

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 23, 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)
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023

'Master, did You not sow good seed in Your field...?'

This very question indicts human nature. In seeking a reason for sadness and evil in life, we sometimes even point our finger at God. In a recent interview, actor Jim Caviezel said that 'we fear the devil more than we fear God.' I think Mr. Caviezel is on to something, nicely summarizing the parable of the weeds and wheat. Jim and I share similar, lofty thespian credentials: As everyone knows, I starred in the St. Mary's Grammar School production of *Winne the Pooh*. It premiered way off-Broadway in Denville, New Jersey, to rave reviews. In my iconic performance, I had a solo, singing, *The Wonderful Thing About Tiggers*. Some of the compliments I received were, 'I cannot unsee that!' and "Why, God, *why?*!" I don't take such adulation lightly. Laurence Olivier, Peter Fonda, Marlon Brandon...Tom Fallone. My performance was certainly one for the ages. As *Playbill* wrote: *Fallone brings Tigger to life in a spectacle unworthy of mortal humanity. Save your ticket stub from this one. Do not go to the restroom at intermission, lest you miss out.* You didn't realize you had such celebrity in your midst, did you? Anywho, the parable of the weeds and wheat falls nestled between the bookends of the treasure in the field and the sower and the seed and speaks to us of the conundrum of evil in our world. We don't like to speak about it, but it is a reality in our everyday lives. We are called to distinguish the weeds from wheat. God sees them and we are charged with identifying them, even in ourselves. How can a culture that disagrees on the very nature of reality, life, history, love, marriage and gender be entrusted to discern good from evil? Despite the amnesia affecting our nature, our Christian duty to love our neighbor demands distinguishing weeds from wheat, and good from evil. Calling out this difference is among the chief duties of Christian charity. Weeds and wheat grow amongst us, and a Christian must never tire in alerting our fellow sinners of the difference between the two, and extricating the weeds of our own.

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.

Weekly Collection for 7/1-7/2: \$5,170.38

Weekly Collection for 7/8-7/9: \$3,711.38



July 24 – Saint Sharbel Makhoul

People of the Parish

July 25 – Saint James

James Benedetti

July 26 – Saints Joachim and Anne

Ruth Mary Calderon

July 27 – Saint Titus Brandsma

Mary Alice Shortall

July 28 – Blessed Stanley Rother

Mary Wall

July 29 – Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Michael LaCosta, Sr.

July 30 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Thomas Sullivan

11 am: Bibiana Cardenas



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.



Religious Education Program: 2023 - 2024

Registration for this year's religious education program is open for all children from Kindergarten through 8th grade. Basic details are below. For more information, please email Kay Kiernan at 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.

What is the cost of the program? The registration fee is \$40/student, with a maximum of \$100/family.

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 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.



Find Mass Times Throughout the U.S.

Traveling this summer? An easy way to find Mass wherever you may be in the U.S. is to check out www.masstimes.org or use their handy app. Parishes can be sorted by location or time of Mass. It's a good idea to always check an individual parish's website, too, to make sure there have been no last-minute changes, but this website/app is a great resource for Catholics on the road.



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@scceast.org. They hope to see you there!

Usher and Greeter Ministry

We are still looking for individuals to join the usher and greeter ministry here at St. Thomas More. It's a great and easy way to serve your parish and also get to know other members of the community with a minimal time commitment. The job is easy, just coming to your usual Mass and helping people find seats, directing people during Holy Communion, and taking up and depositing the collection in the safe. Please contact Tina in the Parish Office if you're interested, and someone will contact you with more information. Thank you!



BEYOND THE BEACON PODCAST WITH BISHOP KEVIN SWEENEY

If you're looking for something to supplement your podcast library this summer, join Bishop Kevin Sweeney and Communications Director Jai Agnish of the Diocese of Paterson as they discuss current events and topics relevant to the local Church in Paterson and the global Catholic Church. Bishop Sweeney answers questions from listeners, interviews guests, and shares reflections and insights helpful for all striving to live a life of faith, hope, and love. All are invited to send questions for the bishop and podcast topic suggestions to beyond@patersondiocese.org. You can listen where you find your favorite podcast, or visit <https://bevond.beaconnj.org>.

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



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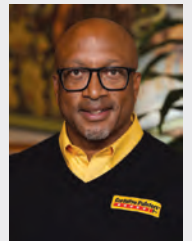
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