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Eucharistic Celebrations Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am Weekdays:

Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:00 pm





Rite of Reconciliation Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm or any time by appointment

> Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am—12noon Fridays in the Chapel

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Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate for Life Long Faith Formation
Sister Clare Sabini, FMIJ, Director of Religious Education
Julie Linn, Music Ministry
Kathleen Witts, Youth Coordinator
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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.

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.

RCIA Team: Sister Ann Byrnes and John Mohan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 6:30–7:45 p.m.

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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Eucharistic Adoration St. Thomas More Chapel Fridays from 9:30 am—12 noon Come and Pray with Me

"... if My people, who are called by My Name, are sorry for what they have done, if they pray and obey me and stop their evil ways, I will heal their land." 2nd Chronicles 7: 14

Stewardship Reflection: Easter Sunday Stewards Think Above

"Think of what is above, not what is on earth." Colossians 3:2

On this day, we thank God for His Son, Jesus, Who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing, "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts



throughout the year! As Stewards we need to pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (no. 113)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

A series of reflections on professing, praying, thinking, and living the Faith of the Church

"I Believe . . . in the Resurrection of the Body"

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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side (John 20:19-20).

They [the disciples] were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then Jesus said to them: "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have" (Lk. 37-38).

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life – for the Life was made visible and we have seen and testify to it (1 John 1:1-2).

C.S. Lewis once remarked that many Christians suffer from a hyper-spiritualism that distorts and retards their faith. These believers, he said, want to be "more spiritual than God!" In fact, the first great heresy that troubled the Church, and which the apostles themselves had to combat, was the belief that Jesus could not really have come in the flesh. The eternal Word could not possibly have lived a truly human life, for bodily things are evil, while whatever is good is truly spiritual. This sort of spiritualism was later termed "docetism" from a Greek word that means "to appear". In this view Christ seemed to human sight to have a bodily existence, but this was a mere appearance. And certainly if The Incarnation was not what it seemed, the risen Christ had to have been a "pure" spirit, his visual appearances a mirage. The apostle John was looking over his shoulder at this sort of spiritualism when he wrote ". . . and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

Lewis's remark reminds us that a good deal of "docetism" may still dilute the faith of many Christians, blinding them to the full mystery of the Resurrection of Christ (and ours with him).

This is one reason why the Easter narratives in Holy Scriptures stress the physical touching of the marks of the wounds in the body of the risen Christ. This may also explain why the apostles were so keen on preserving the memory of the Easter meals (Luke 24; John 21:12) —a theme to be explored next week.

"I believe in the resurrection of the body". The profession refers to the resurrection, first of Christ himself. For our Lord Jesus did not "discard" the mystery of The Incarnation. He remains forever the one "born of the Virgin Mary". Nor did the risen Christ simply "leave behind" his self-offering on the Cross. He remains forever the Crucified One. Just so, we who live and die *in the body*, who suffer *in the body*, who love *in the body*, have his truly human companionship. It is God who created the body as well as the soul. It is the same God who redeems the body as well as the soul. It is truly *all of you* that God will raise from the dead.

And so it seems appropriate to end with one of St. Paul's benedictions. "May the God of peace himself make you perfectly holy, and may you entirely, *spirit*, *soul*, *and body*, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for APRIL 7/8

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server		
4:30PM	Father	Music Ministry	P. & N. Kirincic G. Tyrrell	J. Mohan	I. & C. Fulton		
8:30 am	Father	Music Ministry	B. Lento B. Massey	M. Maggart	C. Oatway A. Kuzinski		
10:00 am	Father	Music Ministry	D. & L. Lyon M. Santiago	J. Campbell	M. Mueller A. Librojo Quay –1		
11:30 am	Father	Music Ministry	M. Gorin, M. Garber B. Haughwout	D. Haughwout	D. Ha, M. Devlin M. Carr		

The Ministry schedule can be found at the St. Thomas More website: http://stthomasmorenj.org



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Sr. Clare 424-3212 ext. 106

STM Youth



It is with Jesus' Rising from the Dead that we are renewed in life. The Easter season is a time to grow in new life....I ask you to try something new to grow in your faith. Start to read the daily readings, say the rosary, visit the nursing home, help around the house....

The STM Youth Ministry is always open to offering new activities and programs especially if the interest is coming from the YOUTH themselves.....Contact Katie if you have ideas!

If you would like more information about other STM YOUTH events please contact Katie 856-305-2914 or youthgroup@stthomasmorenj.org



Thank You!

