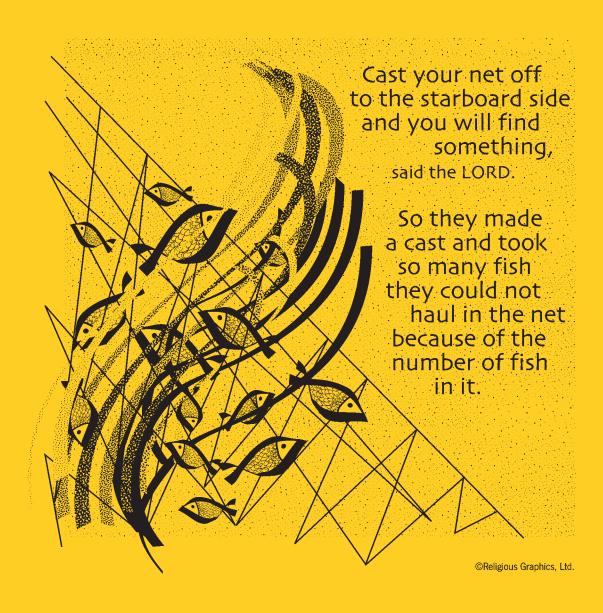


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Other times & days, call to see if office is open.

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The Day of Resurrection

What's Happening?

Sunday

Religious Ed Easter Egg Hunt Clothing Collection Pound A Week



Every Sunday Pound A Week

Pics for Website

Did you take any pictures at the St. Patrick Day part? At Easter? A baptism or other event? Why not share them so we can use them on our website. Bring them to the rectory or email them to info@stmnj.org.

Sisters of Charity Spring Lake Luncheon

Tuesday, June 7, Spring Lake Bath & Tennis Club, Spring Lake, NJ. Guest speaker: Mary Lou Quinlan, author of *The God Box*.

"A Journey of the Heart" Tickets: \$125 to benefit the Sisters. of Charity. Info: 973-290-5480.

Birthdays in April

- 1 Louise Addonizio
- 4 Desmond Lloyd
- 6 Joe Rooney
- 7 Elizabeth Imagna
- 11 Frank Sweeney, 90
- 14 Lois Dovle
- 14 Bernie Flanagan
- 15 Frank Falcone
- 16 Marilyn Kiernan
- 18 Mike Lloyd
- 22 Jeanne Bass
- 24 Suzanne Kedersha
- 24 Kimberly Smith
- 27 Eric Chang
- 29 Colin Tiwar



Happy 39th Anniversary to Rocco and Terry Fornaro on April 12!!!!!

This Week's Question

For Adults:

In what ways are you answering Jesus' command to Peter to "feed my sheep"?

For Children:

What do you do to take care of others as Jesus asked Peter to do?

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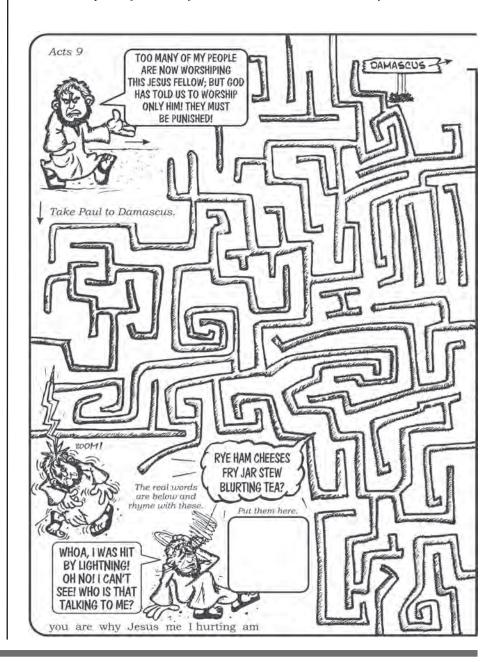
To all our visitors this weekend

Please remember the sick and homebound of our Parish.

We are all called to prayer. As a faith community, let us keep in mind all those who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God

Peter An, Phil Barrett, Elaine Bellock, Eric Braham, Pat Brennan, Ronald & Maureen Brodeur, Dominic Cantarella, Jim Cavanaugh, Kay Cavanaugh, Michael Cavaliere, Cheryl, John Dolan, Dan Doyle, Frank Falcone, Joe & Peg Farrell, Mike Faul, Mary Finlay, John Flaherty, Hayley Kuhn, Maria Ludwig, Joseph Montgomery, Adalcina Antao Moreira, Fr. Charles Parr, Michael Papalos, John Pra, Christopher Raiola, Josephine Rapp, Tom Warren, Diane Zadrozny.

If you know someone whose name should be removed, please keep us informed. To add a name, please fill out the form on the website or in the rectory.





PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 13.14-52

None of the readings at liturgy during the seven week Easter Season are from the Old Testament. In its place, we read from the Acts of the Apostles to show how the Easter message spread far and wide to all parts of the Mediterranean world. Today, Paul and Barnabas are preaching in what is now central Turkey.

