

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 20, 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)
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 20, 2022

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them....

Nah. Thanks, Lord, but I'll pass on that. When it comes to enemies, I'll opt for the response of Abishai in today's first reading. In fact, I'll be 'straight-up cappin... on a mission for the green, money makin' machine...' I am so sorry, that's my gangsta rap lingo in which I got carried away, still in character from the Super Bowl Half Time Show. What a classic line-up, right? It was 50 Cent, Dr. Dre, Snoop and Tom. I confess, I was getting into it, living an alternate reality. And Fr. Daniel always hates when I rap at the rectory. 'Why are you walking like that?' he asks. Luckily for rappers everywhere, the Gospel commands that I break out of my imaginary, vicarious persona, and put on the 'new man,' that I may decrease in order that He may increase in me. I have to shed my false identity and fabricated self-presentation. I must put on Christ, which sounds the most imprudent advice. But while Christ doesn't require that we remain in an abusive relationship or allow vicious calumny to go unchallenged by us, we are asked to remember that God is kind to the ungrateful and to the wicked. Christianity is the most difficult, and most freeing, of any religion ever known. Now, 'one, two, three to the four...' Oops, that's my inner Snoop again...

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



Thank You for Your Generous Contributions!

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

Weekend Collection for

February 12-13: \$6,698.00

“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)



2021 Contribution Statements

The 2021 Contribution Statements have been sent! If you have any questions, need adjustments or would like to have a copy emailed to you, please email Tina at tjurgaitis@stmnj.org. Tina is also in the parish office on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Thank you!



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 21 - Saint Peter Damian

Anthony and Rosemarie Raiola

Tuesday, February 22 - Chair of Saint Peter

Special Intention

Wednesday, February 23 - Saint Polycarp

Terry Clancy

Thursday, February 24 - Blessed Luke Belludi

Dale Ballge

Friday, February 25 - Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

Sandy Clyde

Saturday, February 26 - Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin

Don Matthews

Herbert Schmidt

Sunday, February 27 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Theresa Gallagher

11 am: Phyllis DelGadio

7 pm: Mary T. Miller



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, Anthony Balloutine, 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 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 or 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.

What is the Eucharist?

A Reflection from Bishop Barron

“A recent Pew Research Center study revealed that 69% of Catholics in the United States believe that the bread and wine used in Mass ‘are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.’ The problem is that this is **not** what the Catholic Church teaches about the Eucharist, and it conflicts with two thousand years of Catholic tradition, running from Scripture through the Church Fathers and right up to the present day. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches that, beginning ‘**at the moment of consecration**’ (CCC 1377), the bread and wine offered at Mass ‘**become Christ’s body and blood**’ (CCC 1333). This is not a metaphor, a symbol, or a spiritual idea; it really happens. In the Eucharist, ‘**the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained**’ (CCC 1374). The Eucharist still appears to our senses as ordinary bread and wine; but it has been transubstantiated (or changed in its substance) into the body and blood of Christ. This is why Catholics attending Mass are encouraged to ‘**convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest**’ (CCC 1387); it’s why we adore the Eucharist, ‘**not only during Mass, but also outside of it**’ (CCC 1378); and it’s why the Church teaches that the Eucharist is ‘**the source and summit of the Christian life**’ (CCC 1324).”

To read more and explore Bishop Barron’s videos, homilies, articles, and podcasts on the Eucharist, check out: <https://www.wordonfire.org/presence/>.

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.



“Real peace is not just a matter of structures and mechanisms. It rests above all on the adoption of a style of human coexistence marked by mutual acceptance and a capacity to forgive from the heart. We all need to be forgiven by others, so we must all be ready to forgive. Asking and granting forgiveness is something profoundly worthy of every one of us.”

- St. Pope John Paul II.



