

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.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 5, 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) **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** **November 5, 2023**

'but do not follow their example. For they preach, but do not practice...'

I'm with Jesus on this one. Now one could argue I'm supposed to be with Jesus on every one, and I'd agree. But I have privately questioned Him in my head about a few things during my years on this earth. Sometimes I've felt like Jesus has put my call on hold and I have to listen to that awful MUZAK hold music. Plus, my calls may be monitored for quality assurance. I'm sure St. Peter spends a lot of His time filling out those employee satisfaction surveys as a result of that feedback. And then of course he's got to sit down with the employee to discuss the results, being specific, yet empathetic, ensuring that the conversation goes both ways. And you really can't do it by Zoom; in person is much better. I wonder if St. Peter ever misses that fishing boat. Although rumor has it the view from his office is pretty amazing, with those floor-to-ceiling windows, and he even has a fancy coffee machine. Anywho, Our Lord yet again calls out the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of His time by condemning the Scribes and Pharisees who impose religious burdens on people, while exempting themselves from the same. Ain't that a kick? Seems quite unfair. We've seen unfortunate examples of this within the Church today. Other illustrations include the similar incongruity of powerful leaders postulating on immigration from behind the walls of their mansions, replete with armed security, of course. Or how about being lectured on environmental stewardship by those with private jets and superyachts? Ain't *that* a kick? Along the lines of Jesus's rebuke of the Pharisees is a guy named Professor James Tankins of Harvard. He says, 'virtue must be acquired, not just signaled.' Interesting stuff for our times. We have but one Father in Heaven, and so we redouble our efforts to put on Christ and try not to follow the example of our modern Pharisees. Maybe we could all benefit from a little Performance Improvement Plan from time to time. 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 10/21-22: \$4,892.38

"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)



November 6 – Saint Nicholas Tavelic and Companions
Pat Molamphy

November 7 – Saint Didacus
Frank and Delia Griffin

November 8 – Blessed John Duns Scotus
Special Intention

November 9 – Dedication Of St. John Lateran
Kay Brewer

November 10 – Saint Leo the Great
Carrie Luchowski

November 11 – Saint Martin Of Tours
Hugh Thomas

November 12 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 am: James H. Maynard

Ang Uh Gan and Tan Siok Be
Johnny Ang Uh Gan and Aida Dagondon

11 am: Mildred and Benedict Giordano

7 pm: Jim and Margaret Farkas



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.

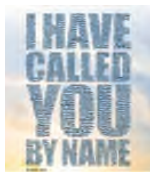
Mass Intentions/Mass Cards

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.



Announcing St. Thomas More's New Business Manager!

Tina Jurgaitis, formerly the parish bookkeeper, has taken on a new role in our parish, now serving as St. Thomas More's Business Manager. In addition to her bookkeeping and office administration duties, this means she will also now be responsible for facilities management, including overseeing and coordinating all property-related projects, upkeep and contracts, and working with all parish contractors, service people, vendors and volunteers. She will also be responsible for ensuring that the parish is in compliance with all Diocesan policies and procedures. Tina began working for our parish almost 3 years ago, and has also been working at St. Kateri Parish in Sparta, where she has 14 years of experience as parish bookkeeper, handling payroll and human resources tasks. Prior to taking that position, she was a certified Six Sigma Black Belt coach at JPMorgan Chase. Tina lives in Lake Hopatcong with her husband, Jamie, and twin daughters. If you haven't already met Tina, please stop by during office hours or send her an email at tjurgaitis@stmnj.org. Please keep her in your prayers as she takes on this new role!



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

One of the important programs that receives funding from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal is Nazareth Village, our diocesan home for retired priests. The priests who live at Nazareth Village have faithfully served our diocese for many years, and many continue to celebrate Mass at local parishes. In addition, the Appeal helps fund the formation of our seminarians as they prepare for a lifetime of service to our parishioners now and for generations to come. Please join us in gratitude by recognizing those who have dedicated years of service to our families and those who will begin their service to the Lord and His Church.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their monthly luncheon gathering on Friday, November 17th at 12:30 pm at Café Saporì, 995 Mt. Kemble Ave (Rt 202), Morristown (former location of The Marketplace). Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Remembering All Souls

As we remember the souls of all of the Faithful Departed in a special way during this month of November, we invite you to inscribe the name of any of your loved ones who have passed on in our Book of Remembrance. This book can be found on the table next to the statue of our Blessed Mother at the front of the church. You are also most welcome to leave a photo or prayer card to pay special tribute to those who have gone before us.



Raffle Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in the New Jersey Right to Life Raffle last weekend. Total proceeds raised were \$1,165. The winning ticket will be drawn on November 17 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Bridgewater. Good luck!!



Scripture Study Group

Catholicism Revealed

Happy Are We - Part 2

Bishop Barron journeys from Galilee to Krakow, Warsaw, New York City, Kampala, and beyond, presenting throughout what it means to be a disciple of Christ and the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Presented by the STM Scripture Group

November 8th at 3:00 pm in the church.

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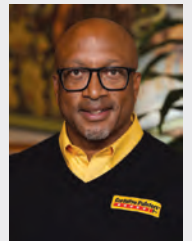
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