

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

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## Easter Sunday



*As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God. Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.*

ALLELUIA  
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Why seek the dead  
among the living?

He is not here.  
He is risen  
and lives!



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## He has been Raised Up!

April 1, 2018 • Easter Sunday

### Your Membership Data

Update birthdays, anniversaries, pictures, email addresses and other info on our database: <https://stmnj.bythebook.us/co/>. Enter your email address and last name. Receive a confirmation email in order to log on. If you don't see your info, call the office or email [info@stmnj.org](mailto:info@stmnj.org) to give us your name and email address. We will enter that address and send you a note back to try again. Your email address needs to match the one in the database to log in.

### Organ Recital

As part of the Diocese's 80th anniversary and the reopening of St. John's Cathedral, Sunday, April 15 at 4 pm. Free-will offering. Free parking in the parking garage across from the Cathedral. Info: [john@peragallo.com](mailto:john@peragallo.com).



**PREPARING FOR  
NEXT WEEK'S  
LITURGY**

**8th Day of Easter**

First Reading: Acts  
4: 32-35

Luke wrote a two-volume work: his Gospel and Acts of the Apostles, describing the life of the Church after the Resurrection. During the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's passage, Luke gives an idealized description of early Christian community life.

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

During the Sundays of Easter, our second reading is taken from the first letter of John. It was written about 100 A.O., and is one of the last New Testament books to be composed. This letter was written in the tradition of the apostle John and thus bears his name. Today's passage from near the end of this brief letter treats the fundamentals of Christian life: faith, love, and the commandments.

This Week's Question

*For Adults:*

Why do you believe that you will live with Christ for all eternity?

*For Children:*

Who has helped you believe that you will live with Jesus forever?

**Attention All Kids  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Sunday April 15**

**after the 9 am Mass**

**AND snow will be long gone!  
Join Us**

**Bring Your Own Basket**



Easter Egg Hunt

### CRS Rice Bowl

We prayed, fasted and gave alms/ Now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl as soon as possible.



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### Save the Date

Sisters of Charity Spring Lake Luncheon, Thurs. June 14, Spring Lake Bath and Tennis Club. Guest Speaker, Michelle Charlesworth.

### Serving the Parish

We are in dire need of eucharistic ministers and lectors. Please serve. Contact the parish office or email Fr. Joe at [jfarias@stmnj.org](mailto:jfarias@stmnj.org)

### Open House at Morris Catholic High School!

Sunday, May 6, 2 to 4 pm. Visit the campus, meet the faculty, and learn about student life directly from our Student Ambassadors. Register to attend at [www.morriscatholic.org/OpenHouse/](http://www.morriscatholic.org/OpenHouse/).

### Conference for Family Caregivers

“Plan The Best and Safest Living Situation For Your Loved One.” Sat. April 21, 2018, 8:30 - 12:30pm. Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave. Workshops focused on appropriate care for loved ones and the cost of care and options. Complimentary breakfast.

### Paper Shredding Event to Benefit the Young, Physically Disabled

Cheshire Home, 9 Ridgedale Ave., Florham Park. Sat. April 14, 9 am - noon, rain or shine By Security Shredding of Morris Plains. Donation is \$5 per standard-size box. All proceeds will support programs of the Cheshire Home Community Resource Center.

### Infant Massage

Learn about Infant Massage. Babies 0-12 months old and your loved ones welcome. Parents, Grandparents, Caretakers. Learning the theory about infant massage and time massaging your baby. Gabrielle M. Salomon, MD DFAPA. Monday April 9, 10 am. Grace Counseling Center, Madison Ave., Madison.

### Today’s Catholic Woman: Feminine, Faithful, Fearless

Sat. April 28, 1-1 pm. St. Paul Inside the Walls. \$25. Cindy Costello, Kate Wicker, Katie McKenna. <<https://insidethewalls.org/womens-conference>>.

### What’s Happening?

**Sunday**  
No Religious Ed.  
Pound A Week  
**Monday**  
Office Closed  
**Next Sunday**  
Clothing collection



**Every Sunday**  
Pound A Week

Easter Egg Hunt —April 15

### Stewardship of Treasure

Last week: \$ 6994  
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Take a Hometouch Bulletin to a home bound person. Bulletins are on the desk at the church entrance doors.

