

# 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 3, 2023***

### **Parish Staff**

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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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 3, 2023**

*'...Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke Him...'*

When we last left our hero, Peter had just received a new name along with a new job with a huge learning curve. And while he's still picking out office furniture, installing the internet service and deciding if people can work on a hybrid schedule (the guys are already asking), Jesus throws him a curveball. Apparently, Jesus must go to Jerusalem to suffer greatly and be killed. How's that for a goal to be presented at the quarterly meeting? This clearly impacts Peter's job description as well as that of the other disciples. Plus, he already booked Tony Robbins for the upcoming staff retreat, and now he has to cancel it (and it was non-refundable!). Bewildered, Peter takes Jesus aside. I imagine the conversation went something like this: 'Lord, You got a minute? So, uh, I know I'm the rock upon which You will build Your Church, and that You gave me the keys and all, which was very nice, and thank You, but, uh, the guys and I were talking, and um, quite frankly, they have some concerns. Your plan just seems a wee bit over-the-top. I mean, can't we do some brainstorming on this? I'm sure if we break out the whiteboard and discuss our pain points, we can find another way to approach this that doesn't involve suffering and death. Plus, there's been a lot of murmuring and concerns about Your expectations for us in Your Passion. To be honest, it's just not good for workplace morale...' After the meeting, the rest of the guys came up and asked, 'So, Pete, how'd it go?' 'Well, I felt like my presentation was solid, and the PowerPoint was great, but Our Lord responded, *'Get behind Me, Satan.'* Do you think that was bad? I'm starting to worry I didn't get through to Him. I'm afraid this Jerusalem thing is going to involve our whole team. Uh, guys? Where are you going? Guys??' Isn't it amazing? Saint Peter's rebuke of Jesus is turned on him as the Lord reminds us of His Purpose and Mission, in which we shall all participate. In a way, our marking Labor Day dovetails Jesus's interaction with Peter. Human labor is a joint venture in the task of God. As the Catechism says, *By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth and the One crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in His redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the Cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish* (CCC 2427). Peter and the disciples, you and me, we are all collaborators with God. Our labor is our participation in Christ's Cross and Redemption in our journey to Jerusalem. That's pretty amazing!

God Bless you!!!!!!



**September 4 – Saint Rose of Viterbo**

Pauline Falcone

**September 5 – Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

Theresa Gallagher

**September 6 – Blessed Claudio Granzotto**

Anna Caporella

**September 7 – Blessed Frédéric Ozanam**

Mary Wall

**September 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Kay Brewer

**September 9 – Saint Peter Claver**

Margaret Cummins

**September 10 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am: Vera Brown

11 am: Megan Vellucci and Michael Casey

7 pm: 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, Vincent 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.





### *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 8/19-20: \$6,845.38**

*"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)*



### *Religious Education Program: 2023 - 2024 Begins on Sunday, September 10*

This is your last chance to register your child for this year's religious education program! The program is open to 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](mailto:kaykiernan95@yahoo.com).



### *Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners*

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their monthly luncheon gathering on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at Osteria Trevi, 4 Park Avenue, Madison. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



### *Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass*

Couples, were you married in 1973 or 1998? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> 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!



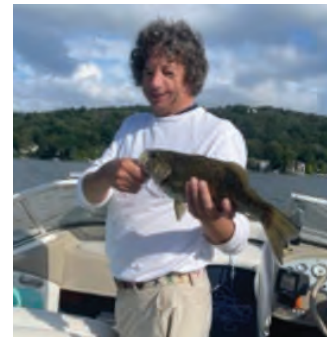
### *7 pm Mass Returns Next Week!*

The 7 pm Sunday Mass will be resuming next Sunday, September 10th. Tell your friends!



### *What I Did on My Summer Vacation...*

Ah, that popular first day of school essay. Painful to kids who wanted to put down that pencil and run back out in the sunshine. But a great device by teachers to make us stop and look back on our summer days. Sadly, as adults, we don't tend to do that much. Yet Labor Day weekend steps in to help us pause and remember the many gifts we experienced over these months— the barbecues, the pool parties, the trips down the shore. It's a chance to recall with gratitude the family and friends we spent time with and the new experiences we may have had. For some, this might even include finally landing that big catch...



*Call me Ishmael. The sea was angry that day when I helped reel in this 650 lb (or was it 6.5 lb? I always had trouble with decimals...) marlin on bucolic Lake Mohawk. Due to my grit, sheer tact and guile, this beast would soon become mine following an epic, existential battle. Anglers are begotten, not made, my friends. People ask me, 'Weren't you scared??' Was David scared of Goliath? I'll just say that I set my face like flint and said my Act of Contrition. In this moment of truth, I stood in the breach of danger with this majestic creature and emerged victorious!! And now, for the rest of the story... Thank you to our 11 am Mass Altar Servers, David and Matthew, who landed this beautiful, largemouth bass and were kind enough to let me reel it in and hold it while they took my picture. (And yes, I was scared!!)*

As the summer festivities wind down this weekend, maybe take a moment in between final cookouts, back-to-school preparations and college football games to say a prayer of thanks to God for the many gifts of this summer and ask Him to watch over us in the seasons to come...

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