

# *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.*

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- June 30, 2019*

## **Parish Staff**

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D.  
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Music - Organist

Frank Miles  
Trustee

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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)***  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 30, 2019**

*No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to see what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God.*

With the resumption of Ordinary Time, we hear the cost of Christian discipleship. Our calling is forward-looking, to serve God in this life in order to be happy with Him forever in the next. The image of the hand to the plow always makes me think of Elton John. Bear with me. I'll try to keep this short. My Aunt Patty and I recently discussed her desire to see the movie, *Rocket Man*. I echoed her sentiment. We talked about the song *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*, which is a mournful reflection of looking back on one's life. My mom wanted to jump in on the conversation, but she couldn't quite seem to place the well-known singer. 'Is he the one who died in the plane crash?' No, Mom. 'Are you sure it wasn't Tom Jones?' Uh, yes. 'You know, I always liked that LL Cool J...' Mom! This went on for a while; she tried, but you get the point. Anywho, the composers of *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road* proclaim that our happiness lies beyond our own constructs and imaginations. Indeed, our *future lies beyond the yellow brick road*. It's a lament of the exhausting sadness of pursuing what we think we don't have. When the boy in the song experiences cruel realities of a more exciting life, he realizes he *should have stayed on the farm. I'm going back to my plow*. It is proper to strive for self-improvement and success. But Christianity demands a resolute relationship with Christ, looking forward. Success is finding your place in the Mission. We might rebel against it, but God's design is beyond our plans. He desires your Joy. 'Those who follow Christ will receive everything they desire, if what they desire is to follow Christ,' so wrote one of my heroes, the late Fr. Richard John Neuhaus. Well, there ya' go. 'Englebert Humperdinck?' Mom, please stop. 'Wait! I know! He also sang *Piano Man*, right??' < sigh >

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



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

Weekly Collection for June 22-23: \$5,582.25

Collection for Missions June 22-23: \$459.00

*Counting our Blessings* 

Please join us as we celebrate the Baptism of Grace Elizabeth Elmore this weekend and welcome this little one into our parish family. May God bless Grace and her family on this special day and always!



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Monday, July 1: Saint Junipero Serra**

8:15 am- Madeline McCloskey

**Tuesday, July 2: Saint Oliver Plunkett**

8:15 am- Maggi Buchner Campbell

**Wednesday, July 3: Saint Thomas the Apostle**

8:15 am- Sandy Clyde

**Thursday, July 4: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**

8:15 am- Tucker Helstrom

**Friday, July 5: Saint Anthony Zaccaria**

8:15 am- Special Intention

**Saturday, July 6: Saint Maria Goretti**

8:15 am- Duncan Sinclair

5:00 pm- Father Francis Feenan

**Sunday, July 7: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am- Thomas Toro

11:00 am- Maureen Brodeur

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

**\*\*\*AS A REMINDER,**

**THERE WILL BE NO 7 PM MASS ON  
JULY 7th \*\*\***



**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, Bob Bass, Fred Donikowski, Florence Kearney and Christopher Popp. 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](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org).



### ***First Friday Eucharistic Adoration***

We hope you'll join us on Friday, July 5 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.



### ***Call to Ministry - Eucharistic Ministers***

We invite all to prayerfully consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. It is a beautiful way to participate even more fully in the Mass and to be an instrument of Jesus' love to those around us. There is no time commitment outside of Mass, so it's a great opportunity for those with even the busiest of schedules to participate. We are especially in need of ministers to serve at the 7 pm Sunday Mass. If you think God might be calling you to serve in this way, please contact Sue Marshall for more information at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org). A special thank you to those who have already volunteered!



### ***Join Our New Grounds-keeping Committee***

Calling all landscapers and gardeners! In order to better coordinate the wonderful efforts of those who've been sharing their gift of a green thumb at our parish, St. Thomas More is forming a grounds-keeping committee to beautify and maintain our planting beds. While our landscape service provider, S. Johnson Landscape Management, will continue to do the heavy lifting, such as tree removal, tree and shrub pruning and installation, lawn cutting, fertilizing and leaf removal, committee members will collaborate to remove weeds, plant flowers, etc. Committee members will also advise the parish on landscape initiatives. If you are interested in joining, please contact Anne Kostyak at [amkostyak@gmail.com](mailto:amkostyak@gmail.com). Thanks and we look forward to your participation!



### ***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

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***Of Possible Interest...***

### ***Finance Position Opening at St. Patrick Parish, Chatham***

St. Patrick Church in Chatham is seeking an individual to fill a finance position which involves working on bookkeeping, benefits and parish/school finances. In this role the individual will work with the pastor, school principal, Diocese, finance council and other significant groups of people to ensure administration of parish finances. For more information, please contact Father Bob Mitchell, pastor of St. Patrick, at [fr.bob@st-pats.org](mailto:fr.bob@st-pats.org) or 973-635-0625, ext. 152.