

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 9, 2018 • Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blast from the Past(or) Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018

Be strong, fear not! Here is your God....

Isaiah throws it down, delivering the proverbial 'mic drop.' The prophet tells us that in the midst of human chaos, God is here to save you. This is Major News! Wait. Isn't god a far-off abstraction reserved for 'holy people' as often conveyed in many world religions? Isn't god simply an intellectual exercise on which I ponder while wearing my tweed jacket with patches on the sleeves, smoking my pipe with an impressive academic journal folded under my arm as I reflectively survey the grounds of St. Thomas More (I would also add 'and wisely stroke my beard,' but that might be overkill. You get the point.)? No. Instead, as the Essence of Being, God is closer to us than we are to ourselves, as somebody smart once said. When Jesus heals the deaf and mute man in today's Gospel, God's proximity to us is plain. In fact, it's daunting. Get this: Jesus comes so close to us that He puts His finger in our ear and touches our tongue. The Word-Made-Flesh enters our very complicated brokenness. The Incarnation is physical, as God is familiar with human impediment, groaning and spittle. I'd say we have an earthy faith to say the least! Fellow sinners, Jesus Christ is God's boots on the ground. When I was newly-ordained, way back when I thought priesthood would be an imitation of Bing Crosby in *Going My Way*, a young mom explained to me that she was ready to become Catholic after years of examining other religions. Asked for her reason, she said, 'because Catholicism is the gooey-est of all of them.' Wow. She accepted Christianity because God is intimate with the ugly realities of her life. She accepted our Faith which first accepted her. From oils, incense, bread, wine and water, to physical infirmity touched by God, be strong, fear not! Here is your God.....

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

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 note you do need to register your child again this year even if they were part of the program last year. Please email or call the parish office with any questions. 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 2-5 pm. At the end of the picnic, at 5 pm, there will be an outdoor Mass. Please RSVP on the 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: When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

Children: What does your belief in Jesus mean to you?

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Congratulations to Teresa Thomas, this Year's Vivere Christus Est Award Winner from St. Thomas More!

On Sunday, September 9, Teresa Thomas will be receiving the Vivere Christus Est Award from the Diocese of Paterson in recognition of her tireless work and dedication to our parish's faith formation program. Please join us in thanking her for all she does for St. Thomas More!

Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, September 10: Saint Thomas of Villanova
8:15 am - Michael Kane

Tuesday, September 11: Saint Cyprian
8:15 am - All Those Lost on September 11, 2001

Wednesday, September 12: Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 am - Stephen Briley, Sr.

Thursday, September 13: Saint John Chrysostom
8:15 am - Venus McGraw

Friday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:15 am - For the Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse

Saturday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
8:15 am - Charles Anthony Morning
5:00 pm - George Cahill

Sunday, September 16: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am - Philip Joseph Giampi
11:00 am - Peggy Farrell
7:00 pm - Bill Austin

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

Weekly Collection for 9/1-9/2/18: \$5,818.25

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.

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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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