

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.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 11, 2018

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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)
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 11, 2018**

Driving carefully to avoid joyous trick-or-treaters last week made me think of my selfishness back in the days when I imitated these kids (some of whom were not so young, nor wearing reflective clothing! Just sayin’). So covetous was I of my candy-filled pillowcase during Halloween that I would methodically catalog her precious contents at an undisclosed location, a spot that remains a Vatican secret to this very day, with real Swiss Guards and a retina recognition security system. Skull and Bones Society? Jimmy Hoffa? Area 51? Laughable. Those mysteries pale to the location of my pillowcase. And her inventory was all mine. And you couldn’t have any. Depending on my mood, however, I may have parted with an apple or one (one!) Mary Jane if the trade was amenable. All to say, I was a hoarder: a shameful, Halloween-hoarding glutton. Contrast my Halloween world-view with this Sunday’s widows in the Scriptures. In the Book of Kings and the Gospel, these widows represent desperation and vulnerability. They are women who are down to their dregs and have ‘hit rock bottom.’ Amazingly, it’s at this point that they both offer the little they have. Life is like that sometimes. In Christ, there are times we feel that we have nothing left to give and we may be asked to give just that. This is where the miracle happens. What does your widows’ mite look like? As I cling to my pillowcase, the widows’ heroic act of Faith yields the Christian paradox of entering the fullness of life in the measure that we give it away. When you are tapped out like the widows, recall that Christ does not empower us to give away other folks’ stuff. Instead the widows indicate that we are commanded to give of ourselves. Tough stuff, but such is the cost of discipleship.*

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

*My Charleston Chew, Almond Joy, Reese’s and Junior Mints, however, are off limits.



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

Weekly Collection for November 3-4: \$6,408.25



Monday, November 12: Saint Josaphat

8:15 am- Joan Gensicke

Tuesday, November 13: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:15 am- Fred Gensicke

Wednesday, November 14: Saint Gertrude the Great

8:15 am- Terry Manelski

Thursday, November 15: Saint Albert the Great

8:15 am- Kay Brewer

Friday, November 16: Saint Margaret of Scotland

8:15 am- Michael Christie

Saturday, November 17: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

8:15 am- Anselmo Dias

5:00 pm- Sr. Thomasina Gebhard

Sunday, November 18: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Tom & May Applin

11:00 am- Michael Kane

7:00 pm- Donald LaTorre

If you are a family member or friend of the person being remembered at a Sunday Mass, please feel free to approach an usher and offer to bring up the gifts.



Mass Cards

Having a Mass offered is a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or for any special intention you may have. It is an especially beautiful way to honor someone during this month of November, the Month of the Holy Souls. Mass Cards can be obtained by visiting the Parish Office Monday - Wednesday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.



Women’s Guild Bake Sale

It’s that weekend you’ve been waiting for! Next weekend, November 17-18, the Women’s Guild will be holding its semi-annual bake sale after all Masses. All proceeds will be donated to the parish. Please stop by and enjoy a tasty treat while supporting our wonderful St. Thomas More community!



**The Commemoration
of all the
Faithful Departed**

Throughout the month of November, we remember in prayer in a special way those who have passed before us. All are invited to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance located near the Baptismal font and also to leave any Memorial Offering you may have in the basket on the Altar.



Bishop's Annual Appeal

With the help of funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence, has been a home over the years for a number of our priests. These priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. The Appeal also helps in providing financial support for the extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a concrete way to acknowledge our priests' decades of faithful service to our Church. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org.



46th Annual Christmas Concert

A beautiful tradition continues on Sunday, November 18 at 2:30 pm at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 94 Maple Avenue, Morristown. This year's concert will benefit Catholic Charities, Catholic Family & Community Services and Youth Risk Reduction Programs. It will be presented by Karen Lordi (organ) and guest artists Peter Kanyuk (saxophone), Joyce Kanyuk (vocal), Justin Carrasco (trumpet/vocal) and the Woman's Club of Morristown Chorus. Refreshments will follow the program! Please RSVP by November 12 to Karina at 973-279-7100 x 2038 or by email at kmaria@catholiccharities.org.



Attention all Lectors

The new lector workbooks for 2018-2019 are in the sacristy. Please stop by and take one the next time you are at Mass. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our parish!



This weekend we remember in a special way with great gratitude all of those who have and those who continue to bravely and selflessly serve our nation, together with the loved ones who sacrifice along with them. We pray:

That the Lord may preserve the members of our Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force from all harm;

That the families, relatives and friends of our military members may be strengthened in times of concern and anxiety;

That the hearts of all men and women will be moved to pursue true peace and justice;

That violence may be overcome by peace, that weapons of destruction be transformed into tools of justice and hate give way to true charity; and

That grateful for and inspired by those veterans who have given their lives for our country, we may bravely face whatever challenges may lie ahead.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Prayer for Troops."

Respect Life Mass

All are welcome to join in this beautiful liturgy on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 10:00 am at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 381 Grand Street, Paterson. Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD, Bishop of Paterson, will serve as Celebrant and Rev. Jody Baran, Federation Chaplain, as Concelebrant.



Women's Guild News

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held this Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 pm in the basement meeting room. Wine, cheese and soda will be served. All are invited to bring recipes to share and exchange. All women of the parish are most welcome!

Bake Sale

As a reminder to all Women's Guild members, please bring 4 items to the church to sell at our bake sale next weekend. More details will be provided at our meeting on Tuesday. Thank you!