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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.*

## *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 20, 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)*** **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **August 20, 2023**

*'Lord, help me...'*

Saint Peter's request from last week is further illuminated in the Canaanite woman's heartfelt plea. But while Saint Peter is the Rock entrusted with The Keys to the Kingdom, the Canaanite woman is not Jewish. She is an outsider and an outlier. Christ accepts all of us outsiders! If you ever make it to what was formerly known as Canaan, may I suggest the Canaanite Brewery? It's been a landmark since 8,000 B.C. If you like local, craft IPA's, then this is the stop for you. They also have a grass-fed Kobe beef burger topped with onion straws and a slab of gouda, delicately drizzled with a garlic aioli, that's just to die for. And don't get me started on the accompanying side of parmesan truffle fries. Ah-may-zing! It goes for \$65, though, which is a little tight for me on my Diocesan salary, but worth every penny. If you're in the area, I highly recommend it. Be sure to ask for Bobby. He and his staff will take good care of you. Okay, back to the Canaanite woman! Our lesson in Faith today is her. She is humble, accepting all from God. She is persistent, never ceasing to appeal to God. Ultimately, she is grateful, appreciating and acknowledging all God has done for her. From Saint Peter to the Canaanite woman, to you and me, the theme remains: We're all broken. We all have to say, 'Lord, save me.' God's got you. Remember that.

God Bless you!!!!!!



### ***Thank You for Your Generous Contributions!***

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*"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)*

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### ***Oratory Prep School***

Oratory Prep School, celebrating excellence for over 100 years, will be holding its Open House events on Sunday, October 1 from 1 to 3 pm and Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oratory Prep is located at 425 Morris Avenue in Summit. They ask that you register to attend on their website under the *Admissions* tab. For further information, please call 908-273-1084, ext. 1 or visit them at [www.oratoryprep.org](http://www.oratoryprep.org).



### **August 21 - Saint Pius X**

Claudine Leonard

### **August 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Justin Brumbaugh

### **August 23 - Saint Rose of Lima**

Marge O'Kane

Todd and Carrie Wharton

### **August 24 - Saint Bartholomew**

Carmello Gervasio and Florence Rich

Helen McCarthy Enright

### **August 25 - Saint Louis of France**

Neil and Mary Kilcoyne

### **August 26 - Saint Joseph Calasanz**

Lauren Collins

### **August 27 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am: Margaret Mary O'Kane

11 am: Joseph Hessler

Marie Sherry



### ***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.





### ***Time's Running out to Register!***

#### ***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](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.

**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](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.



#### ***Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass***

Couples, were you married in 1973 or 1998? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held on **Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 pm**. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Parish Office. The deadline to submit your registration to the Parish Office is **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!



#### ***Diocese of Paterson Marian Pilgrimage to National Shrine in Washington, D.C.***

The Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. is returning this year for the first time since 2017. This trip will provide a unique opportunity to join others from throughout the Diocese in a powerful spiritual experience with Bishop Sweeney on his first diocesan pilgrimage as bishop.

Participants have two options, either a one-day pilgrimage on Saturday, October 14, or an overnight, two-day pilgrimage from Friday, October 13 through Saturday, October 14. On the one-day pilgrimage, all pilgrims will visit the Byzantine and Romanesque basilica, attend Mass with Bishop Sweeney, have an opportunity for confessions in Crypt Church, be invited to participate in a multi-lingual recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, experience Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and enjoy quiet devotional time in the basilica, which has more than 80 chapels and oratories. The cost for the one-day trip is \$65 per person and includes transportation, gratuity and activities at the shrine. The departure points will be announced at a later date, but it is anticipated that buses will leave our Diocese between 6 - 6:45 am and leave Washington, D.C. at 4:15 pm.

For the overnight tour, in addition to the above, the pilgrims will visit the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, which has a Byzantine-style church and replicas of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and shrines from the Holy Land, including Mount Calvary, and also a cloister walk and beautiful gardens. The cost of the overnight option is \$280 double occupancy/\$335 single occupancy, and includes bus transportation, the visit to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, a banquet dinner with Bishop Sweeney on Friday evening, a Saturday morning breakfast buffet, deluxe accommodations at The Westin Tysons Corner Hotel in Falls Church, Virginia, and all taxes and gratuities. Please note all registration fees are non-refundable. To register for the one-day option, please contact Tina in the Parish Office at [tjurgaitis@stmnj.org](mailto:tjurgaitis@stmnj.org) or 973-267-5330. To register for the overnight trip please contact Father Michael Rodak, the diocesan pilgrimage director, at 973-827-8030 or at [pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org](mailto:pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org). For more information about the pilgrimage, please check out <https://www.rcdop.org/news/diocese-to-hold-first-marian-pilgrimage-to-washington-dc-since-2017>.

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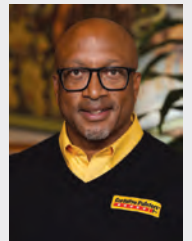
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