

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time- February 24, 2019

Parish Staff

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D.
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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

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)
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019

Fresh off the Sermon on the Plain, the Gospel of Luke turns it up a notch this week, exhorting us to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate you. Ok, God, I am trying here, but I make no promises when I am attempting to merge on to Route 287 South from Route 80. Just yesterday a guy cut in so late that I most assuredly did not 'bless those who curse you...' I hope You did not see that, God. I was going to follow him to calmly and respectfully explain to him the error of his ways, but I didn't feel like going toward Mahwah. Also, I discovered that this driver had Pennsylvania plates, and since we all know how people from Pennsylvania drive, I had to cut him slack. They can't help it. (No offense to Pennsylvanians. My beloved Grandma, God rest her, once lived in Reading, PA, where she frequented Boscov's, but she couldn't drive a lick. ('Gram, you're in the left lane, you know that, right?')). Where was I going with this? Oh, yes, the Christian challenge of Luke Chapter 6. I've met many people who burden themselves by thinking they have to separate their Faith from their Reason in the attempt to be 'Christian.' This always begs the painful question: Does *loving your enemies* mean Christians must acquiesce to evil? Does Luke 6 mean I cannot object to Governor Cuomo's blatant celebration of infanticide? Does Luke 6 mean I am unable to educate a young Congresswoman from New York about Socialism's death toll? Does Luke 6 require me to stand silent when bullies torment an autistic kid at school? How about the wife who comes to the parish office with a black eye? Does Luke 6 require her to endure such evil? Our media might be ignorant, but Christians don't have to follow suit. You don't have to sever your Faith from your Reason. Christianity requires us to give our lives, but not at the expense of the lives of others. Legend holds that St. Francis encouraged us to preach the Gospel at all times but to use words only when necessary. Perhaps we live in a time when Christians' words are required to speak up against inhumane insanity. I read Luke 6 and remind myself of our gift of Faith and Reason; *Grandma, I love you, but you are doing 45 MPH in the left lane on Route 80 and you need to move over.* As they say, if you see something, say something. That's Faith and Reason at work.

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



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Weekly Collection for February 16-17: \$3,908.25



Monday, February 25: Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

8:15 am- Carm Sautter

Tuesday, February 26: Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin

8:15 am- Father Arthur Colaiacovo

Wednesday, February 27: Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

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Thursday, February 28: Blessed Daniel Brottier

8:15 am- Michael Kane

Friday, March 1: Saint David of Wales

8:15 am- Francis "Hank" Colbert

Saturday, March 2: Saint Agnes of Bohemia

8:15 am- Ralph Cardello

5:00 pm- Alverta and Chester Orr

Sunday, March 3: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Matthew Pandy

11:00 am- Peter Iorlano

7:00 pm- Edward Rao



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, Mary Murphy and Madeline McCloskey. 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.



On a Serious Note...

We became aware this week that someone has created a Gmail account with the name fatherfallone@gmail.com. This is NOT Father Tom's email address, which remains tfallone@stmnj.org. Please do not open and just delete any emails you may receive from this account and any postings that may be made online under this name. If you receive any emails or observe any postings under this account, we would appreciate you contacting the parish office immediately at info@stmnj.org. Thank you!!



How Well Do You Know Saint Thomas More?

Here are a few, famous quotes attributed to our patron:

"If honor were profitable, everybody would be profitable."

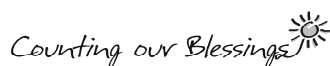
"An absolutely new idea is one of the rarest things known to man."

"Whoever loveth me, loveth my hound."



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

Our next monthly lunch will be on Tuesday, March 5 at 12:30 pm at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse, 522 Southern Boulevard, Chatham. Our luncheon is a no-host fellowship gathering. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Please join us as we celebrate the blessing of Theodore Gaffney at the 5 pm Mass this weekend and welcome this little one into our parish family. May God bless Teddy and his family on this special day and always!



2018 Contribution Statements

2018 Contribution Statements are available near the collection envelopes in the vestibule of the Church. If you're unable to locate your statement, would like a copy emailed to you or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!



Mark Davis's Music Ministry Notes

[A New Pathway to Boredom]

I generally reserve Mondays for my personal Sabbath. Because I am engaged in rather "detail-oriented" activities while you are enjoying the "Sabbath Rest by Galilee" (and I do enjoy being with you at that time), my brain rather enjoys returning to a more normal state of activity (comatose), without all of the multi-level multi-tasking. Psalm melodies will repeat in my head (so I am careful it's not a bad tune on Sunday!). I am grateful when it's a phrase I can latch onto, like, "The Lord is Kind and Merciful," or, "In the Presence of the Angels," or, "I Will Sing Your Praises, Lord." These phrases are prayer and nourishment. I can be out in the woods, and a Psalm comes to mind. (Of course I sing it! It scares away the Bigfoots!) I am grateful for the composers who so naturally and sensitively text and tune.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

We hope you'll join us on Friday, March 1 for Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. With Ash Wednesday less than 2 weeks away, it's a great way to start our preparations for the Lenten season. Whether you can come for hours or even just 10 minutes, all are invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus.



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.



Women's Cornerstone Retreat

March 15 - 16, 2019

"He Restores My Soul"

What is the Women's Cornerstone Retreat? It is a program for spiritual renewal and personal growth. It is an experience for women by women. We come together to grow in the knowledge and love of God. During the 24-hour retreat, you will listen to the faith journeys of other women, and focus on your own spiritual development. It's a time for you to engage in quiet reflection, and to get to know other Catholic women. The retreat will take place at Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center in Mendham, and the cost is \$150.00. Please contact Chrissy West at 973-809-1646 or costa1112@yahoo.com for more information or to register.

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