

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, 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)
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024

'The whole town was gathered at the door.'

Still processing having to type '2024' to signify this new calendar year, the Gospel of Mark thrusts us headlong into the busy life of Jesus. After healing Simon's mother-in-law, He cures scores of people who are physically and spiritually sick. He casts out demons and heals broken bodies. Everyone was at the door wanting to see Him. That's a full day! I bet Jesus will sleep in tomorrow. Wait, what? He gets up early the next day to repeat His hectic schedule? This 'ride along' with Jesus is making me exhausted. What is the source of His energy? How does He keep this up? Is it Red Bull? Is it a superfood, like avocado or blueberries? Speaking of, Fr. Daniel is a blueberry hoarder. The rectory fridge is packed with them. If blueberries are hard for you to come by, now you know why. Pssst...if you do need blueberries, I know a guy. Meet me in the church parking lot at dusk. Come alone. And God help you if you're wearing a wire. Put the cash in a brown bag and do not make eye contact with me, or else the deal's off. (Sorry, I've been binge-watching a popular Netflix series!) Ahem. In reality, Jesus is fortified by periods of solitude in prayer with His Father. It is thus that He 'fuels up' for the 'purpose for which I've come.' We have to fortify ourselves as Jesus does. In this continuing New Year, let us resolve to take time to pray. It is the only way to tackle our tasks and serve our families and neighbors. Our pace may feel frenetic and overwhelming; life is drudgery after all, as we read in Job. But infused with the intimacy of God, we can press on. Our mission is great and the forces of evil that work against us are vast. But if we are moored in Jesus and the power of Our Lady, our pilgrimage will unfold. Take time to speak with them. Every. Day. We are God's children, so fuel up!!

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 1/20-21: \$5,581.38

"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)



February 5 - Saint Agatha

Special Intention for Sebastian Santos

February 6 - Saint Paul Miki and Companions

Special Intention for Carlos Berrio

February 7 - Saint Colette

Bill and Alma McAllister

February 8 - Saint Josephine Bakhita

Marcelino Carrera

February 9 - Saint Jerome Emiliani

Joseph Bisz

February 10 - Saint Scholastica

Margaret Farkas

February 11 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am: Mary Pat Delisi

11 am: Mary Meloro

Adelfini Milici

Dennys A. Tapia, Sr.

****THERE WILL BE NO 7 PM MASS ON
FEBRUARY 11*****

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.



Mass Schedule Change

There will be **no 7 pm Mass next Sunday, February 11.** The regular Sunday schedule will resume on February 18. Thank you!



Ashes Will be Distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14. Ashes will be distributed at Masses only, which will be celebrated at 8:15 am, 12:10 pm and 6:00 pm.



Scripture Study Group Meeting **The Indispensable Men - Part 2**

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
February 7th at 8:00 pm in the church.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join other single parishioners for their monthly gathering on **THURSDAY, February 15 at 12:30 pm** at Puleo's Brick Oven, 162 Columbia Turnpike in Florham Park. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-615-4715 for more information and/or to RSVP.



2023 Contribution Statements

The 2023 Contribution Statements have been sent! If you have any questions, need adjustments or would like to have a copy emailed to you, please email Tina at tjurgaitis@stmnj.org. Tina is also in the parish office on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Thank you!



Memorial of Saint Blaise

Saturday, February 3, is the Memorial of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. At all weekend Masses on February 3-4, our priests will impart the blessing of throats over the people in a general way. The traditional, individual blessing of throats will also be offered after each Mass for those who would like to receive it.

*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise,
bishop and martyr,
may God deliver you from every disease
of the throat and from every other illness:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

2024 LENTEN FISH & CHIPS DINNER

CATERED BY ARGYLE'S, KEARNY, NJ

TAKE-OUT OR DINE IN

Come join us for a delicious dinner! Dine in will be in the All-Purpose Room.

WHEN: February 16, 2024

WHERE: Saint Christopher's All Purpose Room

DINE IN TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

TAKE-OUT TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PRICE: Adults \$15.00, Children \$10.00



MENU:

Adults Menu Includes: Fresh fish, French fries and cole slaw.
Children Menu: Children may choose mozzarella sticks, chicken fingers, or fish, all served with fries.

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Eat In: _____ or Take Out (pick-up time): _____
Name: _____ Phone No. () _____
Number of Diners: _____
Adults \$15.00 Fish Dinner. Total: \$ _____
Children \$10.00 Total: \$ _____
For Children Please Select (Fish, or Chicken or Mozzarella Stick)
Order Total: \$ _____

Payments can be made by check payable to St. Christopher Church or online



Click Here to Pay

<https://www.osshub.com/saintchristopherschurch/giving/funds/2024-lenten-fish-chips-dinner>

Feel free to contact the Rectory with any questions at 973-539-7050.

All orders must be received by Wednesday, February 14th

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