



Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

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We exist for one reason: to come to know and be formed by the Word of God and the Message of Jesus. When we gather in prayer and worship, in service and community, we assemble as disciples and friends with the Lord in our midst. Rooted in our Roman Catholic tradition, we are proud of our parish heritage and hopeful for our future.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 16, 2018

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm (*Please note there will no 7 pm Mass on holiday weekends.*)

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:15 am

Holy Days: Vigil 7:00 pm; Holy Day 8:15 am and 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Saturday: 3:30 pm or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Every First Friday of the Month following the 8:15 am Mass and concluding with Benediction at Noon

Additional Sacraments

Baptism: Please call or email the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least 8 weeks in advance of the desired date.

Marriage: Please call or email the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance of the desired date.

Join the St. Thomas More Family

New parishioners can register at any time! Please call or stop by the Parish Office between 9 am - 2 pm, Monday through Wednesday, or send an email to info@stmnj.org. We'd love to welcome you!!



Blast From the Past(or)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2018

A few days ago our great Nation paused to mark the somber anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001 and rightly recall the scores of men and women who were killed simply because they lived in the freedom of this Country. We also revered the heroic firefighters, police and first-responders who died trying to save them. Remembrance is essential to Christianity (*do this, in memory of Me*). But sometimes self-preoccupation and the grind of daily concerns can cause even our most foundational memories to dim and fade. Life happens. That's why I was moved this week when our young seminarian, John, asked about 9/11. As a Colombian guy with his own unique culture and history, John desired to participate in our memory of that Day. He asked if people remember where they were that morning. 'Of course, everyone does.' 'People from this parish lost loved ones and still mourn.' When asked if he recalled where he was that Day, he politely responded that he was 'only five years old at the time.' Ok. At that point, I abruptly ended the conversation; 'hey pal, no one likes a smart guy' (aaahhh to be young again). Kidding aside, it is encouraging when the young refuse to allow us to forget and when they perpetuate the good, the true and the just which are so often diluted in the cacophony that is our culture. Sadly, while many Americans treat the blessings of this 'Nation so conceived' as entitlements, it was John's passionate desire to learn about our Country on 9/11 that gave life to Jesus' words, 'has no one but this foreigner returned to give thanks' (Lk 17: 18)? Looking out the rectory windows that evening, I spied the radiant, beautiful, brand new American Flag flying on the STM flagpole. Anne Kostyak donated that amazing flag because it needs to be flown for a Nation that remembers. That Flag hearkens memory of true sacrifice which is not made in wealthy athletes' refusal to stand for her, but in those who died for her meaning. In our collective mourning, Isaiah's words spur us on: *The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. I have set my face like flint knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right. If anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together...*

God Bless you!!!!!!!!!! God Bless America!!!



Thank You for Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure!

Weekly Collection for September 8 - 9: \$5,622.25
Online Collection for the Month of August: \$2,488.00

Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, September 17: Saint Robert Bellarmine
8:15 am- Anselmo Dias

Tuesday, September 18: Saint Joseph of Cupertino
8:15 am- Fred Gensicke

Wednesday, September 19: Saint Januarius
8:15 am- Sal Esposito

Thursday, September 20: Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasan, and Companions
8:15 am- Monsignor Frank Ferraioli

Friday, September 21: Saint Matthew
8:15 am- Alice Gallagher

Saturday, September 22: Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions
8:15 am- Ashley and William Streiter
5:00 pm- Louis Rich

Sunday, September 23: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am- Special Intention for the Unborn
11:00 am- Donna Buckner
7:00 pm- Patrick Cutaneo



Online Donations

If you're traveling or would just like the convenience of not having to remember an envelope each week, we can help! You can contribute to our weekly Sunday Collection, monthly Second Collection or the Cool Air Fund online at: <https://stthommore.weshareonline.org/> or by clicking on the "Online Donations" link on the St. Thomas More home page. Please call or email the Parish Office with any questions.



Second Collection

As a reminder, we will only be taking one collection at Mass each week. On weeks when a second collection is scheduled, please place your second collection envelope in the basket together with your first one. Thank you!



Parish Picnic

It's almost time for our Annual Parish Picnic! Always a favorite community festivity, this year's picnic will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm and conclude with an outdoor Mass at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheets at the back of the Church or otherwise by emailing the Parish Office at info@stmnj.org. We are asking everyone to please bring your favorite dish to make this a more personalized event. Please contact Mary Murphy at 973-538-9896 or email the Parish Office for more information. Hope to see you there!



Women's Guild

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Tuesday, September 25. It will begin with a Mass celebrated by Father Tom at 7:00 pm followed by a meeting afterwards downstairs. Whether you've been coming for years or this would be your first time, all women of the parish are very welcome.



Mass Cards

Having a Mass offered is a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary or for any special intention you may have. Mass Cards can be obtained by visiting the Parish Office Monday - Wednesday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.



Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful event to be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30 pm. Arrangements can be made by calling or emailing the Parish Office. *The deadline to register is Monday, October 15, 2018.* You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this very special occasion!



Family Faith Formation

We're in the process of firming up the details of our Faith Formation program for this fall. To help us plan, we ask parents to please register your children online at our parish website as soon as possible. ***Please note, all children who would like to participate need to be registered for this coming year, even if they were part of the program in the past.*** The registration form can be found in the "Religious Education for Children" section under the "Faith Formation" tab. Please email or call the Parish Office with any questions.



Confirmation News

Congratulations to Conor Critchley, Matt Gamerdinger, Drew Penizotto and Gioia Peterson who were each Confirmed this past Friday, September 14 by Bishop Seratelli at Corpus Christi Church in Chatham. Please join us in welcoming each of them even more fully into the Church!

Vivere Christus Award



We offer heartfelt congratulations again to Teresa Thomas, this year's recipient from St. Thomas More of the Vivere Christus Award from the Diocese of Paterson. Our Faith Formation program and our parish as a whole are very blessed by Teresa and all of her dedication to the youth of St. Thomas More.



Opus Dei - Evenings of Reflection

Opus Dei will be hosting Evenings of Recollection for Women at St. Thomas More on October 1, November 5 and December 3 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. All women are invited to join us for a meditation preached by a priest of the Work who will offer a talk, Exposition and Benediction and an opportunity for Confession.