

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.

The Baptism of the Lord - January 9, 2022

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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)
The Baptism of the Lord
Diocesan Year of the Eucharist
January 9, 2022

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking if John might be the Christ...

Hmmm, no offense, New Year 2022 AD, but in addition to expectations, I've got a lot of questions and skepticism concerning you. Because scores of people have experienced trials and travails with your predecessor, I am going to give you the squinty-eye once-over. The difficult supply chain has pilfered a lot of hope from the shelves. Will 2022 be different? Thankfully, the Baptism of the Lord proclaims the potential of the New Year and ushers our Christmas joy to Ordinary Time. Pumped! Jesus's Baptism is the Source of our New Year's Resolutions. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI put it this way: though *conflicting movements, hopes and expectations shaped the political climate* around the time of Jesus's Birth...*the real novelty is that Jesus wants to be baptized, that He blends into the grey mass of sinners waiting on the banks of the Jordan (Pope Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth vol. 1 p. 12-16).* OK, you're looking good, so far, 2022! We can't do it on our own, and so we accept the humility of Christ our Savior and sibling. Even in sad times, Christ is here. Heaven begins now. On this Feast, Bishop Sweeney commences **The Year of the Eucharist** in our Diocese. What a great part of our Resolution to spend time with Christ in the Eucharist. As we will have Holy Hours of Adoration at St. Thomas More throughout the coming year, Bishop Sweeney asks us to enter Christ's baptism with a 'Spiritual New Year's Resolution' with the intention of deepening our love and appreciation of the Eucharist. Copies of Bishop Sweeney's Letter inaugurating the **Diocesan Year of the Eucharist** are available for you to pick up. Check it out! And let us recall the foundation of our Good Wishes for the New Year: The Real Presence of Christ!

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



Thank You for Your Generous Contributions!

We are very grateful for all who contribute to the financial support of our church and who take stewardship seriously.

Christmas Offering to Date	\$ 21,565.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 605.00
Weekend Collection for Sunday, December 26:	\$ 5,238.00

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 10 - Saint Gregory of Nyssa
Anne Lundgren

Tuesday, January 11 - Blessed William Carter
Thomas Sullivan, Jr.

Wednesday, January 12 - Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
Eva Serratelli

Thursday, January 13 - Saint Hilary of Poitiers
Michael Christie

Friday, January 14 - Saint Gregory Nazianzen
Kiernan Foley

Saturday, January 15 - Saint Paul the Hermit
Patricia Coen

Sunday, January 16 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Matthew Kawka

11 am: John Pappalardo

7 pm: Anne Morrison



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.



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.

Ministry News

To all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Each month, all who have indicated they would like to serve will receive links to sign-up via Flocknotes for your desired Mass(es). If you do not receive the links, or would like to join either (or both!) ministry for the first time, please reach out to Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org. Thank you so much, as always, for your service to St. Thomas More!



Why a Year of the Eucharist?

On January 9, 2022, the Diocese of Paterson will inaugurate a Year of the Eucharist. The purpose of this year is to promote a renewed appreciation, understanding, and devotion of the Eucharist. This will be achieved using various catechetical, liturgical, and pastoral components on the diocesan and parish level. The highlight of the Year of the Eucharist will be the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress which will be held the weekend of September 23-25. The keynote speaker will be Archbishop Rino Fisichella, the President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. **We will honor the start of this special year in our own parish by having Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, January 9, from 12 pm to 3 pm. All are invited to stop by and spend a few minutes or more with Jesus.**

Click [here](#) for a video from Bishop Sweeney with more on this Special Year

For more information regarding the celebrations of this year in our Diocese, please check out the Diocesan page at <https://rcdop.org/year-of-the-eucharist> or use the QR Code below.



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.



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January 7, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thursday evening, committees of our State Senate and Assembly forwarded a bill that would codify in state law the right to abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. This legislation may be voted on by the full Senate and Assembly as hastily as this coming Monday, January 10th.

Please go to our Diocesan website or the New Jersey Catholic Conference website (www.njcatholic.org) to learn more about this proposed legislation that denies all rights of a child in the womb and **please contact your Senate and Assembly representatives** encouraging them to oppose and vote against this bill.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall that both John and Jesus were unborn children in their mother's womb when Mary visited Elizabeth and heard the words, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D.

**DIOCESE OF PATERSON
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(Note: Column 1 lists Senators. Columns 2 and 3 list Assemblypersons)

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Thank you to all who made such kind and generous donations to
this year's **Christmas Flowers and Decorations!**

*Let us remember those listed below in our prayers throughout this Christmas
season.*

Given in Memory / Honor of Jack Anderson and Family, and the Hayes and Smith
Families by Mrs. John Anderson.

Given in Memory / Honor of Leonard by Patricia Bendzin.

Given in Memory / Honor of John Carlin and the Gerhard Family by Mrs. John
Carlin.

Given in Memory of Anne J. Morrison by Karen Cutaneo.

Given in Memory / Honor of the LaCosta Family and the Davino Family by Mr. &
Mrs. Anthony Davino.

Given in Memory / Honor of the Murray and Deysher Families by Mrs. Margaret
Deysher & Nyree.

Given in Memory/Honor of Anselmo Dias by Alwyn Dias.

Given in Memory/Honor of Anselmo Dias by Mrs. Anselmo Dias.

Given in Memory / Honor of Eugene J. & Edith S. Farrell, Howard & Mary Finely,
the Sears Family, and Deceased Family & Friends by Mary Ellen Farrell.

Given in Memory / Honor of Vincent Formicola, Cosmio Gutto, Alice Gutto and
Teresa Lynd by Dr. & Mrs. Formicola.

Given in Memory / Honor of Mrs. Pauline Falcone by Ms. Barbara Glogolich.

