

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 2019

Parish Staff

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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)
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019

Memorial Day Weekend is rightly robust with historical reflection (and Bar-B-Que!). We proffer proper honor to all of those men and women who have fought and died to preserve the singular purpose on which our Great Nation is founded, namely, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. What a blessing it is to be a part of this project called the United States of America. When her purpose encounters challenges, the rule of law enshrined and handed down from the Constitution guides resolution. In a more ancient practice, the Catholic Church resolves her doctrinal disputes in the form of Synods and Councils. In our first reading from Acts, we hear about such a gathering in first century Jerusalem. A dispute in the Church? Gee, that never happens. One can almost imagine the early Church deciding on a venue for her first Council. Bids went out- the Jerusalem Convention Center was chosen- not just because of its location in the recently revitalized inner harbor district, but also because it offered a good corporate group rate, free WiFi *and* HBO. Also, the much-anticipated, onsite Cheesecake Factory had finally opened and offered dessert vouchers to Council attendees. Ok, I am so sorry. I've clearly not had my coffee yet. Anyway, with all those important logistics settled, the Church got down to the work of safeguarding her Essentials. At issue was whether Gentiles coming to Christ were required to observe Jewish law. Here we see that from her very inception, the Church looked to the Apostles to articulate her teaching. It's good to know that robust argument and debate have been a part of Church from the beginning, while recognizing that revealed Faith is not a matter of straw polls, cultural trends or even 'popularity.' Sometimes the Faith of the Church and the fate of a Nation are preserved at great cost. Debate will occur in the Church as it does in our Country. But this is not the ultimate purpose of either. Instead each has a mission. How many of us are Catholic today due to the residual effects of first century Jerusalem? At the teaching of the Apostles, may we keep the Faith and therefore change the world.

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



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

Weekly Collection for May 18-19: \$5,753.00

Second Collection for May: \$140.00

Please Note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in honor of Memorial Day.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, May 27: Saint Augustine of Canterbury

8:15 am- Costabile "Augie" DiLorenzo

Tuesday, May 28: Venerable Pierre Toussaint

8:15 am- Edward Lim

Wednesday, May 29: Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

8:15 am- Fr. Francis Feenan

7:00 pm(Vigil for Ascension Thursday)- Mary O'Rourke

Thursday, May 30: The Ascension of the Lord

8:15 am- Helen McCarthy Enright

12:10 pm- Alexis Faye

Friday, May 31: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am- Andrew Gallagher

Saturday, June 1: Saint Justin Martyr

8:15 am- Duncan Sinclair

5:00 pm- Pete Leising

Sunday, June 2: Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 am- Helen McCarthy Enright

11:00 am- William Misko

7:00 pm- Jake Scanlan



As a reminder, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is this Thursday, May 30. Masses will be celebrated at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 29 and at 8:15 am and 12:10 pm on Thursday, May 30.



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 Phil Barrett, Fred Donikowski, Florence Kearney, Mary Murphy and Janet Romano. 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 Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org.



SAVE THE DATE
“A Night at the Museum” Gala
October 19, 2019
The Newark Museum

With our first gala having been an OVERWHELMING success, Saint Thomas More Parish proudly announces our second gala- “A Night at the Museum” to be held at The Newark Museum on Saturday, October 19, 2019!!! This is a fundraising event with all proceeds benefiting our parish. An elegant evening of dining, dancing, a 50/50 raffle and much more is planned promising a truly memorable event. Bring family and friends to join in the celebration with our parish family to raise much needed funding for Saint Thomas More Parish. We are counting on your support and generosity to make this “A Night at the Museum” Gala even more successful than our first.

Transportation will be provided to and from the Gala. Table reservations, Gala journal ads and 50/50 raffle tickets will go on sale in the near future.

For additional information, please contact:

Sharon O’Neil: 973-462-5102

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Mark Davis’s Music Ministry Notes

In Memoriam to all those who have suffered through wars: portions of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” by Julia Ward Howe:

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
 He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath
 are stored...*

*Oh! be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
 His Truth is marching on.*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
 With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:*

As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free.

God Bless You All! Kindly take a moment on Memorial Day to remember those lost.

Ministry Schedule

Attention Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers!

The schedule for the end of May through July is available in the Church vestibule and also online by logging into your St. Thomas More minister profile at: http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas_More You can also volunteer to serve on Ascension Thursday by logging into your profile and selecting the Mass of your choosing. Please contact Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org with any questions or issues. Thank you for all you do for our parish!



**Help “Spruce Up” Saint Thomas More -
 Only a Few Trees Left!**

Your generosity brought relief to our parish through the new HVAC System. Now to beautify the area, we will plant spruce trees around the HVAC Unit. This provides a unique opportunity to offer a living tribute to benefit the St. Thomas More community. With each donation of \$550.00 we will plant a tree and include a plaque on which you can remember a loved one, honor friends or family members or memorialize a special event or occasion. For more information or to make a donation, please call or email the Parish Office. Go green, beautify your parish and offer a memorial that will live on...



Women’s Guild

The Women’s Guild will meet next this Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 pm in the Basement Meeting Room. At this month’s meeting we’ll have a special treat— a reading of the play *Quarters* written by our own Norma Mortimer. All women are most welcome!

The Women’s Guild will hold its end-of-the-year luncheon on June 5th at 12:30 pm at The Serenade, 6 Roosevelt Avenue, Chatham. The cost is \$40.00 per person. All women are invited to attend. If you’d like to join us, please R.S.V.P. to Pat Briscoe at 973-267-8276 or Bridie Murphy at 973-539-5008.



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