

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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.

August 19, 2018 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blast from the Past(or)
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding. Such is Proverbs' sobering reorientation to the practice of wisdom. It's a plea, really, as apropos then as now. Both Proverbs and St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians encourage us to build our lives on this habit for which our fractured culture is starving. Wisdom is the 'ordering of knowledge,' according to St. Thomas Aquinas. Wisdom is the prudential practice of virtues toward their ultimate end. And what end is that? Well, your eternal life with God, of course! Today we all have instant access to plethora of knowledge and information. But what SIRI, or Joy Behar or modern convention tells me is not a substitute for wisdom. As an example, I recently completed self-check-out at Wegmans. This experience yielded new and singular information. One, that I went to Wegmans for the first time (a transcendent, unrepeatabe moment in a man's life. I swear I heard angels singing). Two, that I made it through self-check-out. Both are pieces of knowledge that can never be taken from me. Yet, I'm still not the wiser. Why? Because true wisdom is that which enables us to love God and neighbor. Perhaps we can agree that our cultural debates (or lack thereof) are untethered from wisdom and even basic logic. So we might do well with a dose of Proverbs: let whoever is simple turn in here; to the one who lacks understanding she (Wisdom) says, come eat of my food.

God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From the New Jersey State Fair, "Twiggs" sends his best to St. Thomas More...



PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Years later, as his own death approached, Joshua wished to ensure that the people would not forget all that God had done for their ancestors. In today's reading, we will hear Joshua, then the people, renew the covenant made at Mount Sinai.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

In the letter to the Ephesians, the last part deals with family relationships, and is conditioned by the household structure of the time — wives, children, slaves — with the husband as "patriarch" over all. Today's excerpt talks about husbands and wives. Later, this letter will talk about the relationship between children and parents, and between slaves and masters. What we learn is not that we should recreate ancient social structures. Rather, we learn the timeless truth that Christ's love for us should affect the way we love one another.

This Week's Questions

For Adults: How does Jesus' promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?

For Children: How often do you think about heaven? Does it make a difference in the choices you make?

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Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, August 20: Saint Bernard of Clairvaux
8:15 am - Sandy Clyde

Tuesday, August 21: Saint Pius X
8:15 am - Roy Phillips

Wednesday, August 22: Queenship of Mary
8:15 am - Nora Cahill

Thursday, August 23: Saint Rose of Lima
8:15 am - Jean Bistriz

Friday, August 24: Saint Bartholomew
8:15 am - Mary Tyne

Saturday, August 25: Saint Louis of France
5:00 pm - Florence and Louis Rich

Sunday, August 26: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am - Bill and Kathleen Sullivan
11:00 am - Lee Sember
7:00 pm - Bill Davis

Weekly Collections:

Please note we will only be having one collection each week. Kindly place both envelopes in this one collection and they will be counted accordingly. Thank you so much, as always, for your generosity, and God bless you!!!



Thank You for Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure!

Weekly Collection for 8/11-8/12/18: \$4,769.25
Online Collection for Month of July: \$3,085.00



Want to join the St. Thomas More family?

New parishioners can register at any time! Please call or stop by the Parish Office between 9 am - 2 pm, Monday through Wednesday, or send an email to info@stmnj.org. We'd love to welcome you!!

Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

(Note: 7pm Mass will not be held on holiday weekends)

Monday – Friday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days

Vigil - 7 pm, Holy Day 8:15 am and 12:10 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 am–2 pm

*Other times & days,
call to see if office
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