Given in Memory / Honor of Michael & Barbara Cherello, Mercedes Blass and Tom Web by Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Kelly.

Given in Memory / Honor of the Walsh Family by Mrs. Virginia Lund.

Given in Memory of Philip Cucchiaia, Elizabeth Cucchiaia, Thomas Manna Sr., and Anne Steele by Ms. Phyllis Manna.

Given in Memory / Honor of the McAllister Family, the Reilly Family, the O'Neill Family and the Vogelbeger Family by Mr. & Mrs. William A. McAllister.

Given in Memory / Honor of Andrew & Mary Molamphy, Tom, Pat & Noel Molamphy, Margaret Cummins, and Bernie O'Brien by Mrs. Mary Murphy.

Given in Memory / Honor of Bea Kippley, Rob Estrada, and John Duetch by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Penizotto.

Given in Memory of Rose DeMarco and Mary Sczyrek by Joe & Sarah Sczyrek.

Given in Memory / Honor of Peter & Julia Rend by Mrs. Julia Skinner.

Given in Memory / Honor of Pauline Falcone by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Trunk.

Given in Memory of Betty & Walter Wary, Jr., Catherine & Walter Wary, Sr., Stella & John Zadrozny, Sr., and Joseph & Jane Dondzila by Mrs. Walter Wary.

Given in Memory of Mildred Hasten, Herbert Hasten, Stella Zadrozny, and John Zadrozny by Mr. & Mrs. John Zadrozny.

Generous Donations also received from:

Ms. Marie Anderson

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Critchley

A. James & Eileen Kelly

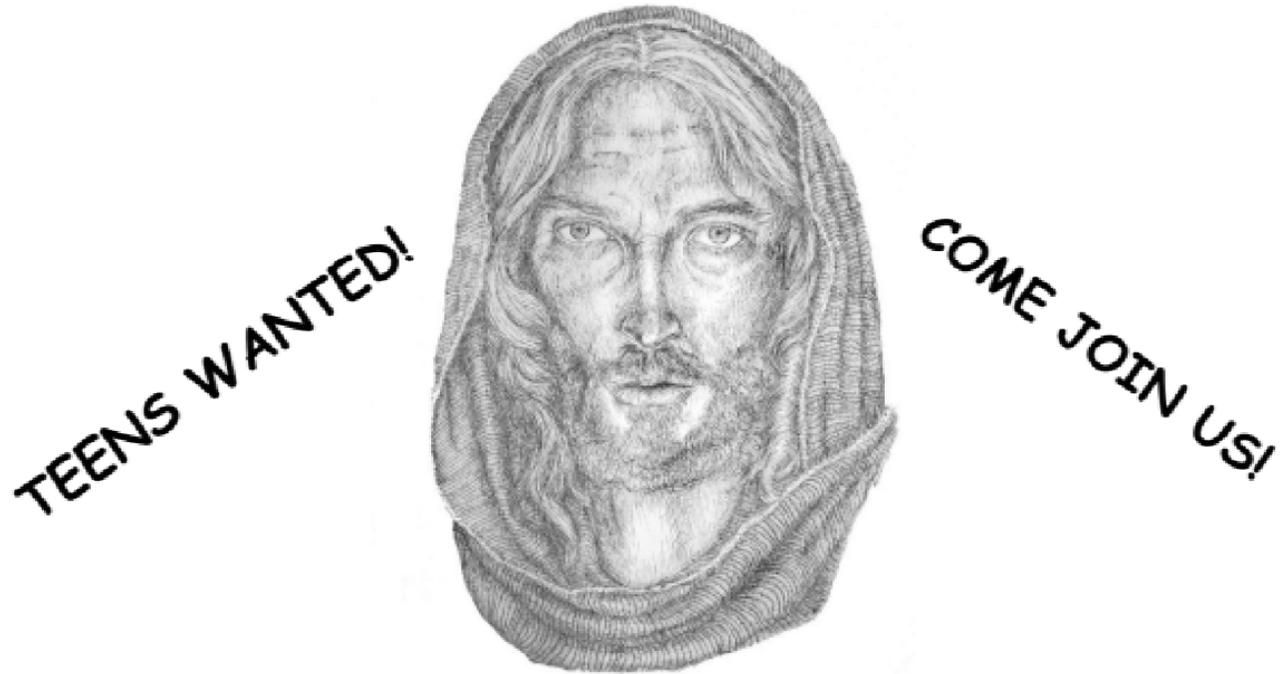
Mr. & Mrs. Desmond Lloyd

Mrs. Herbert Schmidt

Mr. Greg Spinelli

Mary & Theresa Tomeo

The Franciscan Mystery Players
Life is a Mystery...
YOU can be a Player!



Who We Are: A group of excited teenagers who travel to different churches acting out Christ's Passion in a dramatic, unique way on Friday & Sunday evenings in Lent.

Why Join?: Earning service hours, having a good time, making friends and getting to know yourself and GOD don't even begin to describe being part of Mystery Play.

When & Where: Rehearsals begin mid February at St. Catherine's in Mountain Lakes on Sundays from 2 - 8pm. Performances are some Fridays and Sundays in April.

The Morris County group now has openings for new members for the 2022 season!

We kick off mid February. No special talents or skills are required. All are welcome!

More Information/How to Join: If you're in grades 7 - 12 and want to learn more about this amazing opportunity call or text Anne Marie Pikor at 973-876-3440 or email Annemarie@pikor.com. Find us on Facebook at Franciscan Mystery Players of Morris County.

The Franciscan Mystery Players of Morris County
Presenting "The Way of the Cross" for over 30 years!

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December 5, 2021* - March 27, 2022
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Convent Road, Morris Township



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*Closed December 26

