

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 8, 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!!



A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, thank You for the gift of our mothers, as they counted fingers and toes, kissed scrapes and bruises, listened, loved, sacrificed, forgave...for the times they talked with, sang to and comforted us...for the Faith they instilled in us by their living example...and for all of the hopes and dreams they've had for us from the moments before we were born to those after we'd grown and sometimes forgotten how very much we needed them.

Thank You for our grandmothers, stepmothers, Godmothers and all others who have shown us a mother's love, tenderness and compassion, whether for years of our lives or just a single moment.

Thank You for all mothers-to-be and those hoping to be mothers. May they be blessed and guided on their journey and graced with the gift of happy, healthy children to love and protect who will love and protect them, too.

We ask Your special blessing upon all those for whom today may be a difficult day-- mothers who have suffered the heartbreaking loss of a child, all who have lost a mother, and those who desperately want to be mothers but for whom motherhood may not be a part of Your plan. May You gather them into Your comforting arms and wrap them in Your healing love.

And Thank You most especially for the extraordinary gift of our Blessed Mother who so bravely and selflessly said "Yes" to Your plan and who continues to care for, protect and intercede for us still. May we follow her incredible example by living a life of faith, gratitude and unconditional love.

Amen.

Wishing a Blessed Mother's Day to All!



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

April 30- May 1: \$5,733.00

"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)



May 9 - Saint John of Avila

Robert Sanger

May 10 - Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i

Bill Austin

May 11 - Saint Ignatius of Laconi

Bill McGuire

May 12 - Saint Leopold Mandic

John Callagy

May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

Lena Scialla

May 14 - Saint Matthias

Bill and Florence Kearny

May 15 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8 am: Robert Sanger

11 am: Gerard DeLorenzo

7 pm: Michael Kane



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.



Cheering for Each Other

What the Eucharist Reminds Us About Connection

By Shemaiah Gonzalez, BustedHalo.com, May 17, 2016

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/a-real-presence-that-cheers-us-on-in-love>

A few Sundays ago, as I took my place in line to receive the Eucharist, I noticed an older man sitting in the front, right near the Eucharistic ministers. He'd solemnly watch as they would hand the Host to the parishioner and say, "The Body of Christ." As the person would receive it and say "Amen," he would crack a smile. I was enchanted. I watched him do this for about 15 people until it was my turn.

I thought about this moment again, days later. What about it so touched me? I think it reminded me that we are all connected, even if I don't always feel it. It was as if, for that one moment, that man got it. He understood that through Christ, we are one and he was cheering for each one of us, to feel Christ's love through the Eucharist, to become whole, to be healed.

I remembered years ago, taking a friend, a lapsed Protestant who was dabbling in agnosticism, to Mass. As everyone lined up for the Eucharist, she leaned over and whispered to me, "They are all equal!" Of course they are! I thought. Then, I realized, she was used to sitting in a pew, waiting for communion to be passed to her on a tray or a bowl. She sat there waiting, anonymous. In Mass, we all get out of our seats where everyone can see us, slow down, wait and then humbly prepare to receive the Host. There is something about that action that makes us become one — one big mass of people coming to Christ together. Yes, we are all equal.

A recent Sunday was the anointing of the sick at Mass. Parishioners in need of healing of mind, body or spirit were welcome to receive the holy oil. I noticed a new friend walk up, a proud and private woman who recently confided in me the details of the trauma her family is going through. Not many at the church know this. She is strong. She is discreet. I was so moved by what I saw that I wept. I felt such a strong connection to her, I was cheering for her. I wanted her to be healed.

The last words we say before we take the Eucharist each week are 'Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.' I think again of that old man cheering for us as we received the Host. I imagine him as Christ, cheering for each one of us to be healed. For each one of us to be whole again. For each one of us to love and be loved. This is why He created us, for relationship, so that we can connect with one another and we can connect freely with Him. We can be the people He created us to be.

That same Spirit dwells in each of us, calling out to each other in love. No wonder the old man was watching each of us at Mass. No wonder my own heart leapt with longing for my friend to be healed. That's the part of us, made in His image. We cheer for one another just as He cheers for us.

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.



We Honor our Blessed Mother in a Special Way During this Month of May

Regina Caeli (O Queen of Heaven)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Volunteers Needed for STM's 2022-3 Religious Education Program

After a year's hiatus due to a lack of volunteers, we are very excited to be bringing back our religious education program for our elementary school aged students! A special "thank you" to Keith Gatti who will be leading the program. Keith is looking for volunteers to help teach. If interested, please email Keith at keithgatti@gmail.com or call Tina in the parish office. No previous experience is required. Keith will walk you through the process of the Diocesan background check and also obtaining 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 helping to reinstitute this vital ministry!

Annual Corpus Christi Food Drive

It's time again for the Diocese's annual Corpus Christi Food Drive. We are happy to announce the in-person drive is back this year. Starting next weekend and continuing through the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 19, we ask you to please consider bringing a donation to help the 3 Catholic Charities food pantries who so desperately need our help. As in years past, each parish has been assigned a specific item. Ours is **Canned Meals** such as beef stew, chili and Chef Boyardee. If you would prefer, you can also make a monetary donation online at ccpaterson.org/corpus. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

What's Happening at St. Paul Inside The Walls...



