

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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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.*

**August 26, 2018 • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## ***Blast from the Past(or)*** **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** **August 26, 2018**

A colloquial exchange might go like this: 'Hey, how's it going?' 'Oh, I can't complain; no one would listen.' Bryan Adams sang, 'Ain't no use in complainin' when you got a job to do' (Whoever can name the song wins buying me dinner. Contest entries will be limited due to the anticipated volume of responses). But we know that complaints are as old as creation. Grumbling is a staple demeanor in our nature; a quasi-recreational human activity, affecting every facet of life. Prophets railed against God. People raged against Moses about their food (Ex. 16: 12). Jesus' disciples complained when told they must feed on His Body and Blood. This is a hard teaching to accept, they said. And I would have probably been right there with them. As a kid, I complained to my parents for not allowing me to watch the movies that the other kids saw (Even *The Sound of Music* went through a rigorous screening process in our house). Why was I not allowed to have an ATV like the other kids got at Hanukkah? Thus I complained, shaking my fist at the heavens ('you'll kill yourself' was my parents' consistent response, filling me with great confidence for future life skills). Currently, we can agree that many podcasts and posts on Talk Radio, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are often invective rants (full disclosure: I fully agree with some of them). But as cathartic and delicious as complaining can feel to us, Jesus Christ calls us to self-reflection, the first lesson of which is humility. We're duty-bound to call out injustice, but as a recent NY Times article, 'A Complaint Free World' advised, going 21 days without complaining makes people happier. Good on that. I'll try it! But most importantly, it sensitizes us to the Reality of Christ in our midst. Where else would we go? Let us feed well on the Paschal Lamb. You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God. After all, in Christ, we've got a job to do.

God bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## *Attention all Current and Potential Eucharistic Ministers*

*We will be having a training/refreshers session on Wednesday, September 5 at 7pm in the Church for all current and new Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or for more information. Thank you!*



## ***Fall is Coming, Which Means so is the Parish Picnic!***

St. Thomas More will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, October 6 from 2-7pm. At the end of the picnic there will be an outdoor Mass. There will be sign-up sheets in the back of the Church. We are asking everyone to please bring their favorite dish. For more information please contact Mary Murphy at 973-538-9896 or call or email the Parish Office. Hope to see you there!

### ***Questions for this Week:***

**Adults:** In what way has the example of Christian marriage (your own or that of another couple) helped you understand the relationship between Christ and His Church?

**Children:** What can you do for your family to show them Jesus' love and care?

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### ***Thank you to the Knights of Columbus!***

*On August 13, 2018, the Knights of Columbus George Washington Council 359 presented the parish of St. Thomas More with a check in the amount of \$5,000.00! As servants of Christ, the Knights promote the domestic Church through their witness of Family, Community, Life and Faith. With gratitude to the Council, including Grand Knight Mike Bannon, Treasurer Bill Kostyak, and Trustee Joseph Alesso, let us pray that St. Thomas More will be a prudent steward of this humbling generosity, furthering the proclamation of Jesus Christ.*

## Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, August 27: Saint Monica  
8:15 am - Lena Scialla

Tuesday, August 28: Saint Augustine of Hippo  
8:15 am - Duncan Sinclair

Wednesday, August 29: Martyrdom of John the Baptist  
8:15 am - Kathleen Sanger

Thursday, August 30: Saint Jeanne Jugan  
8:15 am - Chester and Alverta Orr

Friday, August 31: Saints Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus  
8:15 am - Special Intention

Saturday, September 1: Saint Giles  
5:00 pm - John and Winnie Lynch

Sunday, September 2: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 am - Kay Brewer  
11:00 am - Special Intention for Father Joe Farias  
**7:00 pm - NO MASS**

***The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in memory of John and Winnie Lynch.***

**AS REMINDER, THERE WILL BE NO 7 PM MASS NEXT WEEKEND. OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 9. HAVE A BLESSED HOLIDAY!**

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

Weekly Collection for 8/18-8/19/18: \$5,558.25

Cool Air Fund for 8/18-8/19/18: \$1,000.00



### ***Opus Dei - Evenings of Reflection***

Opus Dei will be hosting Evenings of Recollection at St. Thomas More on September 10, October 1, November 5 and December 3 from 7 - 9 pm. All are invited to join us for a meditation preached by a priest of the work who will offer a talk, Exposition and Benediction and an opportunity for Confession.

## 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  
is open.*

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