

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.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord - January 6, 2019

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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 be 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)
Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord
January 6, 2019**

Fear is a condition to which all of us can relate. As a defense mechanism, fear can protect us from danger. As a phobia, fear can be debilitating, robbing us of the full life experience. I am afraid of spiders, for example. Once I lived with a seminarian who was bitten by a Brown Recluse Spider. My fears were realized. Every spider is now a Brown Recluse to me. That's fear. Other catalysts of my fears include Joy Behar and the movie *The Wizard of Oz*. I have an inordinate fear of chain-smoking clowns who juggle at Bar Mitzvahs (a long story, but a melee took place, and that's all I'm permitted to say under advisement of counsel at this time). I'm fearful of those who politicize Jesus, presuming to moralize to me that Jesus was once a migrant while failing to protest with equal vigor that Jesus was also once unborn (interestingly, this fact belies their own fears). Today's Solemnity reveals the fear of King Herod. After the Magi delivered the news about the Newborn King, Herod was 'greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.' How rich: the king is fearful of a baby. This fear of Herod remains. A baby changes everything. How many feel threatened? From whence does this fear come? At this Epiphany, we recognize that our laws still fear a child. But with the Magi we offer our gifts to the Newborn King and prostrate ourselves before Him for the salvation of the world. Though our Country holds 'sacred' the right to eradicate the little ones just as King Herod did, let us encourage one another in a newborn Year: 'fear not, little flock.... for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom....' (Lk 12: 32). Happy New Year!!!

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



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

Weekly Collection for December 15-16: \$5,286.00
Weekly Collection for December 22-23: \$4,528.25
Online Donations for November 2018: \$2,695.00



Online Donations

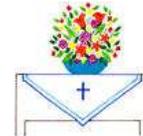
If you're traveling or would just like the convenience of not having to remember an envelope each week, we can help! You can contribute to our weekly Sunday Collection, monthly Second Collection or the Cool Air Fund online at: <https://stthommore.weshareonline.org/> or by clicking on the "Online Donations"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



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

- Monday, January 7: Saint Raymond of Peñafort**
8:15 am- Special Intention for Chris Auger
- Tuesday, January 8: Saint Angela of Foligno**
8:15 am- Bishop Frank J. Rodimer
- Wednesday, January 9: Saint Adrian of Canterbury**
8:15 am- Domenica Sapienza
- Thursday, January 10: Saint Gregory of Nyssa**
8:15 am- Helen McCarthy Enright
- Friday, January 11: Blessed William Carter**
8:15 am- Braiden Michael Cruz Manley
- Saturday, January 12: Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys**
8:15 am- Valeska Bailey
5:00 pm- Carmen Liuzza, Jr.
- Sunday, January 13: The Baptism of the Lord**
9:00 am- Benedict Giordano
11:00 am- Brian Moscow
7:00 pm- Michael Christie

If you are a family member or friend of the person being remembered at a Sunday Mass, please feel free to approach an usher and offer to bring up the gifts.



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.

Ministry Schedule

Attention Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers!

We are working to update the ministry scheduling program and the ways in which the schedules are prepared. You will be receiving an email with more details soon, but in the meantime, we'd ask that each minister please confirm/update his or her contact information by either logging onto the ministry scheduler website at http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas_More or emailing Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org. Thank you so much for sharing your gifts with our parish!



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Stay tuned for an update on the contributions that were collected on behalf of our parish.

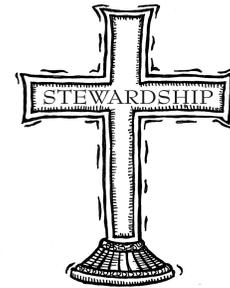


Attention Young Adults!

St. Paul Inside the Walls Young Adult group is a faith-based community for anyone between the ages of 23 to 39 looking for a place to call home. By means of "pub nights," social and service events, and Sunday Masses, friendships are formed and lives are shared. Wherever you may be in your faith journey, St Paul's Young Adults offers opportunities to explore a belief in God in an open dialogue with others. All young adults are very welcome to stop by, just down the street at 205 Madison Avenue, any Wednesday night from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. More information can also be found at <https://insidethewalls.org/young-adults-1>.



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, January 10 and Sunday, January 13. Please note due to storage limitations we can only accept items at those times. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



Meet the Finance Council

The St. Thomas More Finance Council is comprised of individuals who are diverse in their expertise. The council meets monthly (except in summer months) and is responsible for the annual parish budget, examination of monthly and annual expense and income reports for the parish and advising the Pastor on decisions relative to financial and administrative matters. The current members of the Finance Council are:

- Vince Achillarre, Chairperson
- Josh Elmore
- Cathy Miller
- Sharon O'Neil

All are encouraged to reach out to the council members with any questions or feedback you may have to assist our parish in achieving the mission of ensuring the future growth and strength of our faith community.



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!

Hope for a New Year

Gracious God,
 As a new year begins, we place our trust in you.
 May the time to come bring us closer to recognizing our need to love and cherish one another.
 May those in power understand the importance of cultivating peace and bringing an end to war.
 May those who struggle with disease, loss, poverty, and despair find light in the midst of their struggles and suffering.
 And may we grow stronger in our desire to imitate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom our hope abides.
 Amen.

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