

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 24, 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **September 24, 2023**

"These last ones have only worked one hour and you have made them equal to us..."

Yeah, I get it. The parable of the landowner and the laborers ruffles me. God's ways can be baffling. We are hardwired to think in terms of 'equity,' and that all-encompassing trendy virtue called 'inclusion.' But the laborers who showed up at 5 pm received the same payment as those who began work at 9 am. What gives? Allow me a golf anecdote to reflect upon this Gospel: I have been playing golf poorly since I was 14 years old. So, I've toiled many years in the day's burden and heat that comes with this frustrating hobby. Then one day I played with a Monsignor who took up said game late in life. He stepped up to the tee and hit the ball with aplomb. Golf pundits would say Monsignor 'struck it pure.' The ball soared, pierced the sky and paused the time and space continuum. Hundreds of white doves fluttered in the sky. Andrea Bocelli sang *Ave Maria*. And Monsignor's ball went right into the hole. Golf's holy grail. A hole-in-one. Everyone cheered and was so happy for him. But I feigned such. Instead of participating in the pure joy of the game, envy consumed me due to the hours I'd spent losing balls and making double bogeys. But this Monsignor showed up at "5 pm" and got a hole-in-one. So this parable convicts me. It's close to the bone. A professor once told us that *saints radiate the joy of playing the Christian game*. But there I was: instead of focusing on others' graces of God, I forgot God's covenant and grace with me. Participate in the joy of such. Ruminating over what others have taken from the gifts we've been given, the Covenant proffered and the Invitation proposed. Thank you, God, for all You've given me and for all that You've taken and for all that is to come... 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 9/9-10: \$4,330.38

"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)



St. Thomas More Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will be reconvening on Tuesday, September 26th at 1 pm with a meeting in the basement of the Parish Office. It will be a chance to get to know each other. Please bring your annual dues of \$20. All women of the parish are most welcome!



September 25 – Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guérin

Frank P. Gnant

September 26 – Saint Paul VI

Meredith Sullivan Boyan

September 27 – Saint Vincent de Paul

Anne Lundgren

September 28 – Saint Wenceslaus

Thomas Sullivan

September 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Walter Wary

September 30 – Saint Jerome

Linda Granflor

Catherine Mascetti

October 1 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Norma Mortimer

11 am: George Wallace

7 pm: Theresa Gallagher



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, Caitlyn Gara, Barbara Kline, Gina Lazaro, Vincent Lazaro, Ray Meyers, Elizabeth Napoli, John O'Neil, Bethann and Bob Panzer, Bobby Polidore, Christopher Popp, Father Ed Rama, 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.



Villa Walsh Academy Open Houses

Offered Sunday, October 1 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and
Wednesday, October 18 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Villa Walsh Academy, an independent college preparatory school for girls grades 7-12 will be holding 2 open houses this fall. For further details, and to register for the Open Houses, please visit our website at villawalsh.org. Come see what makes the Academy so special!



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Presented by the STM Scripture Group, all are welcome to these bi-weekly, ten-part video presentations and discussions beginning:

September 27th at 3:00 pm in the church.

Miracle of Christmas

Sight & Sound Theatre

Lancaster, PA

Saturday, November 11, 2023



7:00am - Departure - St. Kateri Tekakwitha

427 Stanhope Rd., Sparta, NJ 07871

7:00pm - Arrival - St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Price: \$175 per adult

\$125 per child (3-12)

CASH OR CHECK (payable to St. Kateri Parish, memo "Miracle of Christmas")

Deadline to register is September 24th!!

Price includes: bus, breakfast bag & water, show ticket,

lunch at Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant.

Have any questions? Call Dawn at 973-729-0489



Rosary Rally for Our Nation - Culminating at St. Thomas More - Sunday, October 8

The New Jersey Area of the Order of Malta, in coordination with Rosary Coast to Coast, invites all Catholics to unite in praying for our Nation with Mary's most powerful weapon, the Rosary. On Sunday, October 8, there will be a Rosary Walk beginning at 3 pm on the front lawn of St. Paul Inside the Walls. A Rosary Procession will follow down Madison Avenue (with police escort), as we pray the Joyful Mysteries. The walk will conclude at St. Thomas More at 3:45 pm, with the praying of the Glorious Mysteries at 4 pm. We look forward to this beautiful afternoon of prayer to Our Lady.



Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1973 or 1998? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th 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!

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horrific crime against the
basic dignity and rights
of the human person. All
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United States Conference
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Respect Life Convocation

Cultivating the Culture of Life

OCTOBER 28
8am-2pm

Presentations provided by
The New Jersey Coalition
Against Human Trafficking

Bishop Kevin Sweeney will celebrate Mass at 8am
followed by a Rosary Procession.
Event check-in begins at 9:30am.
Lunch will be provided.

St. Margaret of Scotland Church
6 Sussex Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960

Register by visiting insidethewalls.org/respect-life-convo or
scan the QR code. Registration is required - No walk-ins.

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