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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.*

## ***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 16, 2023***

### **Parish Staff**

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D.  
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Music Minister

### **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)***  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 16, 2023**

*'He spoke to them at length in parables...'*

Jesus maintains the integrity of His craft, advising all to open their hearts in order to hear. But why the insistence on parables? Can't Jesus speak to us more plainly? Even the Disciples ask Christ, 'Yo', what's up with the parables?' (That's the official translation from the Aramaic.) Good question: don't you think Jesus could utilize a more efficient medium? Doesn't he have an app or a slick PowerPoint presentation? Ah, but today's lesson is that Jesus's parables resonate in direct proportion to our relationship with the Storyteller. So, clearly, I have some work to do in this area. I feel a bit like Dan Rather, who a long time ago asked Mother Teresa what she said to God when she prayed. Her response was legendary: 'I don't say anything,' she quietly replied, 'I listen.' At this point, it was obvious that even the experienced Rather might be in a bit over his head with this interview. (The year was 1993, so I'd be willing to bet ol' Dan may have been thinking, 'Darn it...why couldn't I have just interviewed Wesley Snipes or Kevin Costner??') So, he pressed the saint further, asking, 'Well, then...what does God say to you?' Her response remains as fresh now as it was then: 'He doesn't say anything. He listens. And if you don't understand that, I can't explain it to you.' Mother Teresa has a relationship with the Storyteller, and we're called to the same. Christ poured out like a libation is not always 'spelled out' for us, and we are rarely given the succinct 'bottom line.' God writes straight with crooked lines, as the saying goes. Life in Christ is not a Tik Tok challenge. Rather, He has given us Himself that we may cultivate our relationship with the Storyteller. Only then do we realize the true power of God's call...*blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it... Listen well!*

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 publishing deadlines, the collection for the Weekend of July 1-2 will be announced in next week's bulletin.**

*"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)*



**July 17 - Saint Francis Solano**

Todd and Carrie Wharton

**July 18 - Saint Camillus de Lellis**

Valverdina Macchiaverna

**July 19 - Saint Mary MacKillop**

Special Intention

**July 20 - Saint Apollinaris**

Mary Miller

**July 21 - Saint Lawrence of Brindisi**

Bill and Alma McAllister

**July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene**

Anne Morrison

**July 23 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am: Mary Wall

11 am: Pat Schell



***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](mailto: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.





### **Religious Education Program: 2023 - 2024**

Registration for this year's religious education program is now open for all children from Kindergarten through 8th grade. Basic details are below. For more information, please email Kay Kiernan at [kaykiernan95@yahoo.com](mailto:kaykiernan95@yahoo.com).

**Who can register?** Our program is open to all children who do not attend Catholic school and whose families are registered with St. Thomas More.

**What ages are included?** We welcome students from Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

**How do I register?** Please register and pay online at: <https://stmnj.org/2023-24-registration>. If you encounter any issues with the registration, please contact Kay Kiernan at [kaykiernan95@yahoo.com](mailto:kaykiernan95@yahoo.com) or call or email Tina in the Parish Office.

**When are the Sacraments received?** The Diocese of Paterson permits students to receive their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion after they have completed 2 years of religious education, so this typically occurs in 2nd Grade. Similarly, the Diocese requires each student to complete 2 years of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which typically occurs at St. Thomas More in 8th grade or later.



### **Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners**

Please join fellow single parishioners for their monthly no-host luncheon gathering on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm at Il Goccino, 33 East Main Street in Madison. Contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.

### **Can You Help?**

The parish is in need of adults who can offer 1 1/2 - 2 hours once a month to assist in counting the weekly collections. Counting takes place at the Parish Office on Wednesday mornings. If interested, please speak with Pat Briscoe or call or email Tina in the Parish Office at 973-267-5330 or [tjurgaitis@stmnj.org](mailto:tjurgaitis@stmnj.org) for more details.



### **Sisters of Christian Charity Golf Outing**

Announcing the 10th Annual Sisters of Christian Charity Golf Outing on Monday, September 25, 2023 at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Bedminster, New Jersey. Individual golfers, foursomes and sponsors are welcome. For further information or to register online, go to: <https://sccus.org/golf-outing> or email Maria Rotolo at [dev.director@sceast.org](mailto:dev.director@sceast.org). They hope to see you there!



### **Thank you for your support of the Corpus Christi Food Drive**

**Dear Diocese of Paterson clergy, religious and parishioners,**

On behalf of the entire Catholic Charities Family, I extend my sincerest gratitude for your incredible participation and support of Catholic Charities' 10th Annual Corpus Christi Food Drive.

Your outstanding support enabled us to collect over 15,000 pounds of food for our three food pantries: Father English in Paterson, Hope House in Dover, and Partnership for Social Services in Franklin. This tremendous achievement will carry us through the challenging summer months, providing sustenance for children who lack school lunches and meals for families in desperate need of help.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney and Rev. Msgr. Mark Condon for their exemplary leadership and unwavering support. Special thanks go to Deacon Peter Cistaro and the dedicated deacons of the Diocese of Paterson, who generously volunteered their time to sort the food. We also extend our gratitude to Father Richard Bay and our Corpus Christi Food Drive Committee, our selfless volunteers, and the committed staff members of our food pantries, led by Carlos Roldan.

As Bishop Sweeney has said, "Catholic Charities here in our diocese continues to be 'the hands of Christ' in a world in need of greater compassion and service. In serving as Christ's hands, our pastors and parish communities truly embody our heart!"

Please continue to support Catholic Charities throughout the year, but also remember that we are here to help you. If you, a parishioner, or a loved one is ever in need, please email us at [info@ccpaterson.org](mailto:info@ccpaterson.org) or call us at 973-737-2077. We always do all we can to help you.

The entire Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson Family expresses heartfelt gratitude for your remarkable generosity, unwavering support, and kindness. We extend our warmest wishes for a joyous summer!

Sincerely yours,

**Scott Milliken**  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson  
Chief Executive Officer

## **FATHER AND SON CATHOLIC CAMP**

**AUGUST 14-18, 2023**

- Enjoy the beauty of God's creation
- Spend time with your son(s) along the Delaware River
- Go camping, hiking, swimming, rafting and fishing
- Grow in faith through Mass, priest talks and prayer time
- Attend outdoor Mass with Bishop Sweeney as celebrant

Open to young men ages 13 and older and their fathers. Minors must be accompanied by a male guardian. Campers provide their own tent and sleeping bags. Fee: \$100 per person, includes all meals and fees. Deadline to register: July 31, 2023. Registration required.

**Location: Worthington State Forest**



Scan to register. Visit [patersonvocations.org](http://patersonvocations.org) or call (973) 777-8818 x. 711 for more info.

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