

# *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.*

***Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity- May 30, 2021***

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## ***Celebration of the Eucharist***

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 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 email [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org) or submit the Baptism Request Form at: <https://stmnj.org/baptism-request-form> for more information. Arrangements should be made at least 8 weeks in advance of the desired date.

Funeral Rites: Please contact Father Tom for more information and to make arrangements.

Marriage: Please email [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org) or submit the Marriage Request Form at <https://stmnj.org/marriage-request-form> for more information. 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 complete the new parishioner form at <https://stmnj.org/membership-information> or call the Parish Office at 973-267-5330. We'd love to welcome you!!



**Blast from the Past(or)**  
**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**  
**May 30, 2021**

*The truth must dazzle gradually or every man be blind....*

I know our vast, devoted and careful readers will recognize that line is not from today's readings, but it is instead from an Emily Dickinson poem. I purchased a copy of *The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson* from a used bookstore in Charlottesville, VA a few years ago. It was an awesome bookstore, and if this priesthood thing doesn't pan out, I hope I can work for that bookstore guy. He was a throwback to a different era, and perhaps a different planet. While in Charlottesville, I had the single-most, hands down, greatest breakfast sandwich (with respect to our local breakfast places, which I love) of all time. It featured crispy bacon, plump, juicy sausage, beautifully seasoned home fries, fresh banana, silky peanut butter and bourbon barrel maple syrup, all gently nestled amidst a heavenly Belgian waffle. Overcome by its beauty, I wept openly and had to be bolstered by the kindness of the locals. I'm sorry; the purpose of this Solemnity is not to boast of my transcendent culinary experience. No, it is about the Truth of God, Who is an *eternal exchange of love*, which is God's 'innermost secret' according to the Catechism (CCC 221). Such Truth is too much to bear for us children of Eden and must be brought forth gradually. It is 'too bright for our infirm Delight,' Ms. Dickinson wrote. She knew well 'Truth's superb surprise' must unfold gradually. To say God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit is to realize that *God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I can scarcely take it in....*Yeah. Christianity is too much beauty, and this Beauty will save the world! (Oh, and my sandwich *did* have a healthy banana on it...so don't judge)....

God bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



**Mass Intentions**

Although we are not yet able to offer public Masses every day, Father Tom or Father Daniel continue to say Mass daily for all Mass intentions. If you would like to request that a Mass be said for a loved one or another intention, please email Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org).



**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

This Friday, June 4 we will be having Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. All are welcome!



**May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 John and Mary Walsh

**June 1 - Saint Justin Martyr**  
 George and Norma Scinto, Robert Parella and Phil Onstad

**June 2 - Saints Marcellinus and Peter**  
 Rose DeMarco

**June 3 - Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions**  
 Pat Schell

**June 4 - Blessed Angelina of Marsciano**  
 Kenny Day

**June 5 - Saint Boniface**  
 Pauline Falcone and Theresa Hogan

**June 6 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

8 am - Mike Murphy

11 am - Louise Underhill

Frank and Gladys Tangel



**Mass Cards - Online Request Form**

As a reminder, to help streamline things while the parish office is closed, you can request a Mass Card online! Simply go to: <https://stmnj.org/request-a-mass-card> or click on the link on our home page. Please try to provide at least 24 hours' notice to give us time to prepare one for you. If you have trouble with the online form, you can also always send an email with the requested Mass information to [info@stmnj.org](mailto:info@stmnj.org). In your request please let us know if you'd like us to mail the card to you or directly to the recipient, or to leave it for you to pick it up.



**Prayers for the Sick**

Please join us in praying for all who are ill in our community, and in a particular way for Chris Auger, Phil Barrett, Fred Donikowski, Barbara Kline, Ray Meyers, Anne Morrison, Lorraine Zedalis Moschini, John O'Neil, Bobby Polidore, Christopher Popp, Bethann and Bob Panzer, Eileen Scheibner, Mary Sczyrek, Gloria Souchuk, Flynn Sullivan, Mary Werner and Marlene Widmer. 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 (or removed from) the request for healing prayers in our weekly bulletin, please send an email to Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org).



