

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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time- September 15, 2019

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
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, 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, Tuesday or Thursday, or send an email to info@stmnj.org. We'd love to welcome you!!



Blast From the Past(or)

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He squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation....

These are chilling words from the longest parable in Scripture! In 'The Prodigal Son,' what is lost is not a coin or a sheep but a human person. Many are too familiar with the devastation of such a loss. The younger son goes off to a distant land, quickly losing his bearings and his roots. Though of course in my case it was in fact my parents who departed for the distant, exotic land of Florida to squander my inheritance through purchases at places so indulgent that they can only be uttered in hushed tones— Publix, PetSmart, QVC and Orvis— you know, all the usual suspects (that last purchase at Orvis being an expensive rain slicker for the dog). Pretty sure I also heard whispers about an ultra-limited-edition "B-Series" Burberry dog sweatshirt on order. Hmm...maybe I shouldn't be so quick to assume the inheritance being squandered is mine and not the dog's!). On top of this Dad takes great joy in investing in his all-important HAM radio equipment, ever improving the methods by which he communicates about goodness-knows-what from his secret, undisclosed, super-strong radiation-proof, no-women-allowed man bunker. *What on earth was I typing about?* Oh, yes! The Parable. The younger son, the angry son and the waiting father are three characters to which we can all relate. If we take but a moment to put down our phones and assume the posture of prayer, we know that we've assumed each of these roles at some point in our lives. The human condition endures the process of failure and return, often in cycles. But in the end, the Father just wants you safely home. The banquet is for you. *If it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost. My son/daughter, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.* God desires you. May we accept the love of our Father, celebrate the healing of our lost and avoid the anger of our envious.

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



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

Weekly Collection for September 7-8: \$7,406.25

Second Collection for September (to date): \$1,118.00

Online Donations for August: \$3,170.00

Online Donations

You can quickly and easily contribute to our weekly Sunday Collection and/or monthly Second Collection online at: <https://stthommore.weshareonline.org/> or by clicking on the "Online Donations" link on the parish home page.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 16: Saint Cornelius

8:15 am- Julia and Peter Rend

Tuesday, September 17: Saint Robert Bellarmine

8:15 am- Robert Bas

Wednesday, September 18: Saint Joseph of Cupertino

8:15 am- Terry Manelski

Thursday, September 19: Saint Januarius

8:15 am- Colleen Brophy

Friday, September 20: Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions

8:15 am- Mary Agnes Parker

Saturday, September 21: Saint Matthew

8:15 am- Catherine Marie Lillie

5:00 pm- Frances and Louis Rich
Mary Ardolino

Sunday, September 22: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Captain Frank Donnellan

11:00 am- Eileen O'Brien

7:00 pm- Lillian Kehoe

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



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, Tuesday or Thursday 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, Karen Cutaneo, Fred Donikowski, Florence Kearney, Christopher Popp, Edmond Sherry and Frank Sweeney. 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.



Annual Parish Picnic

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, concluding with an outdoor Mass at 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheets to RSVP for the picnic and also to volunteer to help set up and/or clean up are in the vestibule of the Church. We are asking everyone to please bring your favorite dish to make this a more personalized event. Hope to see you there!



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

Calling all single parishioners! Please join us to celebrate (i.e. mourn) the end of summer at our monthly gathering on Tuesday, September 17 at 12:30 pm at the Grain House, 225 Morristown Road (Route 202), Basking Ridge. Our luncheon is a no-host fellowship gathering. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



2019 Vivere Christus Est Award

In 2009, Bishop Serratelli created a Diocesan Honor to recognize the contributions of the lay faithful to the mission of Christ and His Church. Each year every parish in the Diocese nominates an individual, couple or family who continually live as faithful stewards of God's grace and generosity to receive The Vivere Christus Est ("To live is Christ") Award. We are very blessed to have many people who embody this stewardship at St. Thomas More and would be very deserving of this honor. This year our parish nominated Josh and Jolie Elmore as its award recipients. Josh, an active member of the Finance Council, and Jolie, an active member of the Pastoral Council, have each utilized their faith, zeal and charity towards further strengthening our parish by building upon its foundations of community and faith. Please join us in congratulating Josh and Jolie and thanking them for the gifts they continue to share with our St. Thomas More family!



Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful event to be held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 3:30 pm. Arrangements can be made by calling or emailing the Parish Office. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 11, 2019.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this very special occasion!



"A Night at the Museum" Gala

As a reminder, A Night at the Museum Gala will be held on Saturday, October 19 at the Newark Museum, 49 Washington Street in Newark, to benefit our parish. This Black Tie Optional Event will begin with cocktails at 5:30 pm with dinner immediately following. Music will be provided by The Infernos. A complimentary bus will be leaving St. Thomas More at 4:45 pm to bring attendees to the Newark Museum and will be leaving the museum at 10:45 pm to return to the church. If you're planning to attend or would like to separately make a donation or purchase a Gala journal ad, please mail your response card back to the Parish Office, enclosing either a check or credit card information.

Also, don't forget to stop by after Mass to buy your Gala 50/50 raffle ticket. Tickets are \$50 each and one winner will take home the grand prize!!

For additional information, please contact:

Sharon O'Neil: 973-462-5102

Jeanne Bass: 201-400-8881

Ginny Lund: 201-602-4665

Mary Murphy 973-538-9896



It's Registration Time Again!

We're in the process of firming up the details of our Religious Education program for this fall. To help us plan, we ask parents to please register your children online at our parish website as soon as possible. *Please note, all children who would like to participate need to be registered for this coming year, even if they were part of the program in the past.* The registration form can be found in the "Religious Education for Children" section under the "Faith Formation" tab. As a note, if you are registering less than 3 children, please simply put "None" in the spaces for the extra children in the online form. Please email or call the Parish Office with any questions.



Women's Guild - Fall Kickoff Meeting

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild will have its first meeting on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the basement meeting room. Please bring your annual dues of \$15. Whether you've come for years or this would be your first time, all women of the parish are very welcome.