To all who gave so generously of their time and talents to make our Easter celebrations so joyous and memorable. **Thank you**: for

providing flowers; cleaning; decorating; preparing the Altar; making the music so special at all the Masses; ushering during Mass and serving at the altar: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist; Lectors; and Altar Servers.



Mass Intentions for the Week

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 1

8:30 am Henry & Emily Ryszkiewicz r/b family 10:00 am Ray Desrochers r/b Jack Boesch

Joe Zielinski r/b Cindy & family

Mildred Leber

r/b St. Thomas More Women's Club

11:30 am Kay Frain r/b Jack Boesch

MONDAY, APRIL 2

One Mass only today

9:00 am intentions of Thomas Gestautas

r/b Marian Kapischke

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

6:45 am For the homeless

9:00 am intentions of Donna Carol Kapischke

r/b Marian Kapischke

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

6:45 am For cancer patients 9:00 am Robert Oberholzer r/b Gail & Ron Bizzoso

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

6:45 am Thanksgiving 9:00 am Sophie Pelechowicz

r/b Marian Kapischke

Mary Rocca

r/b Charles & Barbara Cerquitella **Mildred Leber** r/b Teri Bones

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

6:45 am People of the parish

3:00 pm Joseph Ryan, Jr. r/b family

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

9:00 am living & deceased members of the Parish 4:30 pm Phil Petrone r/b Ann & Tim Gardner

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

8:30 am Andrew Rossi r/b Gary Gadren

10:00 am living & deceased members of Uhlman

family r/b Ted & Kay Uhlman Milton Rij r/b Flynn family

Mildred Leber

r/b Dudley & Mary Lou Thomas

11:30 am William Smith r/b Kathleen Cappetta

Papal Intentions for the Month of April: That economists may have the courage to reject the economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK...Pat Beaney, Francesca Capra, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Frank Colbert, Sean Colbert, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Geralyn Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Lillian Creedon, Pasquale DiFronzo, Angelo DiGiacomo, Harry Gindele, Sue Hagan, Thomas Houston, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, Stephen Kaye, John B. Kennedy, Jack & Helen Kenny, Peggy Kiefner, Maureen Kochanek, Stan Kochanek, Don Kreal, Mildred Leber, Mary Ellen Lepre, Al MacElrath, Marie Manalo, Vince Marchesani, Wayne Mauri, Sr., Joe Mazzagatti, Jerry McMenamin, Youngmork Park, Hilda K Pellerito, Eleanor Perrotta, Fred Petrone, Tina Petrone, Pauline Rosberg, Joseph Ryan, John S., Frank Sabatino, Barbara Salpas, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Frank Sines, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Maria Storms, Samuel Stafford, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, George Sweeten, Christopher Tama, Stephanie Tama, Marcy Toub, Ted Uhlman, Kathryn Wolfe, Linda Van Name, Ann Vigrass.

THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

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M. Mawn, PFC Sonny Morrison, 1Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, and Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Lt. Col. James P. Tobin



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.)

Name:	 	
Address:	 	
Phone:		
Email:		

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, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018 - 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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ... Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. He said, "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." (Jesus appears to them again. This time Thomas is present. Jesus invites Thomas to see his wounds and to believe.) Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Commentary:

Thomas, who was absent when Jesus first appeared to the apostles in the locked upper room, refused to believe that the Lord has risen. Now, Jesus speaks to Thomas and tells him to examine his hands, etc. Thomas moves from unbelief to belief. Thomas saw and believed and new life was given to him. We who have not seen and have believed have also been given new life by God. The Spirit's presence within those who believe testifies that Jesus is the Son of God.

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: If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything. Stand up and speak out for life. One man or woman with courage can have a positive

effect on the future of our nation.

Al MacElrath-779-7130

7th Annual IRace4Vocations, Sunday, April 22, 2018, Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville Crosskeys Rd, Sewell, NJ). The day starts at 1:00 pm when Bishop Sullivan celebrates a Mass for Vocations and is followed by a 5k run/1 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race. The day will end with a picnic and family fun. For more information and to register for this event: camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations.

St. Thomas More Parish
Progressive Dinner
Sunday, April 22, 2018
Caffe Aldo Lamberti
5:30—9:30 PM
Reservation Information in the
Gathering Space.





50th Anniversary Event
Join us for our St. Thomas More 50th
Anniversary Family Communion
Breakfast on Sunday, April 15th at
11:30 am at St. Mary's Hall on
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Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 3PM Sunday, June 10th, 2018 Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Glassboro, NJ Deadline for registration is May 18, 2018. For more information or to register, contact the Parish Office (424-3212)



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