Women’s Guild

The next monthly meeting of the Women’s Guild will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, February 22 in the downstairs meeting room in the parish office. It will be in the meeting room so please bring your chips. There will also be a short meeting beforehand. All women of the parish are more than welcome. Hope to see you there!



Supporting St. Thomas More

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

- Masks are not required but are welcome.
 - We will continue to block off some pews on the outer sections of our church for anyone who may not 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.
 - Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time, and everyone is encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
 - Hand sanitizer is always available.
 - We’ll continue to have a box in the back of the church rather than taking a collection during Mass.
- Thank you for your patience as we do our best to comply with all guidelines and keep everyone as safe and comfortable as possible.

Morris Family Concerts

A DAY OF IRISH CULTURE MARCH 12, 2022

5:00 Show, Featuring:

DEREK WARFIELD & THE YOUNG
WOLFE TONES

With performances by:

The Guard Pipes & Drums

Rory O'Moore School of Pipes and Drums

An Clar School of Irish Dance



Early Children's Show with Various Artists

Interactive - Get Warm - Get Food - Get Bathrooms

Show Starts 2:30 pm (right after the parade)

Net proceeds to KofC 359 Charitable Giving



Irish Concerts after the Morris County St. Patrick's Day Parade

Following the largest cultural event in Morris County, the St. Patrick's Parade, two Irish events will be held at Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown, NJ on March 12, 2022.

An interactive children's show featuring youth and adult dancers and musicians will perform at Mayo at 2:30 pm. Immediately after the parade, parents will appreciate the children's show, which allows the young ones to get warm, use the bathroom, and get some food. Children's concert performers will interact with the families, allowing the children to ask questions about step-dancing outfits, shoes, kilts, bagpipes, and other instruments.

Children's show tickets are only \$5 per person.

Also, International Irish folk artists, *Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones* will be in concert at 5:00 pm.

Featured concert goers will enjoy the award-winning Irish recording artists and a "Massing of the Pipes".

The show is being presented by the Morristown Kof C 359 to further Irish Culture, raise funds for local charitable giving and to support local businesses.

Buy Tickets here: <https://secure.mayoarts.org/16876/1687>

DEREK WARFIELD & THE YOUNG WOLFE TONES

Appearing at:

Mayo Performing Arts Center

Morristown, NJ

Saturday, March 12, 2022, 5pm

After the Morris County St Patrick's Parade

Separate Interactive Children's Show

\$5 for Various Child & Adult Performers

Get Warm, Food & Bathrooms, 2:30

[Buy Tickets Now](#)

<https://secure.mayoarts.org/16876/16878>

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WINTER MARKET

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Shop local at the Winter Farmers Market

SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 1 PM

December 5, 2021* - March 27, 2022

NEW LOCATION:

CONVENT TRAIN STATION

Convent Road, Morris Township



OUTSIDE MARKET - FREE PARKING - FREE ADMISSION

COVID-19 POLICIES IN PLACE

growitgreenmorristown.org/wintermarket

*Closed December 26



Sundays 9:30AM - 1PM

DEC. 5 - MARCH 27

CONVENT TRAIN STATION

Convent Road, Morris Township

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th VENDORS

Apple Ridge Farms	Neshanic Station Apiary
AquaSprout Farms	Oil and Flame Candles
Barking Good Bakery	Oldwick Soup Co.
Catalina Empanadas	OM Champagne
Chickadee Creek Farm	Our Woods Maple
Chumami	Paolo's Kitchen
Dogwood Farms	Pickle Licious
The Forged Feast	Pies and Quiches
Friends of the Drew Forest	PK's Four Brothers Farm
Glenmalure Farm	Planet B
Grandma Emma's	River Valley Community Grains
Jams By Kim	River Lea House Farm
Java Compost	Roastwell Coffee Roasters
Jersey Girl Cheese	Stephan's Polish Foods
Local 130 Seafood	True It Naturals
Luxe Chocolat	Two Barn Farm
The Mexi Boys Food Truck	Untamed Ferments