

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 8, 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** **October 8, 2023**

'There was a landowner who planted a vineyard...'

Listen, I know there's been a lot of discussion about a certain conversation that took place recently in the Jets' locker room. Someone said something that seemed to light a fire under the team. Some have come out and said it was a certain player who wears #8. But he retorted that these things should be kept in-house. I know that may have left many of you wondering...did yours truly somehow have a role? Was I in the locker room, inspiring the team? Following Aaron's edict, I can neither confirm nor deny, so please don't ask. All I know is the previously struggling Jets almost beat the Chiefs, falling just short to the power of the Swifties. Hope lives! With that awkwardness addressed and out of the way, we come to the Parable of the vineyard owner. This speaks to the need of memory, to paraphrase super-smart guy Fr. Paul Scalia, who writes in this month's *Magnificat*, *'The parable of the wicked tenants represents Israel's failure to remember.'* Wow. There are some things in life we like to remember. For instance, my late Grandma's mushrooms are legendary. The whole house would be pleasantly infected with their scent. Your clothes would not be immune to the same. It has never quite been the same without her. Remembering the whole experience of enjoying those mushrooms with her is something happy and easy to remember. But some things we need to remember are a little tougher to swallow (no pun intended). Fr. Paul's words are biting and indicting, as in our own day, we witness a tearing down of statues and iconography. We fail to remember. The whole Mass is about 'do this in remembrance of Me.' This week we are called to reflect not on ourselves, but on that with which we are entrusted as tenants. Remember who you are, and remember who you are not!

God Bless you!!!!!!

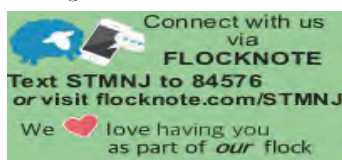


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We are very grateful for all who contribute to the financial support of our parish and who take stewardship seriously.

Weekly Collection for 9/23-24: \$7,311.38

"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)



October 9 – Saint Denis and Companions

Hubie O'Toole

October 10 – Saint Francis Borgia

Larry Tilli

October 11 – Saint John XXIII

Leonard Bendzin

Mike Murphy

October 12 – Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Duncan Sinclair

October 13 – Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Angela Schmidt

October 14 – Blessed Carlo Acutis

Tom and Maureen Mahlstadt

Catherine Mascetti

October 15 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Anthony Gervasio

Susan Diane Staley

11 am: Jane Purkis Kearney

7 pm: Pat Schell

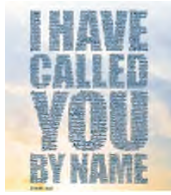


Prayers for the Sick

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.



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

There are a number of ways to support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Parishioners can make a one-time gift, a pledge payable over five months, or a recurring monthly gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. By making a recurring gift, you are helping ensure that your donation continues not just monthly but from year to year. You can adjust or cancel your recurring gift any time. For more information, please call the Diocesan Development Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 263. Please know that any way you contribute to the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal is a blessing to all the people that are served. May God bless you for your support!

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.



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Villa Walsh Academy

Villa Walsh Academy, an independent college preparatory school for girls grades 7-12 will be holding one more open house this fall on October 18 from 6:30 pm - 8 pm. For further details, and to register for the Open House, please visit our website at villawalsh.org. Come see what makes the Academy so special!



Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass - **Last Chance to Register!**

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 this Wednesday, October 11, 2023.



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.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their monthly luncheon gathering on Friday, October 20th at 12:30 pm at Puelo's Brick Over, 162 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS One Way for All Adults 18 and Over Sundays - October 15, 22 and 29

All adults are welcome to join this interactive, in-person, small-group experience at St. Paul Inside the Walls, just down the street at 205 Madison Avenue, Madison. 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 3-week October session is entitled, "Christ: The Word Made Flesh."** 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/>.

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