

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 26, 2021

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am and 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 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)
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021

...whoever is not against us is for us...

Easy, there, Jesus. Your Words are an indictment of our fractured culture so obsessed with division in the name of unity. Lord, we are in warring camps with some labeled 'anti-science' pitted against those who 'follow the science.' There are Mountain Dew people versus the Mello Yello people. We have thin-crust people versus the Chicago style folks. We have Auburn versus Alabama, Red versus Blue, FOX versus CNN and the Mets fans versus the evil, puppy-hating, children's-birthday-party-ruining, Santa-denying Phillies' fans. We have regular, awesome priests versus strange, foreign, Canadian priests who speak with a funny accent. While personal preference is often presented as fact foisted upon those with different opinions these days, Christ makes it clear that our division can be deadly. Our entrance into eternal life requires an extraction of any obstacles to salvation, cutting off our hand if we are grabbing for equality with God or cutting off our foot if we are walking away from God. Even though our Lord 'eats and drinks with sinners,' He is vigilant to protect us from the things that would do harm to His Promise. Jesus's union of humanity and divinity is the invitation to eternal divine life. Let's be united in this: *For God so loved the world that He sent His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him might have eternal life.* Amen. It looks like we have our work cut out for us.

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



Mass Intentions/Mass Cards

If you'd like to request a Mass to be said for a loved one, please email Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org, complete our online Mass request form at <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 for a card to allow adequate time. 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. Our Mass intentions are finalized at least one week in advance so please understand we unfortunately may not always be able to accommodate last-minute requests.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

This Friday, October 1, we will be having Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. All are welcome!



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 27 - Saint Vincent de Paul

Janis Murphy

Tuesday, September 28 - Saint Wenceslaus

Ilse Falcone

Wednesday, September 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Walter Wary

Thursday, September 30 - Saint Jerome

Lino Rochino

Friday, October 1 - Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Rose De Marco

Francis Griffin

Saturday, October 2 - Feast of the Guardian Angels

Deceased Members of the College of St. Elizabeth Class of 1966

Sunday, October 3- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Helen and John O'Connell

11 am: Herbert Mitchell

Theresa Arre Racinelli

7 pm: Pasquale Carmagnola



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.



Attention Confirmation Students and Parents!

Just a reminder that our first class will be Sunday, September 26 at 5 pm in the church. You should have received an email with information regarding the program and preparing for class. If you did not, please reach out to Cathy Miller at miller.cathy@gmail.com. Thank you.



Thank you to All Who Supported Our Parish Raffle!

Thank you to all who purchased one or many raffle tickets, and to Ginny Lund, Ginny Macko, Mary Murphy and Sharon O'Neil for their efforts in coordinating and running this fundraiser over so many months.

Congratulations to last week's winners!!

\$100 Prize – Lucille Davino

\$100 Prize – Woody Jabbour

\$100 Prize – Walter Kobin



Blessing of the Animals - October 4th at 5:30pm

As we celebrate the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, we invite everyone to bring their furry family members for a Blessing of the Animals on the parish lawn at 5:30 pm on Monday, October 4 (rain or shine!). It's a wonderful chance to show our pets how much we love them and to take a moment to give thanks to God for entrusting them to our care. Hope to see you there!



From the St. Thomas More Women's Guild...

The Women's Guild will be reconvening on September 28th at 1 p.m. Mass will be offered by Father Tom. We will be having our meeting at The Parish Office across from the church immediately following. Looking forward to seeing all The Ladies on the 28th!



Villa Walsh Academy Open Houses

Offered Sunday, October 3, 2021 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

and Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM!

Known for its faith-based academic excellence, first-rate sports programs and the strong and lasting bond of sisterhood, a VWA education inspires young women to grow confidently in mind, body and spirit to make a positive difference in the world. For further details, and to register for the Open Houses visit our website at www.villawalsh.org/admissions.

Discover the Villa Walsh Academy difference!



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.



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 25th or 50th 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 7th, 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 7th, 2021.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*



2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

The 2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal (formerly called the 'Bishop's Annual Appeal') is officially kicking-off this weekend. The theme of this year's Appeal is "Let Your Light Shine." After so much hardship experienced by many because of the pandemic, it appears that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Our 2021 Appeal theme reminds us that we all have a role to play in diminishing the darkness by being beacons of hope for all in need. Please support our Diocesan Ministries Appeal that helps so many of our brothers and sisters in our Diocese. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal supports the important work of our Catholic Charities, priests' extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence, Catholic inner-city elementary education and seminarian formation. Tens of thousands of people are helped each year because of your generous support. You can give with confidence, knowing that funds from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal are used solely for the causes described in the campaign materials. They are used for no other purpose. For your convenience, you can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2021appeal.org and follow the user-friendly instructions.



A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

As we prepare for the upcoming feast day of Saint Thérèse this week, we look to her for guidance in prayer...

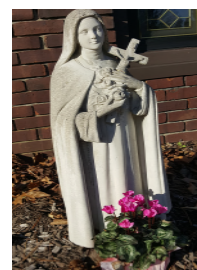
A Morning Prayer

By St. Thérèse

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all Eternity.