2022 Garden Party

All are invited to the 2022 Garden Party at St. Paul Inside the Walls. They are excited to join together for what is sure to be a beautiful event on Friday, June 3, 2022 starting at 7 pm. Each ticket includes dinner provided by the Brownstone and an open bar. There will also be opportunities to walk away with a bottle of wine from the wine pull as well as silent auction prizes. Your support and presence will help sustain the mission of the Evangelization Office at St. Paul Inside the Walls and the many fulfilling programs and events that are run there. Please purchase your ticket by May 18 at <https://insidethewalls.org/gardenparty>.



Wine Pull

In connection with the Garden Party, they are also taking wine donations through Cambridge Wines in Morristown. Each bottle of wine purchased through the special link will be raffled off at the Garden Party on June 3. Please join the fun and donate a bottle of wine by following this link: <https://www.cambridgewinesnj.com/our-services/wine-pull/st-paul-inside-the-walls/>



Eucharistic Retreat

Saturday, June 11, 8 am - 3 pm

The Diocese of Paterson is teaming up with Sadlier for a Eucharistic Retreat lead by John Collins. This is a free spiritual retreat for catechists, leaders, evangelizers and members of ministries throughout the Diocese of Paterson. The Gospel presents us with the opportunity to nourish ourselves with the Word of God and the Living Bread that came down from Heaven, which at the same time qualifies us for ministry and holiness. In this Eucharistic retreat, we will be addressing the Eucharistic foundations for a ministry with authentically Catholic spirituality.

We've been asked to announce...



Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child

Spring Admission Event:

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, an all-girls, Catholic Independent school, grades 7-12 invites you to campus for our Upper School Spring Information Session on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 9 - 10 a.m. We are also hosting campus group tours, designed for students applying for the 23-24 school year. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.oakknoll.org or call the Admission Office at 908-522-8109. Pre-registration for all events is required.



Fellowship Garden State Hospice Invites You to Join Its Dynamic Team of Caregivers

Only a few hours of your time can make all the difference in the world. Our volunteers provide general companionship and respite to hospice patients and their families. No previous experience required. Must be 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and willing to undergo background check. Proof of Covid-19 vaccine required. Learn how your presence can make an impact on someone's life. Training sessions start Tuesday, April 26th. For more information and/or packet please contact: Stella Benedict at 908-580-3888 or by email at sbenedict@fellowshipspl.org, or Josephine Mazzeo at 908-797-1635 or by email at mazzeo@fellowshipspl.org.



Our friends at Morris Catholic High School have asked us to announce that they are now accepting applications for the Class of 2026 and for transfer students for this upcoming academic year. Their remaining spring open house date is May 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. More information about these events, campus tours and all Morris Catholic has to offer can be found on their website, www.morriscatholic.org.

Pray for Peace 



Feast of Corpus Christi: Sunday, June 19, 2022

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted those living in poverty the most and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson's 3 Food Pantries (Father English Center, Paterson; Hope House, Dover; and Partnership for Social Services, Franklin) are giving out more food than ever before.

Most months, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson gives out food to 5,000 - 7,000 people at their 3 food pantries. Through COVID-19 this number has more than quadrupled, with our pantries assisting 20,000 children, women and men monthly! In November of 2022, we gave out food to nearly 29,000 individuals!

Now through the feast of the Corpus Christi (June 19th), you can offer much needed aid to Catholic Charities through our 9th Annual Corpus Christi Food Drive.

This year, we are bringing this event back to a live format. You may click [here](#) to view a listing of all parishes in the Diocese of Paterson along with our wish list items.

If your parish, or service group is not listed on this page and you would like to host your own drive, please email info@ccpaterson.org.

You may also make a monetary donation below or mail a donation to:

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson
Corpus Christi Food Drive
777 Valley Road
Clifton, NJ 07013

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

You can make a one-time or recurring, tax-deductible contribution to support Catholic Charities' 3 food pantries at <https://ccpaterson.org/corpus>. Please email: Info@ccpaterson.org, or call 973-279-7100 ext. 2038 for more information.



A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place right now in the Catholic Church. It started in October, 2021 and will culminate in the final Synod Gathering in Rome in October, 2023. The synodal journey is of great significance for the good of both the universal and local Church. During this process, we invite all the People of God to listen to each other, without exception, and with particular care to involve also those who are further away and are perhaps sometimes not included or marginalized.

The synodal journey is a process of listening to one another to recognize the voice of the Holy Spirit. First and foremost, this process is a spiritual process. It is a period of discernment where we listen to each other, to our faith tradition, and to the signs of the times in order to discern what God is saying to all of us. This kind of discernment is not only a one-time exercise but ultimately a way of life, grounded in Christ, following the lead of the Holy Spirit and guided by the teachings of Christ Himself.

You can find more information on the Diocesan Synod Page, <https://rcdop.org/synod-2023>, the US Bishops' Synod Site, <https://www.usccb.org/synod>, and the Official Vatican Synod Site, <https://www.synod.va/en.html>. Stay tuned for more updates throughout this process!

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus
Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit for an ecclesial assembly of governance or discernment (thus synodal)

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

Title revised from Latin, to have a proper incipit, different from the *Adsumus Dominus Sancte Spiritus*. The *Ceremoniale Episcoporum* 1984-01, n. 1173, only proposes the use of the *Adsumus* but does not give the text. The German version *Das Zeremoniale für die Bischöfe*, n. 1188, gives a German translation based on the Latin text of the *Acta Synodalia* of the Council, vol. I/1, p. 159.



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