

St. Thomas More Catholic Church



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.

September 2, 2018 • Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blast from the Past(or) Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 2, 2018

Ahhhh Labor Day weekend. The bar-b-ques, the family interactions, the lawn-darts, the soufflé, the hot-dish, the distant in-law whom you've not seen for a while who has an obvious unresolved anger issue and evident wardrobe disabilities. In my family a holiday is not complete until someone gets upset. I say, let's just get some quality hot-wings and heat up the pool. But anywho, in addition to taking a break from our labors this weekend, we're also granted a respite from the Gospel of John via today's Gospel of Mark. Therein we read about the age-old pastime of 'people-watching,' often enjoyed and relished by many of us. The Pharisees and the Scribes observe Jesus carefully and are quick to 'post' comments on Him and His disciples. They cross their arms and wag their heads critiquing Christ and His followers for not 'keeping the law' and the ritual observances. Thankfully, Jesus Christ is the embodied indictment of the hypocrisy that often emanates from people who claim moral superiority. The sad irony is that the Scribes, Pharisees and authorities of Jesus' day benefitted greatly from the culture they condemned. Sounds familiar, right? Even at this very hour Governor Cuomo opined that 'America was never that great.' As the governor's fellow Catholic American of Italian heritage, I don't agree with his sentiments nor do I share his experience. But I do know that the governor has been exceedingly blessed by the very Nation he does not hold in high esteem. His postulations are illustrative of those who often claim moral superiority. Beware of those Scribes and Pharisees. As Jesus calls out the 'moral authorities,' the Gospel reminds us that the world is not made up of saints and sinners. Instead, the world is made up of people who know that they are sinners and people who don't. Christ reveals that some people understand they need a Savior, and some people do not recognize their need. Let us enjoy our Labor Day festivities while always remembering how blessed we are. And let our people-watching this long weekend be tempered by those authorities who called out Jesus.

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

Attention all Current and Potential Eucharistic Ministers

We will be having a training/refresher 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!

Saturday Morning Mass Schedule

8:15am Mass will resume on Saturday, September 8 and will continue as attendance dictates.



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!

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

We're in the process of firming up the details of our Faith Formation program for this fall. To help us plan, we ask parents to please register your children online at our parish website. The registration form can be found in the "Religious Education for Children" section under the "Faith Formation" tab. Please email or call the parish office with any questions. Thank you!

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First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

We hope you'll join us on Friday, September 7 for Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. Whether you can come for hours or even just 10 minutes, all are invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus.

Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, September 3: Saint Gregory the Great
8:15 am - Father Patrick Rice

Tuesday, September 4: Saint Rose of Viterbo
8:15 am - Stephen Cagno

Wednesday, September 5: Saint Teresa of Calcutta
8:15 am - Bill Kearney

Thursday, September 6: Blessed Claudio Granzatto
8:15 am - People of the Parish

Friday, September 7: Blessed Frédéric Ozanam
8:15 am - Adeline DiLorenzo

Saturday, September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 am - People of the Parish
5:00 pm - Father Patrick Rice

Sunday, September 9: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am - Evelyn Sullivan
11:00 am - Donna Buckner
7:00 pm - Pat Coen

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

Weekly Collection for 8/25-8/26/18: \$4,150.25



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Opus Dei - Evenings of Reflection

Opus Dei will be hosting Evenings of Recollection for Women at St. Thomas More on September 10, October 1, November 5 and December 3 from 7 - 9 pm. All women 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.

Eucharistic Adoration - In Reparation and Solidarity

On September 14, the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation and solidarity with the victims of sexual abuse in the Church. Adoration will begin with Exposition after the 8:15 am Mass and conclude with Benediction at 3 pm.

Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

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

Monday – Saturday: 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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