

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 15, 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2023

'The kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son...'

The Mystery of Heaven is beyond human comprehension. But throughout all Scripture our union with God is associated with a wedding banquet— an interesting analogy. Obviously, Heaven transcends all human constructs. But Jesus is giving us an image, and here's what we know: *'eye has not seen, nor has ear heard what God has ready for those who love Him'* (1 Cor. 2:9). We can approximate and allegorize, but such efforts will remain just that. This is why Jesus's metaphor to a king's wedding banquet for his son is so interesting. Does Heaven have lavish cocktail hours, chocolate fountains and a social photo booth for its guests to create high-quality GIFs and engage with hashtags and social media? What about a convenient shuttle bus for guests? Or how about me doing The Worm on the dance floor? For a successful Worm move, you have to keep your toes together. Not everyone knows that. But anyhow, back to the crux of Christianity: God Himself desires your presence. He has sent the ultimate save-the-date card in His Word and His Flesh. Such is the Banquet to which we were invited before we were formed in our mother's womb. And, you don't even have to shop its registry on Zola! The meaning of Christianity is a nuptial union between bride and Groom, that is, humanity and divinity. Yes. Read that again. Let us prepare to drink deeply of the choicest vintage, which is Christ Himself. Let us RSVP so that we can leave our pasts to His mercy and entrust our future to His desire. Now, if you'll excuse me, the band is playing *Celebration* by Kool and the Gang...I gotta go!!

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.

In addition to bringing your collection to Sunday Mass, you can also mail your contribution to the Parish Office or set up a one-time or recurring donation online by going to: <https://stthommore.weshareonline.org/>. Thank you for your support of St. Thomas More!

Weekly Collection for 9/30-10/1: \$4,351.38

"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 16 – Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Teresa Casazza

October 17 – Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Father Patrick Rice

October 18 – Saint Luke

Donna Buchner

October 19 – Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and Companions

Marge O'Kane

October 20 – Saint Paul of the Cross

Walter Wary

Madison Torres

October 21 – Saint Hilarion

Eleanor and Tony Tola

October 22 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Katherine "Kitty" Mascetti

11 am: Anthony Gervasio

7 pm: Beth Ann Bierbower

††The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in remembrance of Anthony Gervasio.††

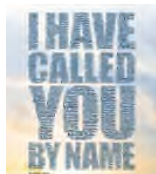


Prayers for the Sick

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

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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.



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.



Respect Life Month

As we celebrate the true miracle of all human life in a special way this October, we invite you to join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Simply sign up at respectlife.org. October is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the great gifts we have been given in each breath we take, and in the ability to show care, concern and compassion for all precious lives around us.



Scripture Study Group

Catholicism Revealed

Happy Are We - Part 1

We journey with Bishop Robert Barron to the mysterious and sacred sites of the Holy Land. From Caesarea Philippi 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 25th at 3:00 pm in the church.

PRAYER FOR RADICAL SOLIDARITY

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.



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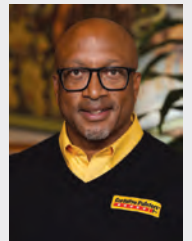
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