### Updated Mass Protocols

On May 28, Bishop Sweeney issued updated protocols for liturgical celebrations in light of Governor Murphy's recent announcements:

- Occupancy restrictions for social distancing have been lifted, and masks are not required for those who are vaccinated.
- We will continue to block off some pews on the outer sections of our church for anyone who may not yet be comfortable worshipping without masks and social distancing. **Kindly do not sit in those seats unless you wear a mask and keep distance from others in those sections.** Please be considerate of those who may be particularly vulnerable to illness, or are returning to Mass for the first time in months or may not otherwise be comfortable.
- Anyone who would still like to wear a mask is welcome to do so.
- We will continue to make hand sanitizer available.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time, and everyone is encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- We'll continue to have a basket in the back of the church rather than taking a collection during Mass.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to do our best to comply with all guidelines and keep everyone as safe and comfortable as possible.



### STM Website - Did You Know??

For your convenience, although our parish office remains closed, you can make a number of requests from the parish office directly through our website. Here are some helpful links that might come in handy:

**New Parishioner Registration:**

<https://stmnj.org/membership-information>

**Mass Intention/Mass Card Request:**

<https://stmnj.org/request-a-mass-card>

**Baptism/First Communion/Confirmation Certificate**

**Request:** <https://stmnj.org/request-a-certificate>

**Sacrament of Marriage Request Form:**

<https://stmnj.org/marriage-request-form>



### Welcomers Needed!

Although we have been able to reduce the number of volunteers needed, we would like to have 2 welcomers at each weekend Mass to help with seating, especially while we're still required to social distance. Please prayerfully consider singing up through the Flocknote that will be sent for June volunteers. Thank you!



### A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

As we conclude this Month of May, in which we honor our Blessed Mother in a special way, and as we remember those who have so bravely served our Great Nation, we pray...

### Prayer Entrusting the United States to Mary Immaculate

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our President and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor.

Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners—on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.

**Amen.**

*(Excerpt from a prayer attributed to Archbishop John Carroll, first bishop of the United States)*

*Taken from:*

<https://www.amm.org/PrayWithUs/Entrusting%20US>.

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### *Upcoming Changes to Distribution of Holy Eucharist*

Beginning on the Feast of Corpus Christi, we will be adding one Eucharistic Minister to each weekend Mass. In connection with this we'll be re-routing the Communion lines a bit and will explain more when that weekend comes. For any Eucharistic Ministers who would like to serve but did not receive the recent email regarding the upcoming schedule and meeting, please reach out to Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org). Thank you!



### *Resumption of Scripture Group Meetings*

After many months of absence due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Scripture Group will resume its bi-weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office Basement Meeting Room. The first few meetings will center around viewing and discussing video sessions on: **"The Life of Jesus."** These videos include historical and cultural background, a close look at the biblical text, and applications to life today. The first meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 8th. Please call or email Frank Miles at 973-538-6554 or [lexan@ix.netcom.com](mailto:lexan@ix.netcom.com) with any questions. Thank you!



### *St. Therese Corner - June 2021*

May 1884 - St. Therese was age 11. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the second time she received Holy Communion, she noted: "It is no longer I who live, it is Jesus who lives within me."

The St. Therese Discussion Group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, June 9, at 7 PM in the Parish Office Basement Meeting Room (**NOT** via Zoom). Please contact Al Olivier in advance at [omnipak@msn.com](mailto:omnipak@msn.com) if you plan on coming so he can anticipate the size of the group before that evening. The group will cover the three phases of St. Therese and her spiritual development as well as briefly touching on the relationship with her sister, Celine.



