

St. Thomas More Church

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Sunday: LIVE STREAM
Mass 11:00 am



Rite of Reconciliation
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THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER April 26, 2020

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Grades one thru four:

Grades five thru eight:

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith.

Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

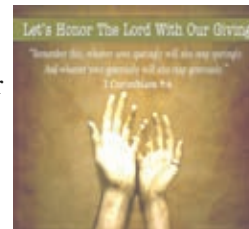
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Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing

Please be on guard for any Covid-19 scams. The priests, bishop, or religious will NOT email you or contact you regarding any need for gift cards, or other monetary items. Ignore these schemes.

We Thank everyone who diligently mailed, dropped off or used on line giving for your church contributions.

Your generosity to our Parish is greatly needed and appreciated.



In this unprecedented time of COVID-19, we remain the Body of Christ – a family of brothers and sisters in Christ who support and encourage one another to live and love like Jesus. The New

Testament emphasizes the connection of “one another” in many verses. For example, we read:

- “Love one another” (John 13:34)
- “Serve one another” (Gal 5:13)
- “Pray for one another” (Jas 5:16)

Jesus takes care of His people through us. How are you called to respond?

Protect Life
Preserve that which sustains Life
Care for our common home
....Pope Francis



Stewardship Corner: “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” **LUKE 24:32**

How often do we, as Christian **Stewards**, take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us?

If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus.

Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out.

Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

Peace Be with you.

Please consider virtually joining our live streaming celebration of Sunday Mass. We will continue to live stream Mass at 11:00 AM every Sunday for the duration of our confinement.

The majority of your responses to our inquiry regarding proposed Mass times indicated a preference for the 8:30 and 11:00 AM Mass times for Sunday morning. Our Saturday vigil Mass remains at 4:30 PM. Thus, when we can gather together again, our schedule of Sunday Masses will be:

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Sunday 11:00 AM

For this reason, we will live stream Sunday Mass at 11:00 AM.

Let me share a few reminders:

>All our palm was blessed on Palm Sunday and will be available to you in abundance once we gather together again.

>The dates for our celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be announced as soon as we know them. This necessary delay will not prevent our children's reception of these sacraments.

>The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Saturday between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. Please come to the parish office entrance and ring the bell.

>We will continue to publish our Parish Bulletin on our website (stthomasmorenj.org). We encourage you to consult it regularly for all updates.

In the meantime, let us continue to reach out to one another through telephone or internet.

Let us show our love for one another by staying home and observing our public health protocols of physical distance, handwashing and wearing masks.

We may be at a distance from one-another, but we remain joined together in the heart of God's tender love.

Again, peace be with you!

Msgr. Roger



Mother's Day is May 10, 2020.

We will continue to provide Mother's Day Cards/Spiritual Bouquets as well as your Mother's Day memorial intentions that will be remembered at all Masses during the month of May.

Your Mother's Day intentions can be mailed to the Parish Office in the envelope provided with your monthly contribution envelopes or make your own.

IF you would like a Mother's Day Card mailed to a special *living* Mother, please email or mail the information (NAME, ADDRESS, Zip)to the parish office or stthomasmore@comcast.net. WE will be sure that the recipient receives your Spiritual Bouquet. Card.

The beautiful card depicts the Blessed Mother holding baby Jesus.

Wording—"As a Spiritual Gift, you will be remembered in The Masses offered at St. Thomas More Parish in observance of Mother's Day.

May our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother reward you with the love, joy and contentment you so richly deserve."

During this time of social distancing and isolation what a nice way to remember your beloved mom.

Third Sunday of Easter, APRIL 26, 2020

We will continue live streaming Mass every **Sunday at 11:00 AM Via FACEBOOK live**. Please join us and invite your friends and family.

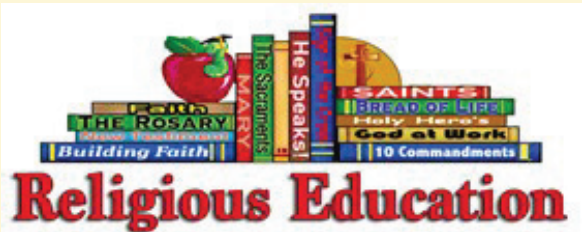
You do not need to login to Facebook to view the mass live stream.

When someone who doesn't have a Facebook account clicks on the **FB link** on our website stthomasmorenj.org they will see Log in or create BUT

It may look like you need to create an account, **but you really just need to scroll down and click on the Video.**

We sincerely thank everyone involved from those communicating, producing, serving at the Altar., music, decorating, and especially all of you who participated via your electronics from home. We feel your presence through mutual prayer.

We especially thank parishioner Eric Thompson for his technical expertise, time and effort.



Peace and All Good to Everyone, particularly our Religious Education Families.

Needless to repeat that we are living in very strange times.

The celebration of First Communion and Confirmation are on hold for as long as the present situation persists.

But JESUS is with us. As we listen to our inner heart, in this time of apprehension and uneasiness, we can find new strength and rediscover meaningfulness in life. In our fretting and fussing to live up to the standards of our culture, many significant values were swept under the rug. Now that we have the time for spring cleaning of our homes (and souls as a way of saying), we may find again some of those values and recognize their importance. . One MOM said to me: "I learned so much during these weeks, I had lost so many values.... I will never go back there, where I was. I feel like I am a new person now." These are pretty strong words.

The story of the "Two disciples of Emmaus" can be our story. Jesus is with us, every day, every moment of our existence, we just need to remember and recognize HIM unceasingly. Once the two disciples recognize Jesus, they could not contain their joy and amazement and they went out to tell the disciples and eventually to tell the whole world and they are still telling us today. Let us plan a new future for our families, based on the essentials: God, Faith, Family first. Together we can help renew our culture and our world.

