

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 of Easter - June 2, 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)
Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 2, 2019

On this final Sunday of Easter, Jesus' disciples prepare to go out into the world. Though they've lived with Christ they are anxious about the unknown. So Jesus offers them His prayer of encouragement, which is part exhortation, part farewell commission and part commencement speech. This Gospel comes at a time when young people around the Country listen to talks at their graduations. The completion of military training, the police academy, high school, college, culinary school or what have you brings with it the apprehension of the 'real world' yet uncharted. So, they need words of encouragement. Perhaps you recall your high school commencement speaker. Or, perhaps you don't. Despite best efforts, I would submit that many of these addresses can be less-than-formative. My own fuzzy recollection of my college commencement speaker, however, is a wholly different matter. Sorry, Mom and Dad. Chosen speakers are often dignitaries of popular culture, business or government. For example, Robert De Niro once offered profanity-laden thoughts to graduates. Apparently, Mr. De Niro is an actor who does not care for the President of this Country. Go figure. Last month, the CEO of Apple instructed graduates to fight climate change. Interesting. But anyway, one commencement speech brought to my attention really evoked Christ's send-off. It was given at Regent University a few years back. There Ryan Anderson told students: *You graduate into a society of widespread individualism and relativism, where man is the measure of all things. You will hear people speak of human rights, but rarely of human nature, or nature's Author. You will hear people appeal to natural rights but rarely to natural law or the Natural Lawgiver.* Well, that certainly qualifies as the formative. So too Christ's parting Words to His own are seminal. Lifting His eyes to Heaven, Christ asks that we may be one as He lets us know that the Father loves us as He is loved. May we all go out into the world with the bravery of this Christian conviction: *Father, they are your gift to me...* That's a commencement speech we should remember.

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



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

Weekly Collection for May 25-26: \$4,360.25

Reminder: Next Weekend is Second Collection Weekend!
Thank you, as always, for your generosity to our parish.



Monday, June 3: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions
 8:15 am- Donald Lang

Tuesday, June 4: Blessed Angeline of Marsciano
 8:15 am- Janet Dittrich

Wednesday, June 5: Saint Boniface
 8:15 am- Marjorie Price

Thursday, June 6: Saint Norbert
 8:15 am- Arthur Albiston

Friday, June 7: Blessed Franz Jägerstätter
 8:15 am- Adeline Di Lorenzo

Saturday, June 8: Saint William of York
 8:15 am- Donna Schaeffer Buchner
 5:00 pm- Donna Schaeffer Buchner

Sunday, June 9: Pentecost Sunday
 9:00 am- Carmen Liuzza, Jr.
 11:00 am- Maureen Brodeur
 7:00 pm- Robert Keenan



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.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

We hope you'll join us on Friday, June 7 for Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. Whether you can come for hours or even just 10 minutes, all are invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus as we embark upon this summer season.



***Catholic Charities - Diocese of Paterson
Annual Corpus Christi Food Collection for the
Poor***

Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities' food pantries and in order to fulfill our obligations to the poor, Bishop Serratelli has once again authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Saturday/Sunday, June 22 -23, 2019. **St. Thomas More has been asked to provide Canned Meals (i.e. beef stew, chili, Chef Boyardee items, etc.).** Please mark your calendar to drop off these items in the Church vestibule that weekend. Cash/Check donations will also be accepted and can be made payable to Catholic Charities or online at www.ccpaterson.org/corpus.

Ministry Schedule

Attention Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers!

The schedule from this weekend 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...



***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

Jeanne Bass: 201-400-8881

Ginny Lund: 201-602-4665



As a reminder, our Clothing Drive for Catholic Charities will be held NEXT WEEKEND! Donations may be left in the designated area of the vestibule of the Church between Thursday, June 6 and Sunday, June 9. Please note due to storage limitations we can only accept items at those times. Unfortunately, clothing that has been left in the vestibule at other times has started to pile up and become a problem, so we will have to start discarding items that are left during other weeks. Thank you for your understanding and your generosity!



Second Collection

Our Second Collection will be taken next weekend, the second Sunday of the month. As mentioned in the recent Financial Report, per the recommendation of the Finance Council, we will now be taking this as a separate collection. Thank you!