

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 23, 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)
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They had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest.....

Shared human experience reveals that these discussions are as common as they are off-putting. For the disciple of Jesus Christ, however, greatness involves self-forgetfulness and self-gift. And that's hard, because the Cross is The Stubborn Reminder that your life is not about you. Therein lies the greatness at odds with our cultural barometers of the same. Usain Bolt once proclaimed, 'I am the greatest athlete to live.' Mohammed Ali bellowed similarly. Before he fought Rocky Balboa, Clubber Lang barked, 'I'm number one; that means I'm the best....' Charlie Sheen (remember him?) said 'I am the best.....Winning....I got tiger blood, man.' (Ok, I always thought that last part was a pretty cool quote.) When he arrived in the Bronx to play for the Yankees, Reggie Jackson said he was the best, and that he was the 'straw that stirs the drink.' 'Of course people want to know about me,' once snapped Tom Cruise. Kanye even went so far to say that he is 'a god, Shakespeare in the flesh....' Ok, you get the point: the disproportionate sense of self-importance is not a Christian world view. That is why today's Gospel is so convicting. Humility must be the default disposition of those washed in the Blood of Christ. Our journey to Jerusalem does not allow self-importance as a carry-on. (Can you even imagine what the airline charged for golf clubs at Newark!? Discuss.) Ahem, I digress. Anyway, at a time when people pontificate while comparing themselves to Spartacus, our friendship with Christ requires the freedom of humility. This is the first lesson in self-reflection, as someone wise said. Set free from the false images we work so hard to maintain as well as the wasted energy that comes from keeping up appearances, we are able to face the Wood of the Cross. In self-gift and self-forgetfulness, we are most Christian. And there, we are most happy. And that's the point, isn't it? Such is God's desire for us! May we be ourselves, so that it is no longer us who live, but He Who lives in us. That's greatness.

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



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

Weekly Collection for September 15 - 16: \$5,953.25

Second Collection for September 8-9: \$2,488.00

Monthly Online Collection for August (corrected from last week): \$2,842.50

Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, September 24: Blessed John Henry Newman

8:15 am- John Antonelli

Tuesday, September 25: Saints Louis Martin and Z lie Gu rin

8:15 am- Special Intention for Joan Gensicke

Wednesday, September 26: Blessed Paul VI

8:15 am- Linda Peer

Thursday, September 27: Saint Vincent DePaul

8:15 am- Peggy Farrell

Friday, September 28: Saint Wenceslaus

8:15 am- Robert Keenan

Saturday, September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

8:15 am- Donna Buckner

5:00 pm- Walter Wary

Sunday, September 30: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Bill Kearney

11:00 am- Margaret Farkas

7:00 pm- Lou Augustini



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.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

Calling all single parishioners! On Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 pm you are welcome to join us for a no-host (i.e. each attendee will pay for his/her meal) dinner and fellowship at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse at 522 Southern Boulevard in Chatham. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP. We'd love to make this a monthly gathering if enough people are interested.

Ministry News

As our parish continues to grow, we'd like to take the opportunity to spotlight different ministries to let everyone know not only what great work is going on in our Church, but also the many wonderful ways people can become even more involved in our community.



Ministry Spotlight: Eucharistic Ministers

Being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist is a beautiful way to participate even more fully in the Mass and to be an instrument of Jesus' love to those around us. There is no time commitment outside of Mass, so it's a great opportunity for even the busiest of parishioners to become involved. If you think this might be for you, please contact the Parish Office for more information or see Father Tom after Mass. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this vital ministry!



Hunger Walk for Community Soup Kitchen

Adults and kids of all ages are welcome to join us on Sunday, October 14 at 1 pm for the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen's Hunger Walk. The event consists of a walk through downtown Morristown to raise money for and awareness of hunger in our community. We would love to form a parish team to walk together, so if you'd like to participate, please email Cathy Miller at miller.cathy@gmail.com or call or email the Parish Office. More information about the Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center and all they do can be found at their website: <http://www.cskmorristown.org>.



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.



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. For more information, please contact Mary Murphy at 973-538-9896 or email the Parish Office. Hope to see you there!



Women's Guild

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held this 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.