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### *Reinstatement of the General Obligation to Attend Mass*

On May 21, Bishop Sweeney notified all parishes in the Diocese of Paterson of the decision by the Bishops of New Jersey to "lift the dispensation" from the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation as of Saturday/Sunday, June 5/6, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Bishop Sweeney particularly noted the symbolic value of all those who are able returning to Sunday Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi for two reasons: "First, we are reminded of the gift that Jesus gives to us of receiving His Body and Blood in Holy Communion and our need for that Spiritual nourishment. Secondly, it was on the Feast of Corpus Christi last year that we joyfully returned to being able to attend Mass 'in person,' after three months of the 'lock down.'" He also pointed out that we are more fully the "Body of Christ" when we all gather around the table of the Lord and highlighted that this is a great opportunity for those who have already "come back" to Mass to invite family, friends, and others to return as well. A copy of the statement of the Bishops of New Jersey can be found on the following page. We look forward to welcoming even more of our parish family back in the upcoming weeks. We've missed you!



### *Supporting St. Thomas More*

A continued "thank you" to all who have continued to support our parish during these challenging times. For those looking for a way to provide financial support, you can contribute through the following channels:

- **Collections can be dropped in the basket at Sunday Mass.**
- **You can mail your contribution to the parish office at St. Thomas More Parish, 4 Convent Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960**
- **You can quickly set up a one-time or recurring donation online by going to: <https://stthommore.weshareonline.org/>**
- **You can set up a contribution online through the Diocese's site, at [helpmyparish.thankyou4caring.org](http://helpmyparish.thankyou4caring.org). Select "St. Thomas More Church - Convent Station" and make either a one-time gift or a weekly recurring donation.**

**Thank you so much for your generosity!**



## *Ways to Stay Spiritually Connected When not Attending Mass in Person*

1. **View Mass Online or on Television:** Check out our parish website to view Mass each Sunday celebrated by Father Tom. You can also view daily and weekend Masses at [www.catholicstv.org](http://www.catholicstv.org) or on television on EWTN.

2. **Make an Act of Spiritual Communion:** This beautiful practice has been part of the lives of countless saints who found it drew them closer to God on a daily basis. Below is a traditional prayer of spiritual communion which can be prayed while watching Mass online or on television, in the midst of your daily work, or at any time during the day, lifting up your thoughts to God.

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

3. **Pray the Rosary:** Appealing to our beloved, Blessed Mother and uniting with other Catholics throughout the world by praying the Rosary is a profound way to find peace and strength during these difficult times. A number of resources are available to assist in praying the Rosary at home, in the car, or wherever your social distancing might take you.

**Apps:** (Free, available in the Apple and Google Play stores)

**Laudate App-** Combines a large number of Catholic resources such as Daily Mass, prayers (including the Rosary), the Bible, Stations of the Cross, the Catechism and much more.

**Mary App-** Created by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, this app is a helpful resource on our Blessed Mother and includes, among many other things, an interactive Rosary with an audio option.

**Family Rosary's Mobile Rosary-** Offers the traditional Rosary with the text of each prayer. You can pray in silence or with the companion voice of Venerable Patrick Peyton.

**iRosary-** Displays a fully-animated set of Rosary beads which displays each prayer as you move each bead with your finger, like a standard Rosary.

**YouTube:** There are many videos of people praying the Rosary that you can join. One popular example is that of the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, which can be found through a YouTube search or at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCijy\\_J5ozpFLoxo4vZ4RRYA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCijy_J5ozpFLoxo4vZ4RRYA).

**Online:** The Rosary Center & Confraternity website offers a number of resources and options for praying the Rosary, including, "Praying the Rosary Without Distractions," "Scripturally Based Rosary," and "In Stained Glass." You can find a description of the Rosary and prayer links here: <https://www.Rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/Rosary/how-to-pray-the-Rosary/>

4. **Participate in Virtual Stations of the Cross:** Various examples can be found online, but here is one: <https://bustedhalo.com/video/virtual-stations-of-the-cross>.

5. **Even Washing your Hands Can Lead to Prayer:** Instead of singing *Happy Birthday*, try reciting the *Hail Mary* two times as you scrub. It's a great way to keep us centered while we're keeping safe.



### **Prayer of Pope Francis for Protection and Help**

O Mary,

you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross  
took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You...know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,

Who has taken upon Himself our sufferings and carried our  
sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the  
resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do  
not disdain the entreaties of those of us who are in trial, but deliver  
us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.