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### Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm  
Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm  
Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am  
Reconciliation  
Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.  
Holy Days  
8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

Parish Office Hours  
Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

*Other times & days,  
call to see if office  
is open.*

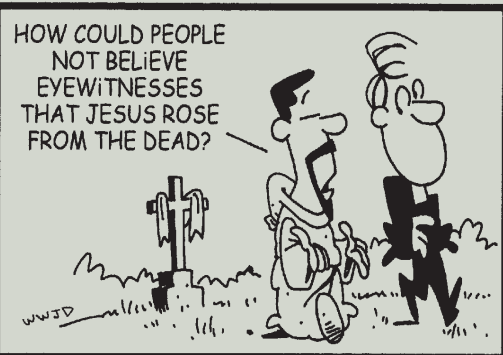
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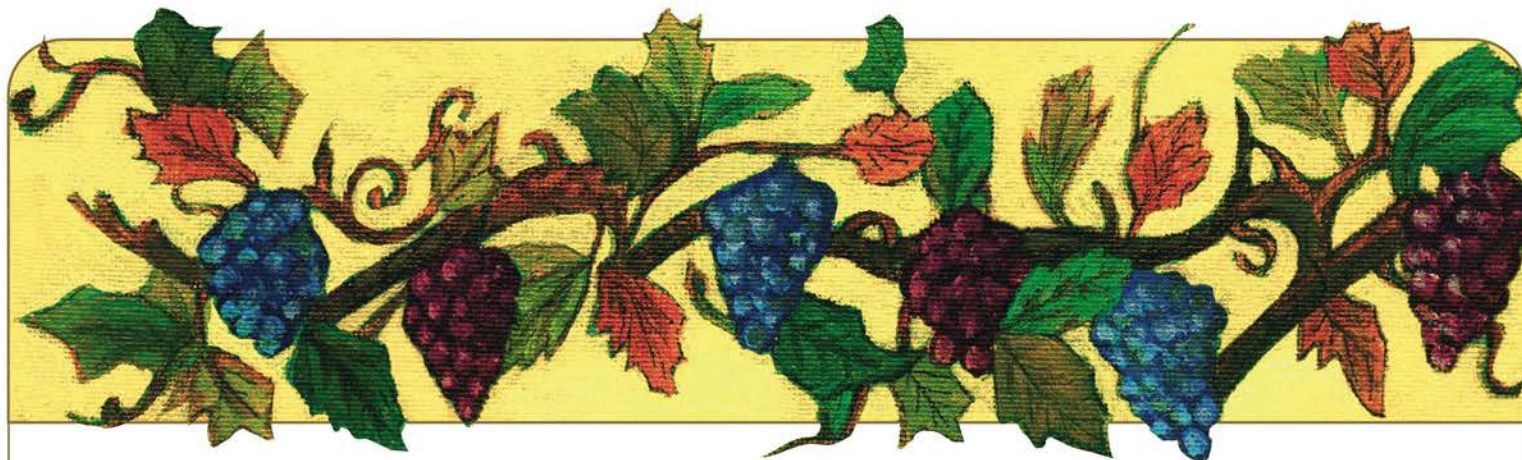


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## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 2

#### Good News

Today's Gospel picks up right after the two Marys encounter the angels at the empty tomb. These faithful women hurried to share the news with the others. If we have truly seen and heard the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection, then why wouldn't we also go forth to tell of God's salvation? Imagine yourself meeting these two on their way to share the news. What would they say to you? How would you respond? Write a note of Good News to a friend. *Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Matthew 28:8-15.*

### Tuesday, April 3

#### Mary at the Tomb

John's Gospel presents another telling of Mary Magdalene at the tomb. It's a bit more somber than yesterday and you can hear the sorrow that fills Mary's heart. When she finally recognizes Jesus, she goes to tell the others that she has seen him. Like Mary, we must witness to others. Like Peter in Acts, we invite others to hear the story and come to know Jesus more intimately. For your prayer before meals, sing your favorite "Alleluia" in praise to God. *Today's Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; John 20:11-18.*

### Wednesday, April 4

#### Hearts Burning

The story of the road to Emmaus captures a scene soon after the Resurrection account. Think about who introduced you to Jesus. When Christ is present in our lives, our hearts should burn with joy. This joy overflows and propels us to share the Good News to the ends of the earth. Break bread at dinner tonight and talk about the joy of the Lord in your life. *Today's Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:13-25.*

### Thursday, April 5

#### Peace Be with You

It's easy to imagine the fear the disciples had immediately after the death of Christ. They believed he was the Savior and yet, he had been killed. The encounters with Christ after the Resurrection help his followers understand more fully God's plan. The Messiah came as a servant who gave himself so that others might have life. In the Gospel, Jesus offers the disciples peace and attempts to calm them. Think about ways you can bear the light of peace in your family and community. *Today's Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:35-48.*

### Friday, April 6

#### Eucharist

In this third encounter with Jesus, the disciples share a meal with him after a night of fishing. As with the Emmaus reading, Jesus is revealed in the breaking of the bread. At every Mass, the Risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking and sharing of bread. The Eucharist provides the nourishment we need to go forth, "fish" for people, and share the news of salvation. Where else do you see Christ present? Invite a friend to lunch today. *Today's Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; John 21:1-14.*

