

# Saint Thomas More Parish

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## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**Bible Study Group** – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Sept.-June)

**Men's Fellowship Group**—2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

**Parish Council** — 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November, at 7:00 p.m. All Parishioners are welcome!

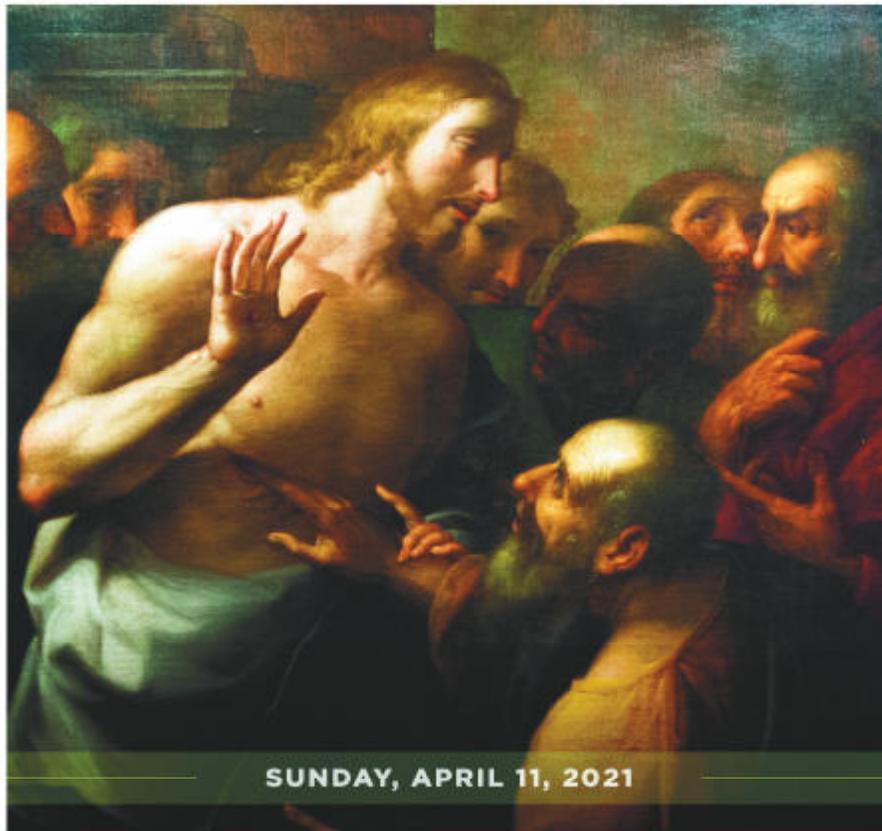
### Religious Education

— **Grades K-12** classes are held on Saturdays from Sept-May 3:00 to 4:15 p.m. **ONLINE!**

— **Why Catholics (for Adults)** Sundays from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

**Rosary Group**—after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**



SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
- Jn 20:28-29

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## "NEW" Mass Schedule



### WE ARE OPEN FOR INDOOR MASS

FACE MASK IS REQUIRED

Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and  
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us!

**Rev. Msgr. James P. Farmer, Pastor**

**Rev. Mr. Michael P. McCoy, Deacon**

**Rev. Mr. Michael Baxter, Deacon**

**Mrs. Jane G. Brown, Music Minister**

**Mrs. Ana R. Trujillo, Coordinator of Religious Education**

**Ms. Maria A. Boling, Office Manager/Bookkeeper**

**Mrs. Carole Small-Charles, Receptionist**

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Call the parish office if you need assistance.

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

“And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. (Mark 8:31)”

True faith leads to changed lives. During Lent we make sacrifices to draw closer to Jesus. We spent more time praying. Many of our parishioners attended daily mass and many parishioners went to confession.

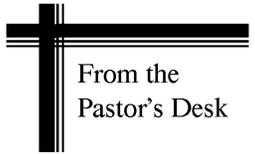
We are now in the Easter season where we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus gives us the ultimate meaning to human existence. The resurrection of Jesus animates us with an utterly new way of living.

By His resurrection Jesus conquered sin and death. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. In the resurrection we go from death to life.

