

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 7, 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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It is not good for the man to be alone..... (Gen. 2:18-24)

There you have it in our first reading. Genesis describes the hard-wiring of the human condition. God has created us for Himself and thus for one another. It's a paradox to be sure. But then, the human heart is a complicated matter. We are created by God for God: the Ultimate Intimacy in which our happiness lies. Yet loneliness pervades our day. Despite Snapbook, Facegram, Instachat and myriad social media, many people otherwise not alone claim feelings of isolation. And there's no app to address that. It seems our smaller world yields less community. Perhaps you could say loneliness is going 'viral' (Thank you; I'll be here all week, two shows nightly. Try the tilapia). Interestingly, some articles report that Gen X'ers describe themselves as very lonely as do Millennials and Baby Boomers. The sample reporting the least loneliness were members of Greatest Generation. Discuss. But our problem is not new. When asked during the 19th century what he'd learned from his countless hours in the confessional, St. John Vianney replied famously, 'people are sadder than they seem.' The Cure d' Ars was speaking of that which affects us all, namely, the existential ache which is relieved by God alone. Turning again to our first reading, we know the union God offers us is a nuptial communion of humanity and divinity. Of course we are not made to be alone; 'our hearts are restless until they rest in You.' That's the app we need.

God bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!



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

Weekly Collection for September 29 - 30: \$5,948.25



Second Collection

Our "Second Collection" will be taken next weekend, the second Sunday of the month. However, we will continue to take only one collection at Mass, so please place your second collection envelope in the basket together with your first one. Thank you!

Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, October 8: Saint John Leonardi
 8:15 am- Terry Manelski

Tuesday, October 9: Saint Denis and Companions
 8:15 am- Edward Rao

Wednesday, October 10: Saint Francis Borgia
 8:15 am- Paula Yankowich

Thursday, October 11: Saint John XXIII
 8:15 am- Kyle J. Marchese

Friday, October 12: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
 8:15 am- Anthony Gervasio

Saturday, October 13: Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
 8:15 am- Fr. Arthur Colaiacovo
 5:00 pm- Anthony Gervasio

Sunday, October 14: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Robert G. Bearden
 11:00 am- Fr. Francis Feenan
 7:00 pm- Sr. Rose Marie Padovano

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Anthony Gervasio.



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.



As a reminder, our Clothing Drive for Catholic Charities will be held NEXT WEEKEND! Now is the time to clean out those closets to help those in need in our area. Donations may be left in the designated area of the vestibule of the Church between Thursday, October 11 and Sunday, October 14. Please note due to storage limitations we can only accept items at those times. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



Our Parish Manager, Bill McGuire, will be leaving us after this weekend to enjoy his retirement. Please join us in thanking Bill for his years of dedicated service, invaluable resourcefulness and unfailing support of our parish. We will miss him (and his wonderful sense of humor!) very much but wish him God's many blessings in this next chapter of his life.

*"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you."
(Philippians 1:3)*



Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at Corpus Christi Parish, Chatham

All are invited to celebrate the Marian month of October by praying before the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima which will be at Corpus Christi Parish in Chatham from October 11 - 15. This is one of thirteen statues traveling around the world from Her Shrine in Portugal to promote the message of Fatima. Along with the statue will be a second class relic of the newly canonized shepherds to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in 1917- Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto. There will be daily Mass, rosary and an opportunity for silent prayer and reflection. As part of the event, the Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, DD will celebrate a Mass on Saturday, October 13 at 5:00 pm. More information and a daily schedule can be found at: <https://corpuschristi.org/news/save-the-date>.



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. 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!



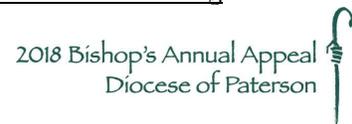
Family Faith Formation

Attention Parents!! This is your **last chance** to sign your child up for our Faith Formation program for this year. If you haven't already, please register your child (or children) as soon as possible at our parish website. ***As a reminder, all students 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.



Hunger Walk for Community Soup Kitchen

Adults and kids of all ages are welcome to join us next Sunday, October 14 at 1:00 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 on their website: <http://www.cskmorristown.org>.



One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, your co-worker, the store owner you see each day as you shop in your community - perhaps even a family member. In this context, when you give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you truly say: Here I Am, Lord - making a better life for my brothers and sisters in the area. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge today. More information can be found in the insert in this bulletin.