

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 4, 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 the weekend after Labor Day through the weekend before 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 info@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 info@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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022

...scarce do we guess the things on earth and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty...

Ahhhhh, it's that time of year again: teachers and students are headed back to school, where some teachings will be absorbed with difficulty. We also honor Labor Day, where we reflect on the blessings of our toils and the gift of work. Lastly, College Football Season commences! Speaking of the latter, as always, my Super Lock Can't Miss Football Picks are available when you sign up for my Platinum Package (the most popular option). In addition to my LockPicks,* my platinum members are entered into a drawing to receive an autographed, game-worn jersey. \$200.00 per month may seem like a lot of money, but countless satisfied customers are blown away by the value. With all that out of the way, Christ lays out seemingly exclusionary criteria for discipleship! If anyone comes to me 'without hating his father and mother...' What? Christ reminds us that our admission to the Wedding Banquet will cost us dearly. The people and the things we love are gifts from God but are not ends in themselves. As we celebrate the gift of human labor this weekend, we are kept grounded, reminded that scarce do we guess the things on earth. In the most mundane things we do: As the great St. John Paul II wrote in *Laborem Exercens*, **Human work has an ethical value of its own... which remains linked to the fact that the one who carries it out is a person...** (LE 6). Celebrating labor and the duties incumbent of schooling are in our grasp, albeit with difficulty. But in you is this cost of discipleship satisfied!!

God Bless you!!!!!!

*LockPicks™



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

August 20-21: \$ 5,033.00

Weekend Collection for

August 27-28: \$ 5,027.00

"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)



September 5 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Robert and Gemma Ricciardi

September 6 - Blessed Claudio Granzotto

Virginia Hahn

September 7 - Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

Joseph Vidulich

September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Anna Caporella

September 9 - Saint Peter Claver

Eileen Brosnan

September 10 - Saint Thomas of Villanova

The Souls of all Lost on September 11, 2001

September 11 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Maurice Murphy and the Souls of all Lost on September 11, 2001

11 am: Robert C. Kennedy and the Souls of all Lost on September 11, 2001

7 pm: Alfred Maler and the Souls of all Lost on September 11, 2001



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, Bethann and Bob Panzer, Lucy Paoella, Bobby Polidore, Christopher Popp, 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 info@stmnj.org.



Mass Intentions/Mass Cards

If you'd like to request a Mass to be said for a loved one, please email info@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.



Adoration, as We Remember

As we mark an always difficult anniversary next Sunday, we invite all to kneel in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday, September 11, we will be having Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 3 pm in the church. Please feel free to stop by for some quiet time in prayer in remembrance of all those lives lost on September 11, 2001, of those who bravely served on that day and the days to follow, all who continue to mourn, and our Great Nation. We will conclude with Benediction just before the 7 pm Mass.

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.



Diocesan Altar Servers Day - September 17th

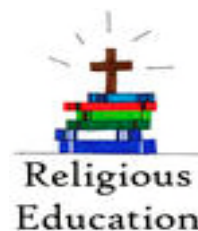
Are you an altar server for one of the parishes in our Diocese? Would you like to know more about the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? Have you ever considered what it means to be a priest or a religious sister? Come join us for Altar Servers Day on September 17th at St. Paul Inside the Walls! It will be a day of faith, food and fun! Activities start at 11 a.m. and will include Mass and a Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney. Lunch and desserts will be provided by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus. Open to all altar servers in the Diocese of Paterson! Register by visiting patersonvocations.org.

If you or your parents have questions or would like more information, please contact our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Ed Rama at (973) 777-8818, ext. 715 or email him at vocations@patersondiocese.org.



7 pm Mass Returns Next Week!

The 7 pm Sunday Mass will be resuming next Sunday, September 11. Tell your friends!



Registration is now open for the 2022-23 Religious Education Program

Registration for this year's religious education program is open for all children from Kindergarten through 6th grade. To register your child and receive more information, please either complete one of the forms on the table out in the church vestibule or sign up at our website at <https://stmnj.org/2022-23-registration>. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the program, please email Keith Gatti at keithgatti@gmail.com or call Tina in the parish office. Thank you!



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Eucharistic Congress - September 22-25, 2022 Registration Now Open

A Eucharistic Congress is a privileged moment of grace in the local church. Guiding our Congress will be Archbishop Rino Fisichella. Led by the power of the Holy Spirit and strengthened by our Eucharistic Lord we celebrate our unity as the Body of Christ. Join Bishop Sweeney in welcoming Archbishop Fisichella who will guide us in the pastoral plan of our Holy Father toward living the Evangelii Gaudium - the joy of the Gospel. Please take this opportunity to register at <https://rcdop.org/year-of-the-eucharist>. For more information, please see the attached flyer.



Scripture Study Group Resumes

All are welcome to join the STM Scripture Study Group meeting on Wednesday September 20th at 3:00 PM in the church. Our program is based on the "Metenoia" video about deepening our faith. The first segment of the video is about:

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Following the video we will share how what we have seen affects our own lives and faith. For further information or questions, call Frank Miles at 973-538-6554 or email lexan@ix.netcom.com.

Eucharistic Congress

**Friday, September 23rd –
Sunday, September 25th**

Bishop Sweeney and the Diocese of Paterson welcome **Archbishop Rino Fisichella**, Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization to speak on **the Eucharist and the New Evangelization**.



Friday, September 23rd – 7pm

Holy Hour/Evening Prayer
and Presentation for Priests,
Religious, and Deacons

Saturday, September 24th – 2pm

Mid-Afternoon Prayer and Presentation
in Spanish (1:30pm – Refreshments in
the Rodimer Center)

Saturday, September 24th – 10am

Mid-Morning Prayer and Presentation
in English (9:30am – Refreshments in
the Rodimer Center)

Sunday, September 25th – 3pm

Closing Bi-Lingual Mass



All events will take place at
the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
381 Grand Street, Paterson, New Jersey

Parking Available in the County Lot
across from the Cathedral Offices.



Registration is required.

Visit rcdop.org/year-of-the-eucharist
for more information and to register
or scan the QR code.



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* 1984ed., 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.