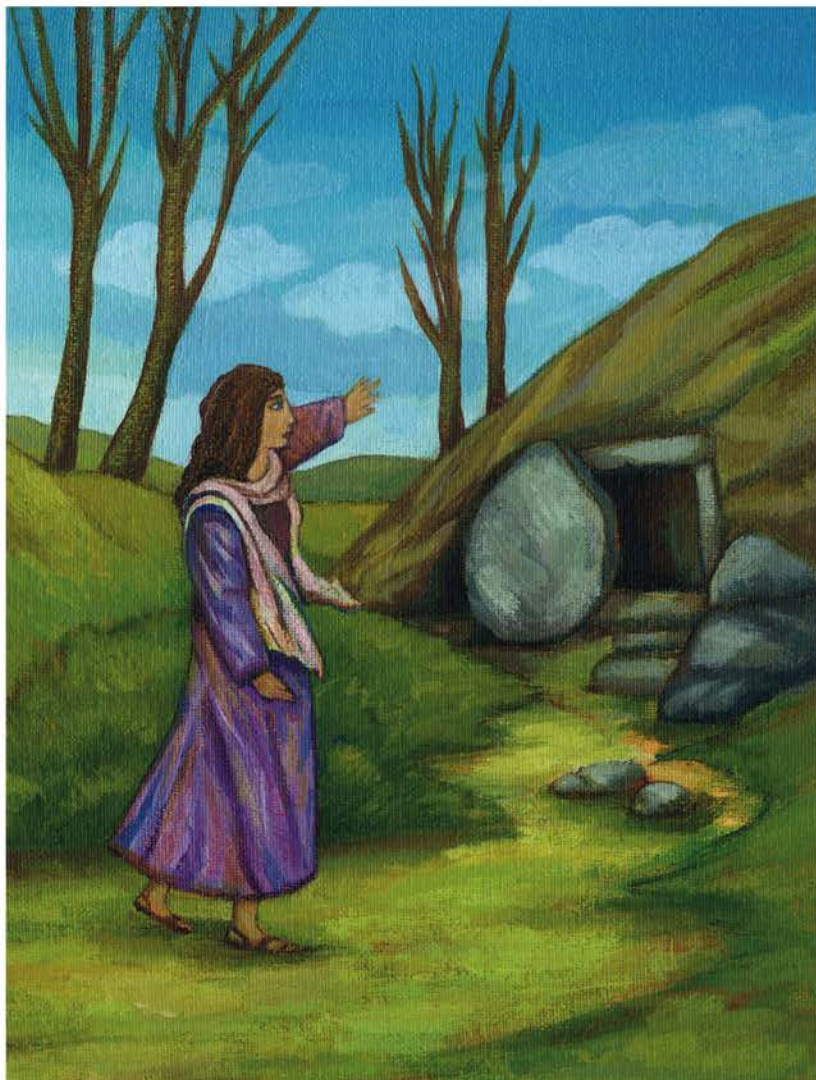
### Saturday, April 7

#### Proclamation

In the First Reading, we hear that, despite the elders' warning, Peter and John continue to speak of Jesus. The truth they experienced in the person of Christ is undeniable and filled with love. To continue Christ's work and build up the Kingdom, they are committed to sharing the Good News with any person they encounter. As an Easter people, we must fervently share the Gospel. Make it a point to get to know one of the neophytes in the parish and hear their story of encountering Christ. *Today's Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mark 16:9-15.*



# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



## Go Forth

O God, source of all joy,  
your majesty has been proclaimed  
throughout all of creation  
in the dying and rising of your Son, Jesus.  
Today, we celebrate his victory,  
his triumph over darkness and death;  
and rejoice in the gift of new life.  
Like Mary of Magdala,  
grant us joyful hearts that go forth  
announcing salvation.  
Instill within us a deep faith and an  
intense love.

On this Easter day, filled with wonder,  
help us to know your Son more intimately  
so that, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
we may forever proclaim the enduring  
love poured out on all.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Good News



*Today's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–9.* As the trumpets sounded the introduction to the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil one year, Christ's triumph over death and sin was truly present to me; the reality that God's love saves me set in and tears of joy filled my eyes. How could I be loved so much? As the congregation's Alleluia broke the silence of the Triduum, I asked, "How can we not rejoice and sing with all creation at God's marvelous gift?" Think of a time when your Easter joy flooded you. What did you come to know about Christ, about the Resurrection and your life?

The mystery of the Resurrection is hard to comprehend, but this is truly the day that the Lord has made. All

creation shouts with a profound joy in exultation to our loving God, who, in his kindness, gave his Son that we might live. This is the fulfillment of the covenant promised to Noah and Abraham and all our ancestors. Many of us will gather around a table to share a meal with family and friends. Like the Eucharist, keep in mind that this is the feast of joy; a feast where the Church not only gives thanks and praise, but also learns what it means to live in the light. The suffering and challenges of Lent make way to a new life, in which we are called to serve the poor and marginalized and to proclaim the Good News. During the Octave of Easter, strive to eat a festive meal as a family each evening.