

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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 27, 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)
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023

'You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church...'

I think we can all agree that Saint Peter receives a lofty job description from our Lord and Savior. One moment, Peter is planning to go on an annual golf weekend with the boys in Myrtle. There's like twelve of them. It's a tradition. Have they gotten a little rowdy in the past? If we're being honest, yeah, it's possible. But for the most part, they're all good guys and all the owners on Myrtle know them. And this year, Peter and his buddies saved up so they can stay at The Legends Golf Resort. A little pricey, but breakfast, lunch *and* two drink tickets are included with every round of golf. Plus, the onsite pub has made the list of 'Top 50 19th Holes in America' by *Golf Digest*-- how can you go wrong?? But now with this new thing, Peter can't go. He's got to get a whole team in place, finalize his opening speech, divide everyone into pairs and plan all of his team-building exercises. Oh, and he also has to prepare for martyrdom. At least the good news is he doesn't need to lug around those heavy clubs or even pack a bag... or money, or a second tunic, or sandals, or a walking stick. What changed for Peter that he can't go on the golf trip anymore? Well, he professed Jesus as the Christ. When you and I do this, our lives are altered. Our daily proclamation of Jesus puts us in Peter's footsteps. Such is the Great Confession of Faith. In our culture of Babel language, from the reality of gender to the definition of life itself, Peter proffers the definitive confession without compromise, as revealed not by flesh and blood, but by the Heavenly Father. Don't be afraid to follow Saint Peter. Our lives will be different. But the road less traveled makes all the difference...

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 8/12-13: \$4,377.38

"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, September 1 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.



August 28 – Saint Augustine of Hippo

Phyllis Randazzo

August 29 – Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist

Gerard Sibilia, Jr.

August 30 – Saint Jeanne Jugan

Ted Medvetz

August 31 – Saints Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

Carm Sautter

September 1 – Saint Giles

Tom Griffin

September 2 – Blessed John Francis Burté and Companions

Joseph Robert Zack

September 3 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Bradford Ward

11 am: Gabrielle Zeianne Chua



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 who do not attend Catholic school and whose families are registered with St. Thomas More. The registration fee is \$40/student, with a maximum of \$100/family. Please register and pay online at: <https://stmnj.org/2023-24-registration>. If you encounter any issues with the registration, please call or email Tina in the Parish Office. For more information about this year's program, please email Kay Kiernan at kaykiernan95@yahoo.com.



Vocation Day of Discernment - Saturday, September 2

Come and join us for our First Saturday Day of Discernment on September 2 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. Charles Lana, Assistant Vocation Director, at 973-777-8818, Ext 715 or vocations@patersondiocese.org for more information or if you would like to participate.

ALTAR SERVERS DAY

**ALL ALTAR SERVERS
ARE INVITED**

- Workshops on the Holy Eucharist and Vocations
- Holy Mass and Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Sweeney
- Lunch and Desserts | Fun Games and Sports

Come join us at Altar Servers Day! Strengthen your faith, learn about the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and enjoy some food & fun! Parents are welcome to attend.

September 16, 2023
11 AM - 4 PM

St. Paul Inside the Walls
205 Madison Avenue
Madison, New Jersey

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Scan code to register
Registration Required
No charge

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

Altar Servers Day is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus & the Paterson Diocese Office of Vocations.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS



One Way for All Adults 18 and Over Sundays - September 10, 17 and 24

All adults are welcome to join this interactive, in-person, small-group experience which aims to bring each participant to a new understanding of Jesus and His Church. The program is offered on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am- 10:30 am, and is an intermediate-level course in discipleship. All attendees, and not just the young adult participants, are invited to the 11 am Mass that follows each session. **The upcoming three-week session is entitled, "Discipleship: Learn from, follow and imitate Jesus" and will take place on September 10, 17 and 24.** Please note: only the first 15 registrants for each three-week topic will be admitted. For more information or to register, please check out <https://insidethewalls.org/>.



The Joy-Filled Disciple Wednesday Nights, September 6 - December 6 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Are you new to the faith, on a spiritual high after Alpha or RCIA, and want to dive deeper? Are you a lifelong Catholic in a lull, who hasn't explored much since you were confirmed? Are you a parent who wants to know more about what your kids are learning in catechesis?

Regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey, if you would like to become a more joyful disciple of Christ by learning more about our faith in a fun and engaging way, this course is for you!

Through 13 interesting and interactive weekly lessons on a wide variety of topics, we will joyfully grow together. We will consider not just Scripture, but the Church's rich, 2,000-year Tradition. We'll cover the Garden of Eden to the Magisterium, and discuss practical topics as varied as how to improve our prayer life, and how to share the Good News in 21st Century America.

We can live our faith every day in ways so attractive that it causes those around us to see the joy we exude and to exclaim, "I'll have what she's having!" Would you like to be a joy-filled disciple? Sign up today! For more information or to register, please go to <https://insidethewalls.org/follow>.

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