

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 5, 2023

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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)
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2023

You are the light of the world...you are the salt of the earth...

Jesus continues His eternity-altering Sermon on the Mount by sprinkling a dash of salt and light into the recipe that is Christianity. These two ingredients form a perfect base for the conclusion of Catholic Schools Week! Why? Well, as has been touted for some generations, the goal of Catholic education is 'the communication of Christ.' All teachers in fact bear the attributes of salt and light in their vocation. Thank you, teachers, often underappreciated in the trenches of culture! As a product of Catholic schools myself, I experienced Catholic school teachers who bore a task, in a special way, to be 'missionaries of evangelization.' I don't like to brag, but I am in fact a two-time Student of the Month winner at my grammar school. 1981 and 1982, respectively. The latter was a hard-fought battle against bitter rival Marlene Carson of Denville. She was savvy and could be downright vicious on the campaign trail. But in the end, I had the better staff. My interns put in late hours gorging on ramen noodles; I knew I had the votes to emerge victorious. Plus, we had the better sound bite: 'Want a class trip to Wild West City? Vote for me!' Student of the Month was mine. (Don't judge- I didn't actually say I was responsible for the class trip. Obviously a foreshadowing of my great legal career!) Ok, back to salt and light. These are things which are not ends in themselves. People who are salt and light exist for the good of something beyond themselves. That's the Christian: salt demurs to food and light demurs to its reflection. It is not I who live, but He Who lives in me. Stay salty, my friends. Our life is not about us. In this is freedom!

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

January 28-29: \$3,768.50

"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)

2022 Contribution Statements

The 2022 Contribution Statements are in the mail! 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

February 6 - Saint Paul Miki and Companions

Bill and Alma McAllister

February 7 - Saint Colette

Tom McCarthy

February 8 - Saint Josephine Bakhita

Bao-Qiong Li

February 9 - Saint Jerome Emiliani

Robert and Gemma Ricciardi

February 10 - Saint Scholastica

Charles Dalio

February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

Joe Murphy

February 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Umberto Reyes

11 am: Bao-Qiong Li

****THERE WILL BE NO 7 PM MASS ON
FEBRUARY 12****



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, Brendan Briscoe, Fred Donikowski, Barbara Kline, John LaCosta, Gina Lazaro, Ray Meyers, John O'Neil, Bethann and Bob Panzer, 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 complete our online Mass request form at <https://stmnj.org/request-a-mass-card>, click on the link on our home page or call the Parish Office. 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 (or if you do not want a card). Our Mass intentions are finalized two weeks in advance, so please understand we unfortunately may not always be able to accommodate last-minute requests.



Mass Schedule Change

There will be no 7 pm Mass next Sunday, February 12. The regular Sunday schedule will resume on February 19. Thank you!



Scripture Study Group

All are welcome to join the STM Scripture Study Group meeting on Wednesday, February 8th at 3:00 pm in the church. Our program is based on the “**Metanoia**” video about deepening our faith. This segment of the video is about:

“This Teaching is Hard”

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.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join other single parishioners for their monthly gathering on Friday, February 17th at 12:30 pm at Angelina's Trattoria, 184 Columbia Turnpike in Florham Park (Kings Shopping Center). Our fellowship gathering is a no-host luncheon. Contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

We have Eucharistic ministers available to bring Communion to the sick, the elderly and those who may otherwise be homebound. Please contact Tina in the Parish Office at tjurgaitis@stmnj.org or 973-267-5330 if you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass in person and would like a Eucharistic visit from one of our ministers. Also, as a reminder to those who may not be physically able to attend Mass in person, we are continuing to livestream our Masses at 8:15 am on Monday through Friday and 11 am on Sunday. Simply go to our website at www.stmnj.org. Please know even if you are unable to join us in person, you all remain in our prayers!



Upcoming Events at Saint Paul Inside the Walls **Attention all Young Adults!**

Did you know? St. Paul Inside the Walls, located just down the street from St. Thomas More, has offered the most active and consistent young adult ministry for 20- and 30-somethings in New Jersey for the past ten years, aiming to engage individuals at different stages of faith, from beginner to advanced. The goals of this ministry are to:

- Help young adults grow in the knowledge of God and faith;
- Inspire young adults to faithfully discern their vocation; and
- Equip young adults to serve, lead or contribute to a Catholic parish in the near future.

This ministry offers young adult Masses, young men's and women's groups, service opportunities and a number of social events. Their upcoming Fireside Chat on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30 pm is a great opportunity to check them out. You can also find more information on their website, at <https://insidethewalls.org/young-adults-1-1>.

Next One Way for All Adults Topic- Prayer **Beginning Sunday, March 12**

This program, offered on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am-10:30 am, is their intermediate-level course in discipleship. All adults 18+ are welcome to join this interactive, small-group experience which aims to bring each participant to a new understanding of Jesus and His Church. Please note: only the first 15 registrants for each three-week topic will be admitted. All attendees are also invited to the 11 am Mass that follows each session. For more information please check out <https://insidethewalls.org/>.

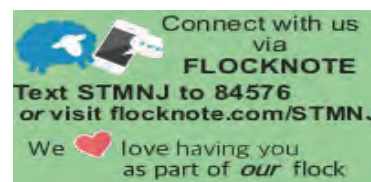
Community News

Of Possible Interest...

Corpus Christi Parish Job Posting

Corpus Christi Parish in Chatham is seeking a part-time administrative assistant (4 days/week, 9 am to 4 pm).

- ✓ Candidate needs strong interpersonal and computer skills
- ✓ Parish experience a plus
- ✓ Full job description can be found at: corpuschristi.org/administrative-assistant



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