Amen.



<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/morning-prayer-written-by-st-therese-838>



Sisters of Christian Charity
MALLINCKRODT CONVENT, MENDHAM, NJ

A Request from the Sisters of Christian Charity

The Sisters of Christian Charity are looking for an evening RN to coordinate and oversee the care plan of their Sisters. They are looking for a compassionate person with a strong work ethic. BSN required with a minimum of three years in long-term care. Please contact Eileen Davis, Business Manager at bus.manager@sceast.org or 973-230-5368 if interested or for more information.



Scripture Study Group

All are welcome to join the STM Scripture Study Group meeting on Tuesday, October 5 at 3:00 PM in the church. Our program is based on the video, "The Wild Goose" about the work of the Holy Spirit. The second segment of the video is about:

"Breath of God"

Following the video we will share how this aspect of the Holy Spirit's activity affects our own lives and faith. For further information or questions, call Frank Miles at 973-538-6554 or email to lexan@ix.netcom.com.



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Winding Thru Worship Series

This fall, the Office of Worship is hosting a series of presentations, *Winding Thru Worship*, which explores a different topic of worship and liturgy each week. All presentations are in-person at *St. Paul Inside the Walls* beginning at 7:30 PM. Click [here](#) to register.

Tuesday, October 5

"Post" - COVID Liturgy: What's new? What's the same? What's the difference?

Presenter: Fr. Jared Brogan

Tuesday, October 12

Praying the Antiphons

Presenter: Mr. Preston Dibble

Tuesday, October 26

A Fulfilling Choir Rehearsal

Presenter: Mr. Preston Dibble

Tuesday, November 2

Liturgical Movement v. Liturgical Reform

Presenter: Fr. Jared Brogan

Tuesday, November 9

Baptism: Called By Name to Discipleship

Confirmation: Sent Out as Missionary Disciples

Presenter: Fr. Jared Brogan

A description of each presentation can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) to register or visit www.insidethewalls.org for more information.

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Oratory Prep School

Oratory Prep invites you to the OPEN HOUSE EVENTS on Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 1-3 p.m. and on Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oratory Prep is located at 425 Morris Avenue in Summit. They ask that you register to attend on their website under the Admissions tab. For further information, call 908-273-1084, ext. 1 or visit them at www.oratoryprep.org.



Monthly Prayer Meeting for Youth

On Friday, October 8, bring your teens to pray together and meet other young people from around the Diocese! The event will take place at Our Lady of the Lake in Sparta starting at 7 pm. The evening includes mass, witness talks, confessions, and a Holy Hour with music. This time around, our theme will be faith. For more information click [here...](#) or go to insidethewalls.org.



Sixth Annual Red Mass

Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney will celebrate Mass for the Sixth Annual Red Mass on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 11 am at St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Avenue in Madison. All are welcome to attend. This year all previous Advocati Christi Award winners will be honored, including:

Andrew E. Anselmi

Michael Critchley

Domenick Carmagnola

Karol Corbin Walker

Kenneth F. Mullaney, Jr.

Following Mass, a continental breakfast will be provided for those who purchase a ticket in advance.

Please visit www.insidethewalls.org/redmass by Thursday, September 30 to get your ticket.





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PASSAIC COUNTY VETERANS' WORKSHOP

CRISIS TO WHOLENESS:

NAVIGATING YOUR NETWORK OF SUPPORT

AN INFORMATION AND RESOURCE PROGRAM FOR ALL VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021

8:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY
300 OLDHAM ROAD, WAYNE, NJ 07470

**DD-214 RECORDING AND
VETERAN ID PROCESSING
AVAILABLE**

**ALL COVID-19 SAFETY
PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN
EFFECT**

For more information and to RSVP by October 15 please contact:
Louis Imhof, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners
(973) 881-4412
louisi@passaiccountynj.org

This program is recommended for ages 18 and up; some of the subject matter discussed may not be suitable for children.



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





Knights of Columbus

George Washington Council 359

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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

Bill Duggan
Grand Knight

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Believe in a Better Tomorrow

November 4, 2021
Annual Benefit Gala

Please join us for a cocktail reception and seated dinner!

6:00 pm, Thursday, November 4
The Grove in Cedar Grove, NJ

Our Annual Benefit Gala raises awareness and vital funding for our life-saving and life-changing programs that serve thousands of men, women and children each year. **This year we will celebrate those who have achieved better tomorrows** through our programs that address basic needs for food and shelter, as well as complex issues around addiction, mental illness, and chronic homelessness.

Our Honorees:

Bishop Kevin Sweeney, Diocese of Paterson, *Where Hope Begins Award*
Eva's Village Frontline Workers, *The Monsignor Puma Award*
St. Joseph's Health Frontline Workers, *The Community Service Award*

[Click here](#) to view an invitation. To RSVP and purchase tickets, [click here](#).

For more information, please contact:
Joey Mazza, Eva's Village Special Events Manager
973-314-1352.

Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.