Here is a link to listen and pray with the Gospel of this Sunday, the third of Easter Season.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSpWmXO-mq4>



We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate the Risen Lord! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenged us to share what we have with our global family.

Rice Bowl donations will be collected through May 2020.



As you are well-aware, 2020 is already starting out as a challenging year.

Our members continue to go out and deliver food and emergency funds to

individuals who are now more in need than ever before. Although we would normally collect at the Masses on the third weekend of each month, we now have a donation link on the Church's website. OR You can still send checks made payable to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St Thomas More Conference), 1439 Springdale Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.

Hopefully, this will enable you to continue to contribute. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

50th Anniversary EARTH DAY



THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER April 26, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

LIVE STREAMING Sunday 11:00 AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Living and Deceased Members of
St. Thomas More Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 Live Streaming 11:00 AM

Dick DeMichele r/b Nancy & Rich
Simmers
Hector Montes r/b Thurs. SCC

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Dick DeMichele r/b Gloria Desrochers

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Brigitta McCarthy r/b Marguerite Dwyer

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Living and Deceased Members of
St. Thomas More Parish

FRIDAY, May 1

Living and Deceased Members of
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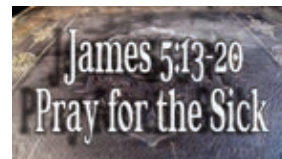
SATURDAY, May 2

Living & deceased members of
St. Thomas More Parish

SUNDAY, May 3 Live Streaming 11:00 AM

Kathleen McGeray r/b Offenbeck Family
Joe & Marie Bongiovanni r/b Family
Dick DeMichele r/b John & Mary
O'Reardon

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: *THE SICK...* Kristina Acevedo, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Joseph



Console, Marie Corcoran, Geralyn Coticone, John Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Catherine Diana, Angelo DiGiacomo, Chuck Goodwin, Thomas Handler, Dick Haughwout, Raffelina Iannelli, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Ron Kramer, Don Kreal, Marie Manalo, John Minot, Arleen Pajic, Tom Pajic, Fred Petrone, Tina Petrone, Joseph Ryan, Frank Sabatino, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Jim Tobin, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner, Kathryn Wolfe, Maureen Howe.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

2nd Lieutenant Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Captain Anthony R. Cosentino, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lily Hutchinson, USN, Petty Officer 3rd class; Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, Senior Airman Kris Knaup, 1st Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Who is My Neighbor?"

Support the 2020 **House of Charity**
Bishop's Annual Appeal

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When we share our blessings with those in need. **Your House of Charity** gift enables Catholic Charities offices in each of our 6 counties to provide a range of vital social services to people in need, for example, through food pantry, clothing, furniture warehouse, and housing assistance.

St. Thomas More Parish Goal : \$120,247.00

To date we have received \$ 59,393.00 49.4% from 127 pledges and donations.

Your neighbors THANK YOU!



Pray for the coronavirus to stop spreading.

Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

Pray for people at higher risk of

developing the disease.

Pray for medical professionals, caregivers, and researchers responsible for fighting the coronavirus.

Pray for leaders responsible for making decisions about the coronavirus.

Pray for families adjusting to new ways of life.

Pray for business owners and families facing financial stress.

Pray for grocery store workers and delivery drivers.

Pray for recently deceased Joe Bassara.

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 the Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020 - John 10:1-10

The sheep hear the voice of the shepherd as he calls his sheep by name and leads them out of the sheepfold. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.

Commentary:

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It's a good day to reflect on what religious leadership is and what it should be for the future. What makes a leader someone who gets your attention, respect, and cooperation? How many such leaders do you know? And most of all, if good leadership seems rare to you, what are you prepared to do to fill the gap? Many people are ready to complain about poor leadership in government, church, and family life, but if we are not prepared to exercise better leadership right where we are, in the context of our present relationships, then our criticism begins to sound a little hollow. Pray for the gift of strong and wise leaders. Pray for the grace to discern who they are. And pray most of all this day to grow into the role of leadership already assigned to you where you live, work, and pray.

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 Reflection resonates with me?



Pro-Life Corner: How Do We Change Our Culture of Death?

Pope John Paul II noted that the structure of man's sin is characterized or manifest on a universal scale in our Culture of Death. He pointed out that the powerful are easily able to manhandle the weak (e.g. abortion and euthanasia).

The culture of death is not the result of philosophy or decrepit ethics, or political theory. The culture of death is a result of sin committed freely by persons.

Let us show our love for one another by staying home and observing our public health protocols of physical distance, handwashing and wearing masks.



Air Pollution and COVID-19

People with COVID-19 who live in U.S. regions with high levels of air pollution are more likely to die from the disease than people who live in less polluted areas,

according to a new nationwide study from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. The study is the first to look at the link between long-term exposure to fine particulate air pollution (PM2.5)—generated largely from fuel combustion from cars, refineries, and power plants—and the risk of death from COVID-19 in the U.S. The study looked at 3,080 counties across the country, comparing levels of fine particulate air pollution with coronavirus death counts for each area the researchers wrote, “The study results underscore the importance of continuing to enforce existing air pollution regulations to protect human health both during and after the COVID-19 crisis”.

“Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths”.
...Pope Francis 2015



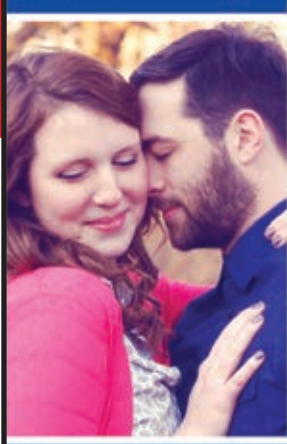
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What's My Name?

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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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