

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 30, 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) **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **July 30, 2023**

'They put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away...'

Man, we are really in the season of parables, huh? I have already told Jesus that despite the fact that He gives us all many gifts, I feel like one I did not receive was the intelligence to follow all of His parables. I had to go to nursery school for two years, for crying out loud! True story. My mom said it was because I was special. Only years later did I learn what 'special' really meant. Mrs. Dux was my patient teacher during those years. She has gone to heaven, long ago. I think my obstinance and dearth of character hastened her journey thereto. But anyway, Jesus's parable reminds us that there will be a separation in the end. God will distinguish such, and it is helpful for us as Christians to acknowledge this truth. That doesn't mean we are perfect. Far from it. But in His great mercy, God gives us the chance to engage in repentance and seek redemption, that we may find our way into His buckets of grace. That means there is hope, even for those who may have thrown crayons at others during nursery school. To Mrs. Dux, I offer a heartfelt apology. You had God's ability to call it as you saw it. I thank you for showing His patience with me!

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 7/15-16: \$8,379.38

"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)



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

We hope you'll join us this Friday, August 4 for Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. Whether you can come for hours or even just 10 minutes, all are invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus.



July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Rev. Patrick Rice

August 1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Theresa Gallagher

August 2 - Saint Eusebius of Vercelli

John LaCosta

August 3 - Saint Peter Julian Eymard

James Logan

August 4 - Saint John Vianney

People of the Parish

August 5 - Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica

George Wallace

August 6 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Margaret Mary O'Kane

11 am: Ronald Vitta



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.

Ministry Schedule

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers should have received a Flocknote link via email or text earlier this week to sign up to serve at August Masses. Please email Tina at tjurgaitis@stmnj.org or call the Parish Office if you encounter any issues with the sign-ups so Flocknote can troubleshoot and resolve them as quickly as possible. Ministers can click on the links in the Flocknote at any time during the month to confirm at which Mass(es) they have registered to serve, which Masses are still available and also to make any changes. We're always happy to welcome new members, so if you'd like to join either of these vital ministries, please reach out to the Parish Office. Thank you!



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.

Pray for Peace 



Congratulations are in Order!!

Congratulations to our own Al Olivier who became a novitiate in the Carmelites on July 15. Please keep an eye out for more information from Al about his reception into the Carmelite community in an upcoming bulletin.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their monthly luncheon gathering on Friday, August 18th at 12:30 pm at 26 Tavern, 185 Madisonville Road in Basking Ridge (Basking Ridge Country Club). Contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Vocation Day of Discernment - Saturday, August 5

Come and join us for our First Saturday Day of Discernment on August 5 at 10 am at St. Paul Inside the Walls. The day includes Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praying of the Rosary, Social Time and Lunch. All young men discerning the priesthood are most welcome. Please contact the Vocations Office or Rev. Edward Rama, Vocation Director, at 973-777-8818, Ext 715 or vocations@patersondiocese.org for more information or if you would like to participate.

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 or call (973) 777-8818 x. 711 for more info.

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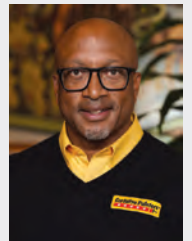
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