

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 1, 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **October 1, 2023**

'...Do nothing out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others...'

Now wait a minute there, Saint Paul. I know you were writing without a laptop or AI assistance. No handy YouTube videos for reference. You have no blue "Verified" badge by your profile photo. You didn't even have Mrs. Moglenicky pressuring you with her suspicious side-eye glance in the second grade (I wasn't a bad kid; I just had an active mind, and apparently Mrs. Moglenicky did not understand my genius. Staring out into space was obviously how I did my best work.). So are you sure about what you're saying? In a culture of posts, pundits and personalities yelling, 'Look at me!!' 'What's in it for me??' or 'I deserve this!!' Saint Paul's letter can seem a little out of touch. But maybe we need to ask ourselves: with just what, or Whom, do we want to be in touch? Who is the G.O.A.T. in our lives? Unlike an Instagram story that disappears in 24 hours, the Word of God has no expiration. The Presence of God remains. His Word and His love guide all, survive all, conquer all. And in that love, the Christian is called to humility. *Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.* We are asked to no longer live for ourselves but that He might live in us. We remember that Christ emptied Himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. That's pretty awesome, and mind-boggling. As we commence Respect Life Month, may we recollect the fingerprints of God not only in our own daily lives and moments, but in all stages of human life. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever.

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 9/16-17: \$7,123.38

"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, October 6 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.



October 2 - Feast of the Guardian Angels

Tony Tola

Frank Griffin

October 3 - Saint Theodora Guérin

Laurence Bobbin

October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi

Special Intention

October 5 - Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Joanne Fescoc

October 6 - Saint Bruno

Father William Santeliz

October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

Carm Sautter

October 8 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Linda Granflor

11 am: Norma Mortimer

7 pm: Michael and Patricia Caufield



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.



Blessing of the Animals - October 4th at 5:30 pm

In celebration of the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, we invite everyone to bring their furry, feathered and scaled family members for a Blessing of the Animals on the parish lawn at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, October 4 (rain or shine!). It's a wonderful chance to show our pets how much we love them and to take a moment to give thanks to God for entrusting them to our care. Hope to see you there!



2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal ***I Have Called You By Name***

The 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal kicked off this past weekend. This year's theme, "I Have Called You By Name," highlights the importance and value of every person in our neighborhood, county and Diocese. God calls each of us by name, and our faith assures us that we do not walk this path alone.

Did you know that over 20,000 people are helped at our Father English Food Pantry in Paterson *every single month*? This year, and for the next two years, the Diocesan Ministries Appeal is committing \$200,000 annually to the Father English Food Pantry in support of their campaign to renovate their outdated space which is on the first floor of a building that is over 80 years old. These funds will be used to expand the Food Pantry's ability to serve people in need by offering a wide array of services in one convenient location. In addition to improving the floor plan of the food pantry, the facility will also expand its offerings with a clothing closet, emergency services, social workers, case managers, ESL and computer classes, and nutrition courses. Your gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal will have a positive impact on many vulnerable brothers and sisters in our Diocese.

Thank you to all who contributed to last year's Appeal, which serves those in need in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. Your gifts have a significant impact on so many lives. Each year, the Diocesan Ministries Appeal supports over 70 Catholic Charities' programs, Catholic urban education, Nazareth Village and retired priests' needs and seminarian formation. Please consider a donation to the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code below or visit www.2023appeal.org to make a gift today. May God bless you for your support!



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). The walk will conclude at St. Thomas More at 3:30 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 on **November 12 at 3 pm**, offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson with Bishop Sweeney as main celebrant. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Parish Office. The deadline to submit your registration is Wednesday, October 11, 2023. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.



Scripture Study Group ***Catholicism Revealed***

Amazed and Afraid - Part 2

The Revelation of God Become Man

We journey with Bishop Robert Barron to the mysterious and sacred sites of the Holy Land. From Caesarea Phillipi to the eternal city of Rome. Bishop Barron illuminates the Catholic Faith's conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God became man in Christ.

Presented by the STM Scripture Group
October 11th at 3:00 pm in the church.



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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