Second Reading: Revelation 7.9-17

The book of Revelation was not intended to predict actual people and events in future times. The author was concerned only about people and events in his own time and was given no privileged information about the future. In today's passage, the author encourages people of that time by presenting a vision of God's people enjoying heavenly life.

Parish on a Journey

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Please place your he Rice Bowl contribution in any of the collection baskets by next week.

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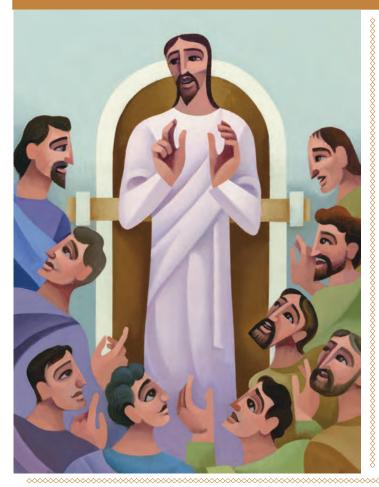
Make a donation to purchase animals for needy families. You can donate a share of an animal. Forms are in the vestibule. Make checks payable to St. Thomas More. This will continue our Heifer project until Pentecost.

God's Grace is Young Enough

For the Young and Young At Heart
Readings for this Sunday
Acts 5:27-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
From Mourning into Dancing
Suggested Reflection Questions

- The apostles are brought before the authorities for failing to heed their warning about preaching and in Jesus' name. Humiliated by the Sanhedrin, the apostles leave rejoicing. They've been found worthy to suffer dishonor for Jesus. Are we willing to suffer dishonor to be bearers of God's good news of love, justice, and liberation? How are we called to find joy in sacrificing our pride for the Gospel?
- In the psalms we hear of joy for God's steadfast love. God has turned a night of weeping into a joyful dawn and transformed mourning into dancing. Our Lenten season has come to an end. We have entered into the joyful season of Easter with assurance of God's conquering mercy. How can the Church share this joy with the world? How can we as individuals share it?
- Peter and John encounter the Lord as they fish in the morning. Though Peter denied Jesus three times, Jesus commissions him three times to tend his flock. Peter's dishonor at betraying Jesus is transformed into the honor of the care of the early Church. How can we mirror Jesus' forgiveness of Peter in our own lives?

Christ is Risen; He is indeed Risen!



Presence

Good and gracious God, in Baptism you call us out of darkness into the light of life.

Open our eyes to see your Son and fill us with zeal so that, like Peter, who jumped into the sea to greet Christ, we may delight in your friendship.

May the abundant love you share with each of us overflow,

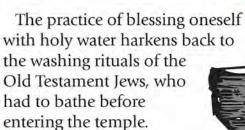
and lead us to care for all your children.
Grant that our Eucharistic sharing
unite us in one heart and mind
so that we can faithfully and joyfully
proclaim the Good News of salvation to the
ends of the earth.

And may your Holy Spirit lead us always to accept your invitation to feast at your table.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?



Today, when we bless ourselves with holy water, it brings to mind our own baptism. It was at our baptism that our souls were washed

clean of original sin and we were officially made members of the Church. We also received the gift of faith. In blessing ourselves, we renew our baptismal promise.



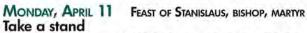
SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Make your own mark

In the early days of Christianity, when its Jewish roots were prominent, Jesus was sometimes referred to as the "great high priest." But he sure broke the mold for the typical Jewish high priest. The position had been hereditary for many generations in Jewish history, passed from father to son from the time of Aaron, brother of Moses. Later on, Roman authorities assumed the authority to appoint the high priest, thereby assuring his civil obedience (or swiftly replacing him). Jesus was anything but obedient to civil authorities—or religious ones for that matter. He answered to a higher calling. You too can live a life that is anything but ordinary—if you believe in your own sacred lineage.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 (48). "The high priest questioned them, 'We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name?'"



Saint Stanislaus was a Polish bishop in 1079 who didn't back down, despite threats and charges of treason from the corrupt and immoral King Boleslaus the Bold. After Stanislaus excommunicated Boleslaus, the king ordered the just bishop's death, and when soldiers refused, Boleslaus did the deed with his own hands. When leaders are out of line, let Stanislaus embolden you against injustice. You might not wield the influence of a bishop, but you can speak up, get involved, write an email, vote, protest, or boycott. Small actions can add up to make a big difference.

Today's readings; Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life."

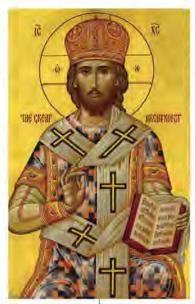
TUESDAY, APRIL 12 EASTER WEEKDAY What just happened?

A bishop celebrating Confirmation soon after Easter asked the adults in the congregation—not the kids—"Do you know what mystagogia means?" Embarrassment. No takers. It means, "going deeper into the mysteries." It's the time after Easter when the newly baptized reflect on "what just happened" at their entrance into the church. It's a good idea for all believers, especially adults, to deepen their faith through spiritual reading. There is much excellent material available. What's the last book on Catholicism you've read? Perhaps The Francis Effect: A Radical Pope's Challenge to the American Catholic Church, by John Gehring, would be a good one to turn to.