After Easter, we can fall back into old practices that are sinful. We can forget all of the progress we made during Lent. Do not let this happen!

Rejoice in the spiritual progress made during Lent. The devil leads us back. Jesus leads us forward.

In Christ

*April 11, 2021*

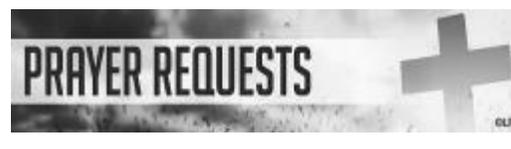
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**Readings for April 18, 2021**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]  
 1 Jn 2: 1-5a



**Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially:**

Clare Doyle, Charlie Bailey, Rita Petrucci, Gloria Gonzalez, Leslie Vitrano (Barbara Peach’s daughter), Blessings Lewis, Gertrude Eromosele, Bill Kahler, Dolores Kelly, Washington Gonzalez, Nicholas DiLiello (Lillian’s brother), Tyler Rush (Lillian’s Grandson), Josette George (Lillian’s cousin) , and



**We Pray in Faith that all who have died may be welcomed into the peace of God’s Kingdom.**



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>04/12</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Joseph Grace</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/13</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Jack Holmgren</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/14</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Melvin Gardner</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/15</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Wilfed Taneyhill</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>04/16</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Carson Hall</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04/17</b>	
<b>4:30 p.m. Mass</b>		<b>Rite Di Liello</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>04/18</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>For the Parishioners</b>

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTUR**

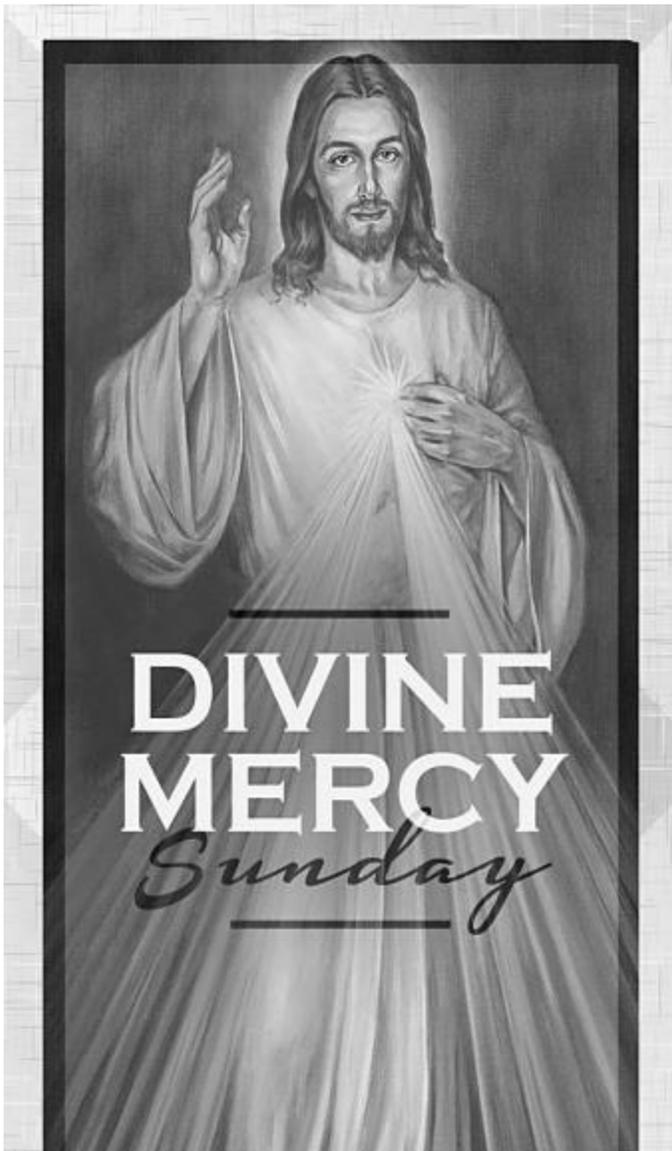
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2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace. ©LPi



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