

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 25, 2022

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday - Thursday
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm [7 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2022

And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus...

Jesus's harrowing tale tells us of two souls in the afterlife, one of whom was wealthy on earth while the other, named Lazarus, was poor. Lazarus was so destitute that he was covered in sores and would position himself at the rich man's door in hopes of receiving some help. Jesus addresses His story to the Pharisees who took great pride in themselves and lectured everyone about how virtuous they are, you know, like what we might hear at the Emmys or the Oscars today. But, Jesus points out that the Pharisees' virtue signaling ignored the poor man at the door. Such 'religion' can lead to an uncomfortable afterlife; an eternity of separation from God. But the craziest thing is that even from the 'netherworld' the rich man doesn't get it. He does not apologize, acknowledge his wrongdoing or ask God for forgiveness. Instead, he still thinks the poor man is his servant and wants Lazarus to *dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue*. ("Dispatch Lazarus to bring me the finest meats and cheeses and set my DVR to record the Premier League matches. And have him fetch my slippers!"). Well, ok, the rich man does not actually utter that in the story, but you get the picture: even in the afterlife, he still doesn't 'get it.' For this character in the netherworld, it's still all about him. Some folks never get it, in time or eternity. May we be attentive to the mysteries inherent in those placed in our midst and thus serve Christ, entertaining even angels, unaware.

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.

Due to the new printing schedule, the weekly collection for 9/17-18/22 will be reported next week.

"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 26 – Saint Paul VI

Martin C. Kramer, Jr.

September 27 – Saint Vincent de Paul

Janis Murphy

September 28 – Saint Wenceslaus

Walter Wary

September 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Katie Brown

September 30 – Saint Jerome

Linda Granflor

October 1 – Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

8:15 am: Theresa Gallagher

5 pm: Pauline Falcone and Sam Ardolino

October 2 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Frank Griffin

11 am: Clyde Imagna, Maryann Granello and Gerard Eick

7 pm: People of the Parish



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 would 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 would like us to mail the card or leave it for you to pick it up. Our Mass intentions are finalized two weeks in advance so please understand we unfortunately may not always be able to accommodate last-minute requests.

Year of the Eucharist

Angels Among Us

As we celebrate the Feast Day of the Archangels, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, this upcoming week, it is the perfect time to remind ourselves that angels are always present around us, especially at the Eucharistic Sacrifice. As Saint John Chrysostom wrote, "The angels surround the priest. The whole sanctuary and the space before the altar is filled with the heavenly Powers come to honor Him who is present upon the altar." What an incredible vision! Perhaps next time as we are kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer, we can breathe in for a moment and be just a little more aware of the great host of angels in our presence. We can also offer this prayer from *The Glories of the Catholic Church* as we approach the altar to receive the Precious Body and Blood of Christ:

O my good angel, it is your Lord, as well as mine, that I am going to receive; help me to receive Him worthily.

May the angels surround us and help guide us in remembering how very blessed we are to receive Jesus's True Body and Blood in the Eucharist!

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.



A Heartfelt "Thank You" to our Outgoing Trustees!

As a religious corporation, each parish in the Diocese is required to have a Board of Trustees, including two lay trustees, who can serve for up to two one-year terms. For those of you doing the math, yes, Frank Miles and Mary Murphy are long overdue for a break! So as they step down as trustees, we want to thank them both for their years of dedication to St. Thomas More. We'll be announcing the two new trustees soon, so stay tuned!

"...do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers" - Ephesians 1:15-16



Parent Meeting for 2022-3 Religious Education Program

A meeting for all parents whose children will be participating in the parish's 2022-23 religious education program will be taking place this Tuesday, September 27 at 7 pm in the church. If you have already registered your child or would like to do so, please be sure to attend this important meeting. Please email Keith Gatti at keithgatti@gmail.com with any questions.



St. Therese Celebration

The 9-Day Novena to St. Therese will continue this week immediately following the 8:15 am daily Mass, through Friday, September 30. A special Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 1 at 8:15 am in celebration of St. Thérèse's Feast Day. All are most welcome.



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

In celebration of the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, we invite everyone to bring their furry, feathered and scaled family members for a Blessing of the Animals on the parish lawn at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, 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!



Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1972 or 1997? (Or, have you been married for over 60 years?) The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held on **Sunday, November 6th, 2022 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 6th, 2022**. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

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