Today's readings: Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35 (274). "Whoever comes to me will never hunger."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 FEAST OF MARTIN I, POPE, MARTYR Provide refuge

Pope Francis has called on every parish, religious community, monastery, and sanctuary to take in one refugee family fleeing the Middle East. As you support this effort in your own locale,



remember the plight of Pope Martin I, who was driven into exile and subjected to great suffering that eventually killed him—all for refusing to capitulate to a Byzantine emperor. Pope Pius VII later wrote of the virtually abandoned Martin, "Without the assistance offered by the pious generosity of individuals, he would not have had food for himself and his few attendants." You can help those in situations like Martin's today.

Today's readings: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger."

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 EASTER WEEKDAY Death, where is your sting?

Though the "denial of death" is widespread in a youth-oriented culture, we've all tasted its bitterness in the loss of those we love. The <u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u> makes the Easter point: "Jesus, the Son of God, also himself suffered the death that is part of the human condition. Yet,

despite his anguish as he faced death, he accepted it . . . [and] the obedience of Jesus has transformed the curse of death into a blessing" because "it is a participation in the death of the Lord, so that [we] can also share his Resurrection." Easter does not happen only to Jesus.

Today's readings: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). "Whoever believes has eternal life."

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 EASTER WEEKDAY Fine-tune your faith

When we recite the Nicene Creed—our Catholic belief expressed in a profession of faith—we say that Jesus Christ is "consubstantial" with the Father. Before the English translation of the liturgy of the Mass was modified in 2011, we used to say "one in being" with the Father. While not everyone appreciated the change, "consubstantial" captures the original Latin term for "same substance." The change is an opportunity to reflect on what exactly the words you say mean. Keep working to deepen your understanding of your belief.

Today's readings: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). "He began at once to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God."

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

EASTER WEEKDAY

Make your kindness indispensable

We move through our days viewing events of each hour from our limited point of view. This self-at-the-center perspective can make us feel indispensable to the action whether it's family life, our contribution at work, or our place at the parish or in the neighborhood. While we may feel that little can go on without us, history proves us wrong about that. In a little side story in Acts, a generous woman named Dorcas demonstrates what the world really can't do without! Peter is obliged to bring her back to life to renew her service. Be indispensably kind.

Today's readings: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). "The widows came to Peter weeping and showing him the tunics and cloaks that Dorcas had made."



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow-a day at a time.

Who, Where Why, How ...

If abortion excommunicates a person, how are some priests allowed to absolve such sinners in this Jubilee year?

Canon law places many conditions to be present before a person incurs excommunication. Most would not be aware of them. "Formal cooperation" in an abortion constitutes a grave sin and can incur excommunication. This space is too short to explain what that means, but it introduces even more conditions. In order to incur this sanction a person must be of majority age and, more important, must be aware when the act is committed that an excommunication is involved. Many Catholics know abortion is wrong, yet do not know that an excommunication follows, if they even know what an excommunication is. Furthermore, if the woman is experiencing terrible fear or confusion, or if she is under severe pressure from family or close friends , there may not be an excommunication. Attaching the penalty of excommunication, makes clear the gravity of destroying unborn life but this never limits God's compassion and mercy.

Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish

We are glad you decided to celebrate with our Parish Family. If you have recently moved into the parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please take a parish membership form at the entrances of the church or email and we will send you a form. Hopefully we can set up an appointment to meet one another. Or you may call the parish office at 973-267-5330.

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Whether you are new or a veteran, consider joining or helping in the various areas of parish life. Call the office. Interested in something you don't see, don't be shy, talk to Fr. Joe.

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Pound A Week. Show how much we care! Bring a pound of goods when you come to church. Pasta, tuna, powdered milk or soup. Peanut butter or jelly or crackers. Even a pound of diapers. While shopping add a pound!

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Notes & Remembrances

Remembering our Own

Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations are made in honor of loved ones. Please join with them in prayer and remembrance at Eucharist. These intentions are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.

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Easter Collection: \$ 6,950 Online donations for March: \$ 1,715 *Please sign up for electronic giving.* stthommore.weshareonline.org

Wind of the Spirit

WOS is an interfaith organization committed to work locally in response to the global challenges of displacement, immigration, education and an overall cultivation of a culture of health and safety for and with our communities. Join them at their open house at 120 Speedwell Ave. (2nd floor), Tues. Apr. 19, 6-9 pm.

RSVP: pamelacook99@gmail.com (parking lot behind building on Early St.)

Supporting Refugees in NJ

Will Haney, Assoc. Dir., External Relations, Immigration & Refugee Program of Church World Services will speak at St. Peter's Church - 121 South St., Morristown, Thurs, April 21, 7 pm as we face the worst refugee crisis since World War II.

Mr. Haney will describe ways individuals and groups can become involved and help in this humanitarian effort.

- Every 5 seconds a person is displaced
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