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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time- February 10, 2019

Parish Staff

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D. Pastor tfallone@stmnj.org

Fr. Joe Davis Weekend Assistant

Pat Schell Parish Secretary secretary@stnmj.org

Mark Davis Music - Organist

Frank Miles Trustee

Mary Murphy Trustee

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

<u>Baptism:</u> 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) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10, 2019

My streak continues. For the fifty-third Super Bowl in a row, I did not win any money on my Super Bowl boxes. Granted, I was not around for the first Super Bowls, but you get the point. I should probably not enter office pools. I should probably do something different. But I like the Super Bowl. It's the time of the year where I pretend to know my Roman numerals, watch utterly inane and inconsequential half-time musical performances, and this year, I ate turkey cooked in a deep-fryer as well as garlic Parmesan wings. Highly recommended. How about that Gladys Knight rendition of the National Anthem? Indeed, it was a beautiful tribute to the Blessing that is our Nation. But after last week's National Party, Jesus bids us to change and do something different. We don't like to alter our routines. When asked to put our nets into the deep water we can feel wounded and sensitive, asking 'what's wrong with the way I've been doing things?' We can be defensive, proclaiming that this is 'how we've always done it.' Or we can be dismissive, scoffing, 'that will never work.' Master, we have been hard at work all night, and have caught nothing. But when Peter finally accepts Jesus' advice, he is amazed by the change in his life. Change bristles human nature. The theologian Alan Wright put it this way, 'we're asked to be fishers of men, but so often we're just keepers of the aquarium.' Status quo. The famous priest/evangelist Fr. Ronald Knox went even further: membership in the Church commits us to a system of beliefs, and above all takes us out of ourselves by demanding that we that we throw our reliance on a personality-the personality of Jesus Christ. With less than a month until we embark upon our Lenten journey, let us resolve to do some things differently this year. Throw your nets, your worries, your anxieties and your hopes into the deep water. Prepare to be amazed. Christ has promised that the change will be good.

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



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

Weekly Collection for January 19-20: \$6,030.00 Weekly Collection for January 26-27: \$5,647.25 Weekly Collection for February 2-3: \$5,245.25 January Online Donations: \$5,765.00

Please note clarification from last week's bulletin to reflect correct amounts.



Monday, February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

8:15 am- Douglas Milway

Tuesday, February 12: Saint Apollonia

8:15 am- Mary Skubinski

Wednesday, February 13: Saint Giles Mary of Saint Joseph

8:15 am- Kathleen Sanger

Thursday, February 14: Saints Cyril and Methodius

8:15 am- Sandy Cutrone

Friday, February 15: Saint Claude de la Colombière

8:15 am- Lee Sember

Saturday, February 16: Saint Gilbert of Sempringham

8:15 am- John Carlin

5:00 pm-John and Eleanor Elsman

Sunday, February 17: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Anselmo Dias

11:00 am- Mary O'Rourke

7:00 pm- Charlie Dalio



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.



Prayers for the Sick

Please join us in praying for all who are ill in our community, and in a particular way for Rose Marie Raviola, Phil Barrett and Mary Murphy. May God bring them and their families His healing, comfort and peace. If you would like to have your name or that of a loved one included in the request for healing prayers in our weekly bulletin, please send an email to smarshall@stmnj.org.



How Well Do You Know Saint Thomas More?

According to his son-in-law, William Roper, after he left the Charterhouse of London St. Thomas More spent time at the home of a man named Mr. Colt, a gentleman of Essex. Mr. Colt had three educated daughters. As Roper tells it, while St. Thomas More favored the middle daughter, he was concerned that directing his affections towards her would be seen as a source of grief and shame to her older, unmarried sister. For this reason he instead showed interest towards that eldest daughter and the two were soon married. They themselves had three daughters and lived at Bucklesberry in London.

(Source: Roper, William. (1905) The Life of Sir Thomas More, London: Burns & Oates)



Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth Positions Available

Accounts Pavable Specialist

Part-time (15-18 hours/week)

Requirements: Accounts Payable experience, including but not limited to: Accounts Payable coding/processing, filing invoices, bank reconciliations, and other general accounting activities as needed. Minimum 2 years accounting experience, proficiency in MS Office 365. Must be team oriented and have a "can do/will do" attitude. Please e-mail resume to: secretary@scnj.org, Attn: Accounts Payable Specialist.

Secretary

Part-Time (15 Hours/week)

Requires proficiency in Microsoft Office 365 (including Outlook, Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint), copying/scanning/sending documents electronically, ordering office supplies, handling mail for those you support, responsible for scheduling meeting rooms (food orders, audio visual setups, work orders for room setups). Minimum 3 years Secretarial/Microsoft Office experience, must be team oriented and assist other secretaries as needed. Please e-mail cover letter and resume to: secretary@scnj.org, Attn: Administrative Services Director. No phone calls please.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

This month, parishes are taking up a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. I ask for your support of this important mission that helps rebuild the Catholic Church that was constrained for decades under Communist rule.

For example, the Ukrainian people lived under communism from 1922 to 1991 where both religious and cultural practices were restricted. In that time, Ukrainians faced multiple wars that left suffering people in their wake. In Eastern Ukraine especially, as atheism grew stronger, family values deteriorated. Today, the Church continues to work to rebuild the faith of those people yearning for spiritual enrichment.

The collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe funds projects to restore the faith in these countries. The funds collected are used to support seminaries, youth ministry, social service programs, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation and Catholic communications projects.

Please join me in supporting this worthy collection when it is taken up in your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D. Bishop of Paterson



Save the Date!! St. Thomas More's Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration is Coming...

All are welcome to our annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 6-10 pm at the VFW Hall at 45 Tabor Road in Morris Plains. There will again be music provided by our favorite DJ, Alan, and of course delicious, Irish food from C&J's Deli in Madison. Admission will be \$35.00 per person, with kids under 14 free. To join us, please place your payment in one of the envelopes in the vestibule of the Church, indicate your name and the number of people in your party, and drop it in the collection basket or in the black mailbox outside the Parish Office. Please make checks payable to "St. Thomas More Parish." For more information, please call the Parish Office at 973-267-5330.