invited to join the family of The Reverend William Patrick Knott (1932 - 2018) for a Memorial Mass praying for and remembering this holy priest. A son of the parish of St. Thomas More; Fr. Knott was ordained a priest of our Diocese in 1959 and served in various assignments including a brief time as Administration here at St. Thomas More. Please join Fr. Knott's family for this Memorial Mass on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10:00am in the church.





Hope for Haitians

Have you thought about your choice for almsgiving this Lent? As a Parish, we will be supporting the building of a water purification system in the 15th village in Pistere, Haiti. 52% of the people in Northwest Haiti are drinking from unimproved water sources. Your donation will help to alleviate this problem for many families. There is more information in the gathering space so please be

sure to pick up an envelope in which to make your donation. If you have any questions, you may call Mary Aydt at 847.742.6978. God bless you and our very poor Haitian families. Thank you for your generous support.

You're Invited

April 14th for an inspirational, ecumenical choir concert and prayer service beginning at 3:00 pm.



Bereavement Ministry

Trained volunteers are available to provide spiritual support and comfort to all parishioners mourning a death loss. Please call the parish office at 847.888.1682.

Life Matters

Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement. Never feel alone, call Project Rachel at 800.593.2273 The Life Center at 847.622.1235 or Fox Valley Pregnancy at 847.697.0200.

Lk 19:28-40 (37)/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a] /Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab] /Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

ls 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2] /Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12 -13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 Friday

Is 52:13–53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday

Vigit: Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15–15:1 /Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32–4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next SundayActs 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

This is Holy Week

Please join us in commemorating the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord.

- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:00pm (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue in the chapel until Midnight).
- Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday at 3:00pm, Stations of the Cross with Veneration are at 7:00pm.
- Vigil Mass with the celebration of Easter Sacraments on Holy Saturday at 7:30pm.
- There are no morning Masses allowed this Thursday, Friday, or Saturday; however Morning Prayer will be prayed on Friday and Saturday at 8:30am in the chapel.



Live Passion Play

St. Thomas More children will perform the Passion of Our Lord in a play. Performances will be **Tuesday**, **April 16th** at **6:00pm** in the church, **Wednesday**, **April 17th** at **6:00pm** in the school gym, and **Thursday**, **April 18th** at **10:30am** in the school gym. Don't miss this beautiful presentation. All performances are free.





WE INVITE YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR LENTEN ACTIVITIES.

Stations of the Cross

• Friday, April 19......7:00pm

Adoration

• Every Wednesday (Chapel) 9:00am - 4:00pm Interested in becoming a "Guardian of Adoration"? Contact Sharon Hall 847.888.1682 for more information.

Rosary

•	Every	Thursday	(Chapel)	 6:30pm
•	Every	Saturday	(Chapel)	 8:45am

Reconciliation

•	Every weanesday	9:00am -	10:00am
•	Monday, April 15	7:00pm -	9:00pm
•	Wednesday, April 17	9:00am -	11:00am

Holy Week

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper (with incense)

• April 19......3:00pm

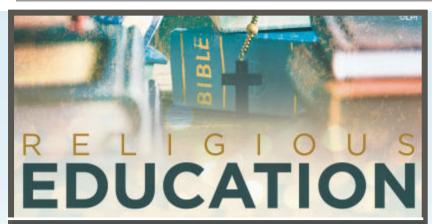
Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Food

- April 20......11:00am
 Easter Vigil Mass (with incense)
- April 20......7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

• April 21......8am, 10am & 12pm



Things to know:

The formation year runs with the school year calendar. Registration for 2019/20 will begin in May.

Classes start around Labor Day.

Sacraments:

- First Communion will be celebrated in the spring of 2nd grade provided children are enrolled for both 1st and 2nd grade.
- The Sacrament of First Reconciliation –confession penance is celebrated BEFORE First Communion.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated after 9th grade provided teens are enrolled for both 8th grade and 9th arade.
- There is formation for every grade from PreK (age 4) through 9th grade.

Details can be found on the parish website at www.stthomasmorechurch.org/religious-education Questions? Call 847.888.4887

Fellowship Club

St. Thomas More Fellowship Club is a group of men and women 55 years and older, that meet on the third Tuesday of each month. We have a short meeting, provide lunch, followed by valuable information, a guest speaker, fun, games, or on rare occasions just good old conversation among friends. Three events each year include a summer BBQ at Tyler Creek Forest Preserve, a Christmas party, and a pizza party, all provided by the club. Yearly membership is just \$10 and \$1 per meeting whenever you are able to come. (if you do not attend a meeting, you do not pay \$1). Come check us out, your first two visits are free.

Our next meeting is Tuesday April 16th at 12 noon. Our guest speaker will be Sgt. Rick Demierre, from the Elgin Police Dept. who will discuss, accident prevention and steps to take in an emergency.

Novena to Divine Mercy

Prays for the Novena to Divine Mercy will be prayed in the chapel at 9:00am beginning



Thursday, April 18th. Divine Mercy is Sunday, April 28th.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/ good-friday



Presiders

Holy Thursday Apr. 18th.

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7:00 pm Father Rich

Good Friday Apr. 19th.

PRESIDERS

3:00 pm Father Rich

Holy Saturday Apr. 20th.

PRESIDERS

7:30 pm Father Rich

Easter Apr. 21st.

PRESIDERS

8:00 am Msgr. Linster 10:00 am Father Rich 12:00 pm Father Deitz

Bulletin Deadlines

MAY 5TH BULLETIN	MAY 12TH BULLETIN		
Materials Due:	Materials Due:		
April 22, 2019	April 29, 2019		

Mass Intentions for the Week

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, call the parish office to schedule. The contribution for reserving the intention of a Mass is \$10.00

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monday APR 15	8:30 am Marcelino Eugenio, Martin Wojtalewicz			
tuesday APR 16	8:30 am Cathy Zuber, Anthony Vering			
wednesday APR	8:30 am Patricia Smithing, George McGann (sp. Int.)			
thursday APR	7:00 pm Rev. Arthur Rosinski, Mary Lesniak			
friday APR	3:00 pm No Mass - Passion Service			
saturday APR 20	7:30 pm Deceased members of Gustek Family, Rich Lupo			
sunday APR 21	8:00 am People of STM, John Wielgos 10:00 am Ray & Gert Bohne, William Joynt 12:00 pm Maynard & Ann Decker, Julian Lagunilla			

holy monday APR 15	holy tuesday APR 16	holy wednesday APR 17	holy thursday APR 18	good friday APR 19	holy saturday APR 20
4:30 pm @LANCASTER Youth Choir	12:00 pm @CHELSEA Fellowship Club	9:00 am @CHURCH Reconciliation	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	10:00 am @CHURCH RCIA
6:00 pm @CAMBRIDGE Bell Choir 7:00 pm @CHURCH Reconciliation 7:00 pm @CHELSEA Bible Study		9:00 am @CHAPEL Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 pm @CANTERBURY Bible Study 4:00 pm @CHAPEL Benediction 6:00 pm @CHURCH High School Choir 7:00 pm @LANCASTER Adult Choir 7:00 pm @CHURCH Bell Choir	9:00 am @TUDOR Women's Intercessory Prayer Group 7:00 pm @LANCASTER Filipino Choir	7:00 pm @CHURCH Stations of the Cross	11:00 am @CHURCH Blessing of Easter Baskets

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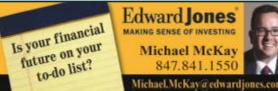


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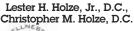
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