

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- July 4, 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 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 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)
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4, 2021

A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.....

Ouch. Jesus exposes an uncomfortable reality. Do we have to reflect on this? I'd prefer to focus on the perfect 4th of July Cheeseburger (it can't be well-done. I know some people like it that way, but a 4th Of July Cheeseburger requires some pink in it, with mustard/mayo/ketchup and pickle. That's a fact check true. And, there can't be too much bread to said Cheeseburger: You need the proper bun/burger ratio!), watch some baseball, and sit in a pool on a giant flamingo floatie and thank God for such blessings. Oops, I'm sorry, back to the Gospel: how can the Christ be unappreciated in His hometown? Well, for one thing, it is foretold: this Child is destined for the rise and fall of many in Israel and a sign that will be contradicted (Lk 2: 34-35). Truth is divisive, you see. Second, there's that whole familiarity and contempt thing. Nazareth was not regarded as anything exceptional and the people knew Jesus's background. They thought He was 'only' the Son of a carpenter, for crying out loud, and therefore nothing to write home about. They were blind to the Presence of the Unprecedented. It is interesting that this Gospel falls on the 245th Anniversary of Our Great Nation, which is also widely unappreciated among many who are native to this place. In fact, The United States is wholly unique and is *the last best hope*, said Abraham Lincoln. May those who fail to appreciate this Country be freed from the blindness of Nazareth, Christ's native place and recognize the unprecedented among the familiar.

God Bless you!! And God Bless America!! And, for God's sake, don't overcook that burger!!!!



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 or complete our online Mass request.



July 5 - Saint Anthony Zaccaria

Janis Murphy

July 6 - Saint Maria Goretti

People of the Parish

July 7 - Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz and Companions

Sr. Mary Rose Mitchell

July 8 - Saint Gregory Grassi and Companions

Rosemarie Raiola

July 9 - Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Mike Murphy

July 10 - Saint Veronica Giuliani

Mary E. Finlay

Tina Panzarella

July 11 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Maurice Ann Carlin

Nancy Campbell

11 am - Rita Samuelson



Mass Cards - Online Request Form

As a reminder, to help streamline things you can request a Mass intention and/or 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. 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, Gloria Souchuk, Flynn Sullivan 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.

2021 3-MONTH CALENDAR RAFFLE



**\$5,300
IN PRIZES**

FIRST DRAWING THIS WEEKEND!

As a reminder, each weekend after Mass you can purchase a raffle ticket that will give you not one but FORTY chances to win, from July through September! Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses during this period. **Please note we are unable to email tickets, so if you previously mailed in an order form, your tickets will be available to pick up after all weekend Masses.** Tickets are 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50. More details can be found in the ticket brochure. Another use we hope to make of the raffle proceeds is exploring the possibility of finally embarking upon a project that has been talked about for many years at this parish—converting the rectory to a parish center. Although we're still at the very early stages in discussing this potential transformation, we'd like to use some of the proceeds to explore it further. Thank you for your consideration of this fundraising endeavor— and GOOD LUCK!



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. 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!



Reminder- Current Mass Protocols

- 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.



Sisters of Christian Charity
MALLINCKRODT CONVENT, MENDHAM, NJ

8th Annual SCC Golf Outing

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club

Livingston, NJ

Questions? Contact Elaine Thornberry at:

sccmissionadvancement@gmail.com

Registration, Driving Range Open: 10:00-11:00 AM

Brunch Served: 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Shotgun Start (Scramble format): 1:00 PM

Reception/Dinner Buffet, Awards: 5:30 PM

Individual golfers, foursomes and sponsors are welcome. Golf prizes will be awarded. For further information or to register online, go to: www.scceast.org/golf-outing.



Upcoming Events at St. Paul Inside the Walls *Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage*

All are welcome and encouraged to partake in the Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage hosted by the Diocese of Paterson to celebrate the year of St. Joseph. To participate, visit insidethewalls.org/go2stjoe and print the pilgrimage passport. You then have until December 8th to visit 7 of the 11 locations listed on the passport. Full details can be found on the website.

The Joy of Love & Family Conference

The Diocese of Paterson, in collaboration with the other four Roman Catholic Archdioceses in New Jersey, will sponsor “The Joy of Love & Family,” a conference series in celebration of the Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis. Beginning on June 24, the series of free talks will premiere over six months, covering topics for every stage of family life. More information, including the full speaker line up and talk titles, is available on www.lightingheartsonfire.org, where you can also sign up to receive notifications. Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages @dioceseofpaterson for continued updates!



A Moment of Prayer for the Week...

As we celebrate the birthday of our Great Nation this weekend, we pray:

Mary Immaculate, Patroness of Our Country, Pray for Us

O GOD OUR CREATOR, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.

Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;

give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Found at: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/upload/Immaculate-Conception-English.pdf>

Below is the note of thanks we received from our grateful neighbors down the street for the recent, generous donations our parish made towards repairing their storm damage. Thank you, as always, for the generous spirit of St. Thomas More Parish!

JM+JT

June 28, 2021

Dear Father Fallone and Parishioners of St. Thomas More Church,

Praised be Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary, his mother!

We are so grateful for your generous collection in support of our Carmelite Monastery. Your donation was graciously delivered by Father Fallone to our grateful community on the feast day of your patron, Saint Thomas More. We feel very blessed by your support.

Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to proceed with repairs to a large portion of our wooden fence that was damaged by a fallen tree and purchase much needed equipment and supplies for our garden, which we depend upon to help supply our food.

May God reward you abundantly for this act of mercy toward His humble servants. Please be assured of our prayers for you.

With trust in God's mercy,

Mother Therese of the Child Jesus and the Immaculate Conception, O.C.D.

Prioress

Monastery of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel

Morristown, New Jersey



8th Annual
Corpus Christi
FOOD DRIVE
Creating hope in a Crisis

Supporting Catholic Charities Food Pantries
Father English • Hope House • PSS

www.ccpaterson.org/corpus

Donate Food Through YouGiveGoods:

<https://yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2021>

Find your parish and click “shop.” Each parish is listed with its own set of unique items to help meet Catholic Charities great needs. All goods ordered online will be shipped directly to our three diocesan food pantries after the drive concludes - Father English Center (Paterson), Hope House (Dover) and the Partnership for Social Services (Franklin).

Make a Monetary Donation:

Visit www.ccpaterson.org/corpus to make a donation online which will be directly used to purchase food. You may also mail a check to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson - Corpus Christi Food Drive - 777 Valley Road - Clifton, NJ 07013.

Have Food Dropped off Directly at Catholic Charities:

We are encouraging virtual giving this year, but understand that there are certain individuals who are actively shopping and may want to work directly with our pantries. Please contact Catholic Charities directly to work out an in-person drive or to drop off food individually.

Email: Info@ccpaterson.org or call Karina Maria at 973-279-7100 Ext. 2038
Catholic Charities Food Pantry Director Carlos Roldan: 973-771-9485

Though this drive typically culminates on the Feast of the Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021, we are going to extend this endeavor this year through July to better help those most in need through the challenging summer months.

You may contact Catholic Charities Development Office with any additional questions at Info@ccpaterson.org or call (973) 279-7100 Ext. 2038.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities and our brothers and sisters in need!