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Mass Schedule

Daily **Mass**: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namioika, Pastor
Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Pat Cannon, Parish Secretary • Marylee Garber, Parish Secretary
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Send all bulletin announcements to:
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 17, 2022

PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission (Purpose)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

Vision (Goals)

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades One through Eight - Sunday 9:30 AM—10:45 AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish

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Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 2 p.m. Monday.

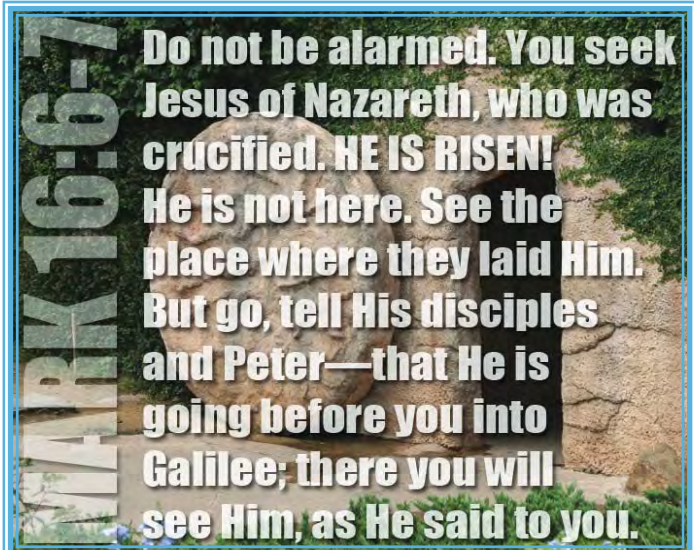
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St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
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O God, our resurrection and life, the promise of Your new life in Christ is like a breath of fresh air in a dry and thirsty land. We come to You as believers, and as those who are honestly seeking the truth.

May Your truth touch not just our intellects, but also our deeper yearnings of heart and soul. We bring with us our daily concerns, as well as our more eternal questions. May Your new creation in us shed light upon our everyday walk.



“If my people, who are called by My Name, **shall humble themselves**, and **pray**, and **seek My Face**, and **turn** from their wicked ways; **then** will I hear from heaven, and will **forgive** their sin, and I will **heal** their land.” *2nd Chronicles 7:14*



Stewardship Corner: Easter Sunday Stewardship Lived

“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (ACTS 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. **Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others through your Stewardship.** As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!



From the Pastor's Desk Easter Joy!

Dear Parishioners,

As I get older, I increasingly realize a certain void left in my life as a result of the death of relatives and friends. I am no longer able to pick up the phone to say “hello” or to stop over to visit with them. I tell myself that *someday I hope to see them again*, but I don't have ultimate control over when, where, how—or *if*. I have to wait, hope and trust.

Can you imagine what the apostles went through at the death of Jesus? Did all of their hopes and expectations die with Him on the cross? They saw their *leader*, their *teacher*, their *rabbi*, mocked cruelly, beaten mercilessly and then put to death. I suspect they feared for their very lives. Perhaps they recalled some of the things that He had told them to keep His memory alive. The events of **Good Friday** did not present any apparent hope or future possibilities. Death seemed so callous, cruel and final. Death seemed triumphant.

Then came **Easter**. Everything changed. *He is risen!* Somehow, despite the horrible things that were done to Him, He is still alive—*miraculously!*

For us Christians nothing is really as important as Christ conquering sin and death and rising from the dead. Easter is about Resurrection. It is about eternal life. It is about hope and **joy**.

Unfortunately, we all will face the **Good Fridays** of our lives. Death will come to each of us and to the ones that we love. It may seem cruel, unfair, and so permanent. We may not know what we are going to do or where we should turn. We may even be on the brink of despair. However, in these darkest of hours, turn to **Jesus**. Trust **Jesus**.

I can only imagine the inexplicable **joy** that the apostles had when they saw Jesus alive again. I am sure that it surpassed their greatest expectations and gave them a faith in Christ that they would subsequently take to the ends of the earth. They would live and die for Christ, trying to spread His message of Good News—the *Gospel*. They would speak about resurrection and eternal life. They had their hope restored and they attempted to give others this hope in Jesus.

This Easter I pray that you experience the **joy** of the Risen Christ. May your faith in Him and love for Him increase and radiate from your entire being.

He is not dead but very much alive!

I thank all who work so hard and who are so generous in helping to strengthen our Christian faith community here at **St. Thomas More Parish**. Be assured of my daily prayers and Masses for all of you.

May I ask a continued remembrance in your prayers and Masses as well?

Fr. Ed Namiootka, Pastor

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Ministry Schedule for April 23/24

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Joanne Julie	G. Tyrrell	K. McFadden	E. & E. Shim
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca Jullie	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	A. & R. Witts
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Becca Julie	J. DeMichele	M. Dwyer	



With Mary Magdalene let us take a virtual walk to the TOMB. See if we find JESUS there, and listen deeply to what he might be telling each us.



