

# *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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 29, 2021***

## **Parish Staff**

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

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am [7:00 pm from Labor Day through Memorial Day, with the exception of holiday weekends]

Daily Mass: Monday through 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)**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 29, 2021**

*Observe them carefully, for thus will give you evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations....*

Ahhh it's 'back to school' time, which these days poses reticence for some and eagerness for others, with all different outlooks desiring safety for everyone. Yet this time of the year conjures a new beginning and fresh start for all. In my day this was symbolized by purchasing new school supplies with my parents' money. One year I got a Trapper Keeper and a had to buy a compass and protractor for math (I think they were for math. I do know I made circles and other designs with them.). Then I dutifully covered my textbooks with paper bags (thanks, Mom!) which probably launched me to being a two-time student-of-the-month award winner at St. Mary's School in Denville. It was readily apparent that I was going places, and quickly. Another important school aid was a planner. There, you wrote down things that were important, like when they would serve Tater Tots in the cafeteria. Our observances speak most about us, says Moses, evincing our level of wisdom and intelligence. Like all cultures from time immemorial, ours seems to craft additions and subtractions to the Commandments of God. A lot of our man-made traditions blur our fundamental observance, from redefining words to censoring one's empirical observations, there are many *teaching as doctrines human precepts*. As Jesus points out to the Pharisees, this is not good. As the Embodiment of the Commandments, Christ alerts us to the dangers of hypocrisy, reminding us yet again that there are two types of people: those who know they are broken, in need of a Savior, and those who don't. At this time of new beginning, may we resolve to observe as best we can all that has been commanded. It's healthy, and it's freeing!

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



**Reminder - 7 pm Mass Resumes on Sunday, September 12!**

As previously announced, we will be resuming the 7 pm Sunday Mass on Sunday, September 12. It will continue on all Sundays (except holiday weekends) until Memorial Day Weekend. Please spread the word!



**August 30 - Saint Jeanne Jugan**

Margaret and James Farkas

**August 31 - Saints Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus**

Carm Sautter

**September 1 - Saint Giles**

Arlene Bartolomeo

**September 2 - Blessed John Francis Burté and Companions**

Duncan Sinclair

**September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great**

Rev. Patrick Rice

**September 4 - Saint Rose of Viterbo**

Carmen Liuzza, Jr.

**September 5 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am - Angela Zalewski

11 am - Lt. Col. Lawrence and Jean Lawler



**Mass Intentions**

If you would like to request that a Mass be said for a loved one, please email Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org) or complete our online Mass request form. Please try to provide at least one week's notice so we can do our best to accommodate your request.

**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](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, 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](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org).



### *First Friday Eucharistic Adoration*

This Friday, September 3, we will be having Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. All are welcome!



### *Vivere Christus Award*

Please join us in congratulating Jeanne Bass, the recipient of this year's Diocesan Vivere Christus Award from St. Thomas More. The name of the award is taken from the Latin phrase, "To live is Christ," found in St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (1:21). Each year, the Diocese honors recipients who have selflessly and faithfully responded to the call of missionary discipleship in our parishes and institutions. Jeanne Bass, in her many ministries over the years, embodies just that! Jeanne and the honorees will be celebrated at The Vivere Christus Award Ceremony at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Sunday, October 17, at 3 pm. All are most welcome to attend!

### **2021 3-MONTH CALENDAR RAFFLE**



### *Our Parish Raffle Continues!*

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 are 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50. More details can be found in the ticket brochure.

**Congratulations to last week's winners!!**

**\$100 Prize - Ellen Fraumann**

**\$100 Prize - Paddy and Marilyn Kiernan**

**\$100 Prize - Sammy Piccolo**

*Remember, even if you win, your ticket still goes back in for all of the future drawings!*



### *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!**



### *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.



## Religious Education Help Needed

After years of serving our community, our longtime volunteer religious education coordinator, Teresa Thomas, has stepped down. Paul Critchley and Cathy Miller have graciously (and bravely!) jumped in to lead our Confirmation program, but we do still need someone to coordinate our small Kindergarten through 6th grade classes. We have access to a curriculum through the same program our Confirmation students will be using but need someone to take the lead and also recruit teachers. If any parents or others would be interested, please send an email to Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org) or call Tina in the parish office. Please note each person involved in religious education is required by the Diocese to pass a background check and obtain a Protecting God's Children Certificate. More information regarding the Protecting God's Children Program and how to register for an upcoming session can be found at: <https://rcdop.org/child-protection>. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of assisting in this vital ministry!



## Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1971 or 1996? If so, the Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to submit your registration to the parish office is Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*



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

As students, teachers and staff at all levels start heading back to classrooms, we keep them in our prayers in a special way, particularly as they return after these long months of pandemic:

### A Back-to-School Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge  
to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year,  
in this time of uncertainty and anxiety,  
we implore your mercy.

Bless and protect our students, teachers,  
staffs and their families.

Give wisdom to the decision makers,  
be they in our schools or in our homes.

Expand the horizons of our minds,  
and deepen our commitment to seek  
the truth of your ways.

Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need,  
particularly those isolated and lonely.

In these days when so much has changed,  
help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus,  
our Divine Teacher, who is the same  
yesterday, today, and forever.

Amen.

Tom Dermody, *The Catholic Post*, 8/14/20,  
<https://thecatholicpost.com/2020/08/14/a-back-to-school-prayer/>



## Special Memorial Mass for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11, 2001

At 8:15 am on Saturday, September 11, we will celebrate a special Mass remembering all those lives lost on September 11, 2001, all those who bravely served on that day and the days to follow, all who continue to mourn, and our Great Nation that unites us after all. All are welcome to join us in gathering around the Table of the Lord as we honor this important anniversary.



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## **8th Annual SCC Golf Outing**

**Thursday, September 30, 2021**

**Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club**

**Livingston, NJ**

*Questions? Contact Elaine Thornberry at:*

[sccmissionadvancement@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.scceast.org/golf-outing)**





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**Fellow Parishioners,**

August, 2021

We hope your summer is healthy and restful. We would like to bring to your attention that the George Washington Council 359 of Morristown, NJ will be honoring our Vietnam veterans on **October 2, 2021 with a BLUE MASS at 530 PM** followed by a **dinner dance reception at Springbrook Country Club.**

**Our own Bishop Kevin Sweeney, together with Msgr. John Hart** will co-celebrate the mass and attend the event at Springbrook CC. We will also have several distinguished heroes from that conflict, including **George Hanley- CEO Emeritus and founder of Welcome home Vietnam veterans of New Jersey, And Lt. Col. Jack Jacobs, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.**

**Lastly,** we will honor a **long time Assumption parishioner** and recognize him with the Knights lifetime achievement award at our dinner dance.

If **interested in taking an AD** for our journal, OR **attending the dinner dance**, please reach out to me as soon as possible. We will close the AD subscription during August, and we have various types of Ads for recognition. Tickets are \$150 per ticket and will be sold until we reach capacity.

Thank You for your consideration.

Respectfully Yours,

Vivat Jesus

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