

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 18, 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018**

As this last Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us, life marches on in the changing of seasons. The frost I discovered on my beautiful patio flamingos (yes, the neighbors are envious) attests to this stubborn fact of existence: tempus fugit. That's why the coming of Advent is signaled with today's Apocalyptic readings. The Prophet Daniel proclaims, there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress (Good times. Daniel must have been a huge hit at parties: 'Hey Daniel, how're the kids? How's your 401K doing...?'). In the Gospel, Our Savior Jesus doubles-down as the fulfillment of the Prophets, proclaiming that this generation will not pass away until the days of tribulation take place: heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. People are intrigued, fascinated and even fearful by such Scriptures, with some even making a niche out of predicting the exact hour of the end of the world (Good luck with that. I remember a minister made the talk-show circuit doing just that several years ago. Apparently, his calculations were off.). But the 'end of times' readings are meant for more than fear or fascination. They shout eternal truths. Heaven and Earth will pass away but My Words will not pass away. In a time when words are routinely given new meanings ('race,' 'gender,' 'marriage,' 'freedom,' 'existence,' 'liberal,' 'conservative'...Insert your own example here...), Christian Truth is unchanging. Tempus Fugit is the Apocalyptic reminder to be transformed in the Blood of Christ, His Resurrection and the coming of the Kingdom of God. That's why Advent is a calling we all share.

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



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

Weekly Collection for November 10-11: \$6,732.35
Second Collection for November: \$1,060.00



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 19: Saint Agnes of Assisi
8:15 am- John Carlin

Tuesday, November 20: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne
8:15 am- Michael Kane

Wednesday, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 am- Sister Rose Marie Padovano, SC

Thursday, November 22: Saint Cecilia
8:15 am- People of the Parish

Friday, November 23: Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
8:15 am- Richard K. Wilson

Saturday, November 24: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
8:15 am- Patricia Entwistle
5:00 pm- Dominic Salveti

Sunday, November 25: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:00 am- Pamela Remakes
11:00 am- Jeffrey Kern
7:00 pm- Phil Gutermuth

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.



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

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Bishop's Annual Appeal is completely dependent upon the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals - with a total of over \$700,000 being returned to parishes last year alone! Please help your neighbors in need and our parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.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 Thanksgiving, may all enjoy a table filled with a bountiful meal, the laughter and shared stories of loved ones and quiet moments of sincere gratitude. Wishing you and your families and friends a most blessed Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your Son. Amen.

From Celebrating Faith: Year-round Activities for Catholic Families, by Mary Cronk Farrell



Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon

The Women's Guild will hold its Annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 5 at Restaurant Serenade in Chatham at 12:00 noon. The cost per person is \$40.00 and includes a full lunch and a glass of wine. Please RSVP to Pat Briscoe at 973-267-8276 or Bridie Murphy at 973-539-5008. All checks should be made payable to St. Thomas More Women's Guild. All women of the parish are welcome. Hope to see you then!



NFL Football Sunday at the Knights of Columbus

Open House on Sunday, November 25th!

Are you looking for a place to relax after the Thanksgiving festivities? Please join your fellow parishioners for NFL Football Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Council Club at 13 South Street, Morristown (on The Green) on Sunday, November 25th from 12:30 pm - 7:00 pm.

Stay for both games or come for a half or two. Bar food and snacks courtesy of the Knights. Beer and wine cash bar. Ladies and gentlemen are welcome but must be age 21 or older.

Meet your neighbors, friends and make new friends at the Knights. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the Knights and to tour our recently renovated private club, which is listed on the NJ Register of Historic Buildings.

Wear your favorite team jersey and we hope to see you there! Please reach out to Jeff Paguirigan (908-591-8510 or jpaguirigan28@yahoo.com) or Mike Leavy (973-800-2709 or michaelleavy@gmail.com) to RSVP.



Online Donations

If you're traveling or would just like the convenience of not having to remember an envelope each week, we can help! You can contribute to our weekly Sunday Collection, monthly Second Collection or the Cool Air Fund online at: <https://stthommore.weshareonline.org/> or by clicking on the "Online Donations" link on the St. Thomas More home page. Please call or email the Parish Office with any questions.