

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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14, 2024

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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) **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** **January 14, 2024**

'Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening...'

As we enter Ordinary Time (with Ash Wednesday only a few weeks away, oh, my. Life goes too quickly!), we hear the familiar story of Samuel and Eli. Samuel wakes several times during the night, thinking that Eli had called him. The untold part of the story is that Eli said, 'Please, Samuel, go back to bed. I am binging on the last season of *Yellowstone* and you're interrupting!' (Little-known fact: Eli is a huge Kevin Costner fan, and really, who isn't? Costner was brilliant in *Dances with Wolves* and awesome in *Field of Dreams*, although I'm still a little hurt that I didn't receive so much as a phone call when they were looking for baseball greats to play on the dream field...listen, my Tee Ball career, while brief, was legendary!) My Siskel and Ebert (may they rest in peace) tangent aside, our reading from Samuel points to what Bishop Emeritus Serratelli termed the 'crisis of listening' in our culture. Eli eventually *listens*, to find that it is the Lord Who is calling him. In an Angelus address in 2013, Pope Francis said something similar, reminding us that we must *listen to our conscience and not our ego*. Ooh, sage advice, as we continue to navigate this New Year. Pope Francis continued, *conscience is the interior grace in which we can listen and hear the Truth*. Conscience must be formed. In our day, people identify themselves as wolves or walrus according to their preference. But the conscience is not about preference. It is more transformative, and speaks to our very core. Like Eli, if we take time to *listen*, we are informed and enlightened in judgment, so says the Catechism (CCC 1783, 1776-1802). It is God Himself Who speaks to your heart, which is, in the eyes of God, the heart of a child. Let us make some quiet time this year and truly listen, as God's servants, to the personal message He has for each and every one of us...

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 12/30-31: \$6,856.38

Christmas Collection (to date): \$17,630.00

"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)



January 15 – Saint Paul the Hermit

Sandy Clyde

January 16 – Saint Berard and Companions

Terry Manelski

January 17 – Saint Anthony of Egypt

Leonila and Fe Quibrantar

January 18 – Saint Charles of Sezze

Dorothea Lepre

January 19 – Saint Fabian

Regina Sanger

January 20 – Saint Sebastian

Michael Romeo

January 21 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Frank and Delia Griffin

11 am: Father Gregory White

7 pm: Frank Sweeney



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.



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, Elizabeth Napoli, John O'Neil, Bethann and Bob Panzer, Bobby Polidore, Christopher Popp, Father Ed Rama, Eileen Scheibner, Bishop Emeritus Arthur Serratelli, 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.



Thank you to all who made such kind and generous donations to this year's Christmas Flowers and Decorations!

Please remember those listed below in Your prayers.

Given in Memory of the John J. Anderson, Sr. Family, the John J. Hayes Family, and the Delancy Smith Family, by Mrs. John Anderson.

Given in Memory of Leonard Bendzin, Stephanie Popick, Eleanor Tola, and Elizabeth Bendzin, by Patricia Bendzin.

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Given in Memory of Nancy Cioce, Gerardo Cioce, Theresa Guerrero, and Albert Guerrero, by Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Cioce.

Given in Memory of the Murray Family and the Deysher Family, by Mrs. Margaret Deysher.

Given in Memory of Edith and Eugene Farrell, Deceased Members of the Farrell Family, and Deceased Members of the Sheeliar Family, by Mary Ellen Farrell.

Given in Memory of Alice Gatto, Cosmio Gatto, Teresa Lynch, and Vincent Formicola, by Dr. and Mrs. A. Formicola.

Given in Memory of Carmella and Anthony Gervasio, and Florence and Louis Rich, by Miss Maria Gervasio.

Given in Memory of Nora Van Deusen and Mary Van Deusen, by Ms. Barbara Glogolich.

Given in Memory of the Walsh, Conklin and Duff Families, by Mrs. Virginia Lund.

Given in Memory of Philip Cucchiara and Elizabeth Cucchiara, by Ms. Phyllis Manna.

Given in Memory of Phyllis and Vincent Marella, and Louis Marsico, by Dr. Gregg Marella.

Given in Memory of Joseph Murphy and the Molamphy Family, by Mrs. Mary Murphy.

Given in Memory of Peter and Julia Rend, by Mrs. Julie Skinner.

Given in Memory of Vincenza Trunzo, Rosario Trunzo, Marco Trunzo, and Mario Baccarini, by Mr. Greg Spinelli.

Given in Memory of Anna Tomeo and Pat Tomeo, by Mary and Theresa Tomeo.

Given in Memory of Pauline Falcone and Teresa Bauer, by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Trunk.

Given in Memory of the Villavecchia, Laughlin, McKeon and Meenan Families, by Mr. Alfred Villavecchia.

Given in Memory of Walter and Betty Wary, Walter and Catherine Wary, Theresa Gallagher and Robin Schlesinger, by Mrs. Walter Wary.

Given in Memory of Mildred Hasten, Herbert Hasten, Stella Zadrozny and John Zadrozny, by Mr. & Mrs. John Zadrozny.

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Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their monthly luncheon gathering on Friday, January 17th at 12:30 pm at Angelina's Trattoria, 184 Columbia Turnpike in Florham Park (Kings Shopping Center). Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Scripture Study Group Meeting

The Indispensable Men - Part 1

Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure
Presenting the Church's missionary endeavor which begins with the adventures of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. From Ephesus, Corinth, Athens, and Rome to the far reaches of the world, Bishop Barron traces the influence of these two great apostles and their enduring legacies in the life of the Church.

**Presented by the STM Scripture Group
January 24th at 3:00 pm in the church.**

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