

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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 18, 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 call the Parish Office 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 call the Parish Office 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)
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 18, 2023

'...I bore you up on eagle's wings and brought you here to Myself...'

All the readings today emphasize God's Fatherly Provision, and they echo the sentiment of this Father's Day! Their overarching theme is inescapable: God the Father takes care of us. St. Paul challenges us to be grateful for this fact, reminding us that *God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us*. That's some quality paternal care for ya', giving His Life. I won't even give people my special Overstock discount code. Nope. Can't have it. Don't even ask. This 15% off is offered exclusively for me, all special-like. Overstock knows where their bread is buttered, and so they treat me with that personal touch befitting of such a VIP. Thankfully, God's Fatherly care does not mirror my stinginess. In fact, God's love is exhaustive, inexhaustible and inclusive of all people. Sadly, ours is a culture seemingly resentful of such, with the month of June being an interesting example. Pride, it would be helpful for us to recall, is long-known by Christians as the first and deadliest of sins. The snake. The tree. You get it. Remember? Thus Eden continues. Pride is history's first rejection of God's gift, and so the rainbow is a poorly-coopted banner for self-focus. Instead, for the Christian, the rainbow is a symbol of God's Covenant and Fatherly Provision. Our state religion of pride attempts to replace the religion of God's humility. This coming week we celebrate the Feast of our Patronal Father in St. Thomas More. We'll have Mass, followed by Adoration until noon, in honor of a *man for all seasons* who opposed the state religion of his time in the silence of conscience. For this he lost his head. St. Thomas More was a Christian husband and father whose feast ironically falls during what is known as pride month. For our Patron, Father's Day is not equated with self-assertion, but with gratitude of God's Fatherly Provision. Happy Father's Day to our earthly fathers, and our Father in heaven as well.

God Bless you!!!!!!



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Weekly Collection for 6/3-4: \$5,484.38

"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)



June 19 - Saint Romuald

Madison Torres

June 20 - Saint Paulinus of Nola

Bill and Alma McAllister

June 21 - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Thomas Sullivan

June 22 - Saint Thomas More

People of the Parish

June 23- Saint John Fisher

Margaret Farkas

June 24 - Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Tony and Eleanor Tol

June 25 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Mark Shaffer

11 am: Everett Guyton

Special Intention for the Unborn



Prayers for the Sick

Please join us in praying for all who are ill in our community, and in a particular way, for Joan Allen, Chris Auger, Phil Barrett, Brendan Briscoe, Ron Brodeur, Fred Donikowski, Barbara Kline, Gina Lazaro, Ray Meyers, Elizabeth Napoli, John O'Neil, Bethann and Bob Panzer, Bobby Polidore, Christopher Popp, Eileen Scheibner, Gloria Souchuk and Flynn Sullivan. 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 or call the Parish Office.



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. To make sure your request is received in a timely manner, please do not place requests in the collection. In your request, please let us know if you would like us to mail the card directly to the recipient or leave it for you to pick it up (or if you do not want a card). If you do not want a card mailed directly to the recipient but would like one with a blank envelope, it will be left for you to pick up in the parish vestibule. Our Mass intentions are finalized two weeks in advance, so please understand we unfortunately may not always be able to accommodate last-minute requests.



Celebrating the Feast Day of our Patron, Saint Thomas More

This coming Thursday, June 22, is the Feast Day of our Patron, Saint Thomas More. Saint Thomas More was born in London in 1478, and after years of studying, and even considering priesthood, lived out his vocation a lawyer, as well as a theologian and writer. He rose through the ranks of Parliament and was named Lord Chancellor in 1529. He was highly regarded by those who knew him, including those in power. While he was extremely devoted to his king, he was even more devoted to God. In a great test of his faith, St. Thomas More was challenged to publicly endorse King Henry VIII's divorce, remarriage and claim to being head of the English Church. Even his daughter begged him to support the king in order to avoid punishment as a traitor. Unable to do so, St. Thomas More resigned his position, staying true to his beliefs despite the consequences. This earned him a conviction for treason, and he was cruelly beheaded in 1535. Yet throughout this time he managed to retain his cheerful nature and gratitude to God.

To honor religious liberty and the great courage of our Patron, we will be having Adoration on his Feast Day this Thursday, beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at noon. All are invited to come by for even a few minutes to spend some time in prayer and reflection.

Prayer for Religious Liberty

Almighty God, Father of all nations,

For freedom You have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).

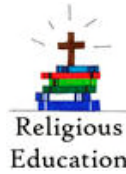
We praise and bless You for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of our human rights, justice and the common good.

Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties;

By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Saint Thomas More, our parish patron, and of Mary Immaculate, our nation's patroness, and in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with Whom You live and reign, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

[Prayer adapted from "Our First, Most Cherished Liberty, A Statement on Religious Liberty by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty," USCCB, 2012, <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/our-first-most-cherished-liberty/>]



2023-4 Religious Education Program

As the current school year is wrapping up, we are starting to prepare for our 2023-24 Religious Education Program. Details regarding class registration will be coming soon, but to make next year's program as successful as possible, we really need volunteers to serve as catechists for all grades. If you are interested in this vital ministry, please email Kay Kiernan at kaykiernan95@yahoo.com or call or email Tina in the parish office. No previous experience is required. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of bringing our faith to our kids!



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their monthly gathering on Friday, June 23rd at 12:30 pm at Piattino Bistro, 88 East Main Street in Mendham (inside King's Plaza). Our gathering is a no-host luncheon. Contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN

Join us for a free 1-day retreat to help young men of high school age consider their vocation and path in life. Sports & games. Mass with Bishop Sweeney. Three meals provided, incl. a BBQ lunch by the Knights of Columbus.

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