*Blessed Easter
To our families and volunteers*

- ~ Feast of Divine Mercy Celebration ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Shrine St. Lawrence Campus ~ Lindenwold NJ April 24 2 – 6 p.m. Bilingual.
- ~ Procession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~
- ~ Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image ~
- ~ Confessions ~
- ~ Jesus Actual Words to St. Faustina ~
- ~ Soul-filling Music & Meditations ~
- ~ 3:00 PM: The Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song ~
- ~ Benediction ~
- ~ 5:00 PM: Mass of Divine Mercy



New Parishioner Registration
(Are you attending Mass here regularly? Are you registered? If not, please fill out information below and return to the parish office. The parish office will contact you for further information. Please drop this form in the collection basket.) **Registration form is also available on the parish website: stthomasmorenj.org**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



**Cherry Hill Food Pantry
2022 Raffle Fundraiser
Tickets \$10 apiece
Drawing April 30, 2022
at 6:00 PM
See Elaine Beckman or
Jon Lisitski**

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:30AM Intentions of Richard Tyrrell r/b family
11:00AM Jim Bones r/b Teri

MONDAY, APRIL 18

9:00AM Paul Ahn & Damiano Ahn r/b Clara
NO Adoration today

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

9:00AM Marie Santangini r/b Joan Hyer
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

9:00AM Reginald Kramer r/b Gerri Boyle
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 AM Brian & Mary Bones r/b Teri
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

9:00 AM John Mohan r/b wife, Sheila & family
9:30 AM—12NOON Eucharistic Adoration
in the Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

4:30 PM Ron Edwin Martinez
r/b Pauline Montes & family

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

8:30 AM Anne Gehring r/b Joanne Wachman
11:00 AM Raymond Santiago, Jr.
r/b Pauline Montes & Ruiz families

Pope Francis' APRIL Prayer Intentions
For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Elizabeth Garber, Marjorie Graham, Eileen Goodwin, Jean Haines, Maureen Howe, Audrey Johnson, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Marie Manalo, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Joseph Ryan, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Lt. Christopher Mawn, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rimbaugh, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country in the armed forces.*

House of Charity 2022
"From Many...One Body"

When our parish collects its goal amount, up to 10% is returned to our parish for our local charitable needs. Additionally, 75% of all funds received above our parish goal will also be returned to our local parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work. This year **St. Thomas More Parish goal is \$89,700. To date we have raised \$30,461 which is 34% of our goal.** Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of your contribution for this year.



The Parish Office is CLOSED Monday, April 18, 2022. We will reopen as usual on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. There will be NO ADORATION on Monday, April 18, 2022.

St. Thomas More Consolation Ministry
"Journeying Through Grief"

Contact: Contact Ann Marie Lento 856-344-7454 ;rlento05@comcast.net or Jon Lisitski 856-210-6466 jonll1@comcast.net for more information.

Upcoming meetings scheduled for: **April 28 & May 26 at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall.**

"By embracing the pain, by looking into it and beyond it, I have come to see God's presence even in the worst situations. Joseph, Cardinal, Bernardin

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Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for Proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

Excerpt from the Gospel for Second Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2022– John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you"... Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Commentary:

Our fifty day celebration of Easter is not about remembering all the people long ago who saw Jesus. It is about us having encountered the Risen Lord. If we can't honestly say, "We have seen the Lord," then it really doesn't matter who else may have seen him. We find ourselves in Thomas' shoes, listening to other people talk about an experience that sounds otherworldly and maybe, frankly, unbelievable. If you personally have witnessed light in darkness, new life from death, hope arising from despair, talk about that. Give testimony to your experiences. And if you haven't yet had those experiences, then pray, seek, insist, and be outrageous in your quest for a divine encounter - just like Thomas.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Commentary resonates with me?



Pro-Life Corner: Abortion is the only event that liberals/progressives find too violent or obscene to show on TV. This is not because they are squeamish or sensitive. It is because if people knew what abortion really

looks like, it would destroy their pretense that abortion is a civilized answer to the problem of what to do about unwanted babies. Please take this challenge: go online and view an actual surgical abortion. It is truly a life challenging experience. If people would see an abortion, people would end abortion.

Catholic Home Missions Collection NEXT weekend

The Catholic Home Missions collection is a USCCB appeal that provides resources to strengthen the Church in the U.S. by providing funds to enhance pastoral ministry through catechesis, seminarian and lay training and education and more in mission dioceses that lack the basic resources to provide spiritual care in their communities. Dioceses that have received funding from this appeal comprise over 45% of all U.S. dioceses!

Our mission is to help people know, love and serve God locally and globally.



Environment: Facts and Figures

National Resources Defense Council

Approximately 40% of the lakes in America are too polluted for fishing, aquatic life, or swimming.

Seametrics

The rate of Antarctic ice loss is 5 times what it was 20 years ago.

World Economic Forum

60% of items bought in a year are thrown away within a year.

Greenpeace

Water

3 trillion gallons of water are used in the U.S. each year to water lawns.

National Resources Defense Council

80% of sewage in developing countries is discharged untreated directly into water bodies.

United Nations

Industry dumps an estimated 300-400 million tons of polluted waste in waters every year



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