

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 23, 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 [No 7 pm Mass from the weekend before Memorial Day through the weekend of Labor Day, or on 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, 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)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 2022

The Pharisee took up his position...‘Oh God, thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity...I fast twice a week...’

Well, good for you, guy, distanced as you are from the great, unwashed riff-raff like us. The Pharisee is quite proud of his humility and Christ calls him on his boastfulness, reminding all of us that fasting is a private matter, known by your Father Who sees you in secret in your inner room. Leaving aside for now that fasting was required by the Pharisee's own law, I am reminded of how gluttonous I am. I am not a good faster. For example, I love bacon, and lots of it. I don't think a Pharisee would join me in my bacon endeavors. I'd be very open to bacon cologne and bacon-flavored toothpaste. Once, on a cruise ship, I discovered a mountain of bacon at the never-ending buffet. It was a beautiful apparition enveloped by a great light and songs of angels. However, there was also a lady riding a motorized scooter who was making a beeline for the same bacon mountain. We made eye contact and the Clint Eastwood *High Plains Drifter* music began to play. It was her or me. We took off for the same goal. But I was able to knock her off her route with a few sharply placed elbows to her torso. Thus, I outran the scooter lady just like when St. John beat St. Peter to the Tomb. I won. I made it to the bacon mountain first. If you are still reading this, I apologize. The point is that our fasting does not earn us bragging rights or brownie points with God. Instead it is a small reminder of the self-sacrifice required by the Divine Debt we all share. May we work for food that does not perish and remind ourselves that such does not make us better than anyone else.

God Bless you!!!!!!



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Weekend Collection for

October 8-9: \$5,012.50

“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)



October 24 – Saint Anthony Mary Claret

Lee Sember

October 25 – Saint Antônio De Sant'Anna Galvão

Janis Murphy

October 26 – Saint Peter Of Alcantara

Paul Napoli

October 27 – Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza

Charles Morning

October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude

Duncan Sinclair

October 29 – Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

Jean McLaughlin

October 30 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Jean McLaughlin

11 am: Gail Decker

7 pm: Kathleen Sanger



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 Paoletta, 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.



Eucharistic Adoration During October

In honor of both Respect Life Month as well as this Year of the Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration will once again be offered this Friday beginning at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. This offers the chance to spend some quiet time with our Lord to pray for the unborn and those in all stages of life who are in special need of God's loving protection. Whether you can stop by for an hour or even a few minutes, all are very welcome to take advantage of this time in front of the Eucharist this month.

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.



Catholic Charities Gala - November 10, 2022

Catholic Charities is excited for the return of their Caritas Gala this year, on Thursday, November 10, from 6 - 9 pm at The Meadow Wood in Randolph. The evening will include a champagne toast, cocktail hour with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, an award reception and video presentation and a celebration of the impactful ministry of Catholic Charities. Honorees include The Order of Malta - NJ Area, Roger Forman, Marie Cioletti and the Special Needs Ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pompton Lakes and the Hovey Family. For more information regarding tickets, sponsorship and donations, please check out their website at <https://ccpaterson.org/caritas> or contact the Catholic Charities Development Office at 973-944-5992. Your support will make a difference in the life of thousands!

Respect Life Month

Every October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month* to consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that cherishes and protects life from conception to natural death. In connection with this, the USCCB has provided digital and print resources to help us further understand and value the great gift of human life. Many wonderful resources can be found here: <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>.



Women's Guild

The next gathering of the Women's Guild will be this Tuesday, October 25 at 1 pm. We will be having our annual Oktoberfest celebration in the downstairs meeting room below the parish office. All women of the parish are more than welcome for fun, games and fellowship. Please contact Mary Murphy at maural1nj@verizon.net or call the Parish Office for more information. Hope to see you there!



The Solemnity of All Saints is Tuesday, November 1. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 31 at 7:00 pm, and Masses will also be celebrated on Tuesday, November 1 at 8:15 am and 12:10 pm. **THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON NOVEMBER 1.** All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to honor the Saints of our Church and give thanks for their many intercessions for us.



Upcoming Events at Saint Paul Inside the Walls

Being More: St. Thomas More as Husband, Father and Lawyer: On Wednesday, November 16, from 7 - 9 pm, Dr. Matthew L. Sutton, Associate Professor of Theology at St. John's University (NY), will teach on the heroic faithfulness of St. Thomas More and his calling as a husband, father, and lawyer. Lawyers, young adults, college students and all adults over the age of 18 are encouraged to attend. The presentation will be followed by a beer, wine and cheese social. Cost of attendance is \$10/person. For more information, see: <https://insidethewalls.org/being-more>.

Navigating the Annulment Process: Also on Wednesday, November 16, from 7:30 pm to 9 pm, SPIW will welcome Father Marc Mancini, JCL Judicial Vicar. Come to have questions answered about the annulment process and receive step-by-step support.

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