

# *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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 12, 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 12, 2023**

*'Amen, I say to you; I do not know you...'*

Yikes. For me, there are no more harrowing words in the Bible. This is just my personal opinion, but, wow. There it is: *I do not know you*. I can't imagine these are words any of us would want to hear when we face God at the end of our lives. But such is Jesus's story of the virgins waiting on the bridegroom. They have all gotten their up-dos and manicures and the trolley has pulled up, so they are ready to head out. But a funny thing happened on the way to the wedding...they passed the Rusty Scupper. And wouldn't you know, it was right at brunch time. Marcia said they just *had* to stop— I mean, how can you pass up hand-carved meat, made-to-order omelets and complimentary mimosas? It would only take a few minutes, and otherwise they'd have to wait until the cocktail hour to eat! So, they headed inside for a quick look-see. All was going fine and still on schedule, that is, until Marcia bumped into an old college buddy on the raw oyster bar line, and next thing you know, an hour had gone by. Now they would all be late! Oh, Marcia, Marcia, Marcia! Goodness, *where* was I going with this?? Ah, yes. Today's parable highlights an important but challenging truth: we cannot give our faith to someone else. The ladies could put on their fancy dresses and reserve the trolley, but they could not force Marcia to get on board. We can share Faith, but each person has to accept it on his or her own. God's love for you and your relationship with Him are personal and distinctive, just as you are unique and unlike any other of His creations. We have to be ready and open to accept Him ourselves, and it's not always easy. To prepare for the Great Wedding to which we are all destined, we need to each get our own oil in that regard. The good news? It's not yet too late in our story. He takes us to Himself, so do not be afraid. He invites each and every one of us, in our own special union with Him. Our challenge is not to delay or become distracted like Marcia. Let our mantra be not, "Just give me a few minutes..." but rather, "Jesus, I give myself to You."

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 10/28-29: \$4,540.38**

*"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 13 – Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini**  
 Peter and Julia Rend

**November 14 – Saint Gertrude The Great**  
 Maureen Griffin

**November 15 – Saint Albert the Great**  
 Carlton Whitenack

**November 16 – Saint Margaret of Scotland**  
 Deacon Edward Reading, Jr.

**November 17 – Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**  
 Paul Rygiel

**November 18 – Dedication of Churches of Saints Peter and Paul**

Daniel Beresford

**November 19 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am: Patrick and Imelda Roche

11 am: Father Alex Pinto  
 John Carlin

7 pm: Michael Prokop



***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](mailto: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.





We honor all who served

### ***Thank you to Our Veterans and Active Military!***

We give thanks to God each day, but especially this Veteran's Day, for all who have served and those who continue to serve in our military, sacrificing to keep our nation safe. We invite you to inscribe the name of anyone in your life who is a retired or active military service member on the sign at the front of the church, near the statue of St. Joseph. We will be praying for all those listed in a special way this month. God bless those who serve, and God bless America!



### ***2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal***

#### ***I Have Called You By Name***

When you give to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, you should be confident knowing that it supports four causes: 1) our Catholic Charities' programs, including helping fund the renovation of the Father English Food Pantry in Paterson, 2) seminarian education, 3) Catholic urban education and 4) Nazareth Village and retired priests' needs. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal also supports parishes, as 50% of all funds raised over a parish's goal is returned to them directly for their own needs. Funds raised in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal stay in the Paterson Diocese and are used only for the purposes above.

Please consider a donation to the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code below or visit [www.2023appeal.org](http://www.2023appeal.org) to make a gift today.



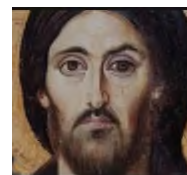
### ***Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners***

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their monthly luncheon gathering on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



### ***St. Margaret of Scotland Church - 50/50 Raffle***

Our neighbors at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Morristown will be selling 50/50 tickets after Masses this weekend. Proceeds will support St. Margaret's. The raffle drawing will take place at St. Margaret's Annual Christmas Party on December 2. Thank you for your support, and good luck!



### ***Scripture Study Group***

#### ***The Ineffable Mystery of God - Part 1***

#### ***Of Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought***

We journey from the heights of Mount Sinai to the mysterious sites of Istanbul, from the glittering streets of Paris to the glorious Sistine Chapel. Bishop Barron presents the Catholic Faith's compelling vision of God as the ineffable and majestic Trinity.

Presented by the STM Scripture Group

**November 22nd at 3:00 pm in the church.**



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.*

*Amen.*

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Amen.*

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.



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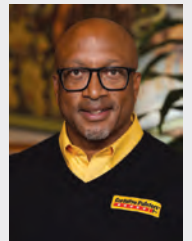
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