

# *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.*

*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 21, 2018*

## **Parish Staff**

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D.  
Pastor  
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Fr. Joe Davis  
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Pat Schell  
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Mark Davis  
Music - Organist

Frank Miles  
Trustee

Mary Murphy  
Trustee

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Wednesday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## ***Celebration of the Eucharist***

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm *(Please note there will be no 7 pm Mass on holiday weekends.)*

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 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 and concluding with Benediction at Noon

## ***Additional Sacraments***

Baptism: Please call or email the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least 8 weeks in advance of the desired date.

Marriage: Please call or email the Parish Office. 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 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!!



**Blast From the Past(or)  
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 21, 2018**

Does the name Felix Baumgartner ring a bell? No? Me neither. But Felix is a professional daredevil who is familiar with great heights. Six years ago this week, he set the world record for skydiving by jumping out of a space capsule 24 miles above the Earth. His jump also set some kind of record for human velocity by breaking the sound barrier at 834 MPH. Show-off. I'd hazard a guess that Felix may have also set other world records, including the most four-letter words uttered by a human being while traveling at 834 MPH. One could be excused for thinking Felix also holds the record for reciting the quickest Act of Contrition. But that distinction belongs to yours truly, achieved when I rode a mechanical bull in Mexico City. I recently matched my best time for the Act of Contrition during last week's very bumpy flight from South Bend, Indiana, where the local football team won, albeit barely (I brought them bad luck). But anyway, after Felix's world records, he stuck a perfect landing in the New Mexico desert. In his post-feat interview, he said, 'when you're standing on top of the world, you become so humble. You see how small we are.' Bam. Felix gets the gist of today's Gospel. When James and John try to arrange high places for themselves, Jesus brings their desires back to earth, in conformity with Him. He reminds us that the high places of Heaven are prepared from eternity and that this Salvation will include the bitter chalice of the Cross for all of us. More often than not, being 'in' with Christ will bring us abasement, hurt feelings and even rejection. Sitting at the right and the left of Jesus Christ brings demands; such are the wages of high places. To James and John and to you and me, Christ reminds us that the highest of heights is reserved for those who die to themselves. Tough stuff. I am not always up for that. I am not always all in. But drinking the Cup He drinks reminds us of how small we are. Strive for the heights, but be mindful of their accoutrements, namely the Baptism into His death and Resurrection. Forgetting yourself in Christ is the highest and fastest one can go. But you can do it. Stick the landing.

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



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

Weekly Collection for October 13-14: \$7,370.25

Second Collection for October: \$1,493.00

***Weekly Mass Intentions:***

**Monday, October 22: Saint John Paul II**

8:15 am- Brian McNally

**Tuesday, October 23: Saint John of Capistrano**

8:15 am- Fred Gensicke

**Wednesday, October 24: Saint Anthony Mary Claret**

8:15 am- Helen Bass

**Thursday, October 25: Saint Antônio de Sant'Anna Galvão**

8:15 am- Robert M. Hodieme

**Friday, October 26: Saint Peter of Alcantara**

8:15 am- Zena Toran

**Saturday, October 27: Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza**

8:15 am- Steve Sweet

5:00 pm- Bernadette O'Brien

**Sunday, October 28: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am- Gertrude Scarpinto

11:00 am- Anglese Family

7:00 pm- Helen Bass



***Women's Guild***

The Women's Guild will be celebrating Oktoberfest at 7:00 pm this Tuesday, October 23 in the downstairs meeting room. All women of the parish are more than welcome. Hope to see you there!



***Women's Cornerstone Retreat***

A 26-hour retreat will be held at St. Vincent's Martyr Parish in Madison from 6:30 pm on Friday evening, November 2, through 8:30 pm on Saturday, November 3. Registration is open now - space is limited. Details can be found at [www.svmnj.org/womens-cornerstoneor](http://www.svmnj.org/womens-cornerstoneor) or by calling Valarie Friedman at 973-610-3855.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

*To the good People of God in the community of St. Thomas More:*

*In the spirit of best practices, please see the below financial report for Fiscal Year 2017-18. I am grateful to be here among you at STM. I thank Vince Achilare and the entire Finance Council for their diligence and service in providing this information for us. Note that revenue also includes proceeds from the wildly successful Inaugural Parish Gala for which we thank all benefactors, participants and especially Sharon O'Neil and her crew. Initial preparations for the next Gala in the Fall of 2019 are already underway! I look forward to seeing everyone there.....*

*In Him,  
Fr. Thomas Fallone*

**Dear Parishioners:**

The following is a report on the financial results of St. Thomas More Parish for the Fiscal Year 2017-8, which recently concluded on June 30, 2018:

**Revenues:**

Offertory and Special Collections	\$ 489,265
Other Operating and Investment Income	34,625
Rental Income (Parking Lot - Convent Station)	31,212
Non-Recurring Income (Insurance Recovery)	14,028
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 569,130</u></b>

**Operating Expenses:**

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 205,520
Property Maintenance and Repairs	102,075
Diocesan Assessment and Collections	71,541
Mass, Rectory and Religious Education	43,719
Professional, Office and Insurance	37,443
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 460,298</u></b>

**Total Expenses** \$ 460,298

**Net Ordinary Income** \$ 108,832

Please note that the net ordinary income realized in the past fiscal year was in part due to special collections to help fund the installation of the new A/C unit, for continued facility maintenance and for planned repairs to the Church roof and bathroom. Your continued efforts to support the Parish, its facilities and grounds are sincerely appreciated.

*- Finance Council of St. Thomas More*