

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 19, 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)
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2023

'Come, share your Master's joy...'

Those words are welcome salve, soothing the sting of last week's *I do not know you...* That was when the foolish bridesmaids were too obstinate to keep vigil with an adequate supply of oil for the lamps. I often wonder how differently that story might have turned out if the bridesmaids had invested in some LED bulbs that were more eco-friendly and had great ratings on the bright yellow EnergyGuide Label. Gotta always look for the one with the lowest Estimated Yearly Energy Cost. If only those bridesmaids could have freed themselves from their slavery to fossil fuels! Down with big oil! Oh, awkward...never mind...wrong thing. I am just trying to stay hip and current with the youngsters! Back to the task at hand: The Parable of the Talents yields those most sought-after words of Divine Approval— *well done, good and faithful servant*. Those words can be addressed to us if we but only put to use the gifts God has given us. The last servant is called 'wicked' because he buried his Master's gifts in his own debilitating fear, in effect hiding his talents, just as Adam and Eve hid from God. Of all of the fears we harbor, be it declining health, finance, safety or any other terrors that come to us in the night, our Faith remains in the God Who gave His Only Begotten Son, for us! Instead of putting our gifts in the ground, instead of hiding them from God and those around us, may we accept His humility for us, His children, and give as a gift what we've received as a Gift. The Master has risked His love on you. Let us reciprocate. 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 11/4-5: \$8,046.38

"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)



In celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Parish Office will be closed this week. It will reopen on Wednesday, November 29.

Wishing you and your families a very blessed Thanksgiving!



November 20 – Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

Special Intention for Gloria O'Brien

November 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tucker Helstrom

November 22 – Saint Cecilia

The Farina and Foskett Families

November 23 – Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

People of the Parish

November 24 – Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and

Companions

Charles Morning

November 25 – Saint Catherine of Alexandria

Frank Gnadit

November 26 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8 am: Leonard Bendzin

Peter and Julia Rend

11 am: Norma Mortimer

7 pm: Colton Farrell



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.



Remembering All Souls

As we continue to 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.



Scripture Study Group

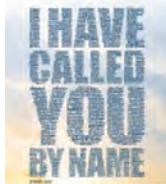
The Ineffable Mystery of God – Part 1

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.



2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

"I Have Called You By Name"

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we remember to give thanks for all of the blessings in our lives. It is also time to recognize all those around us who are in need. Each year, Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson serves tens of thousands of people who are in need of critical services. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal helps to ensure that these programs offered by Catholic Charities continue to welcome and serve all who seek help. Your gift is so important to this work. Share a message of gratitude this Thanksgiving by helping those in need. 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.



Thank you to Our Veterans and Active Military!

We give thanks to God each 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!



Christmas Blessings Project

Our parish will once again be participating in the Catholic Family & Community Services annual Christmas Blessings Project this year. Please check out the tree in the church vestibule containing gift tags representing the Christmas wishes of many adults, teens and children in our area who are in need. **Due to very limited storage space and volunteers, Catholic Family & Community Services has asked that gifts take the form of gift cards ONLY this year.** Please consider taking one or more tags from the tree to help make someone's Christmas a little bit brighter. Please return all gifts to the vestibule no later than **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10** so there is time to distribute them before Christmas. Thank you, as always, for giving so generously to this wonderful cause!

Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.

-Samuel F. Pugh



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