

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.

The Baptism of the Lord - January 13, 2019

Parish Staff

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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)
The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019**

Dateline: The Jordan River.

This is where we conclude our Christmas Season and reflect on Jesus' being baptized by His own cousin, John. What happened to Our Lord in the Jordan is a transformative event for us and the perfect perspective from which to begin the New Year. I opened an old journal which chronicled my own visit to the Jordan River in December, 2006 with Bishop Serratelli and a bunch of priests and seminarians. How do you imagine the Jordan River? It's not what I expected. It's not a very 'mighty' river at all. I'm embarrassed to confess my immediate impressions, but I recall thinking, 'if only Evel Knievel jumped over this river instead of Snake River Canyon...' Such is the breadth of my deep wisdom and vast theological mind. But anyhow, the Jordan is a crooked river, and not the most impressive sight to behold. But as we stepped into the river and renewed our own Baptismal promises, like we do at Baptisms of babies at Church, Bishop explained that Jesus' Baptism is His identification with us, and that 'all life is subject to the law of growth.' I like that. At the Annunciation, at the Jordan and at Cavalry, God the Father breathes the Spirit upon His Christ. So too it is with us. In his massive work, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI writes that the 'real novelty of Jesus' Baptism is that He wants to be Baptized, that He blends into the gray mass of us sinners waiting on the banks of the Jordan.' As we begin a New Year, we are given the courage that comes with Our Lord's desire for us. Start your New Year off right, and end Christmas well. Contemplate Jesus at the Jordan. What happened there was for you!

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



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

Weekly Collection for December 29-30: \$7,527.25

Weekly Collection for January 5-6: \$8,026.25

Collection for Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God: \$1,160.00



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 14: Saint Gregory Nazianzen

8:15 am- Lee Sember

Tuesday, January 15: Saint Paul the Hermit

8:15 am- Terry Manelski

Wednesday, January 16: Saint Berard and Companions

8:15 am- Henry Fallone

Thursday, January 17: Saint Anthony of Egypt

8:15 am- Anselm Dias

Friday, January 18: Saint Charles of Sezze

8:15 am- Phoebe Shotwell

Saturday, January 19: Saint Fabian

8:15 am- People of the Parish

5:00 pm- Regina Sanger

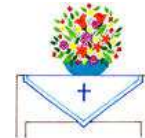
Sunday, January 20: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Patrick and Imelda Roche

11:00 am- Jorge W. Lopez

7:00 pm- Dorothea Lepre

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. Mass Cards can be obtained by visiting the Parish Office Monday - Wednesday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Ministry Schedule

Last Call to Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers!

We are working to update the ministry scheduling program and the ways in which the schedules are prepared. You will be receiving an email with more details soon, but in the meantime, we'd ask that each minister please confirm/update his or her contact information by either logging onto the ministry scheduler website at http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas_More or emailing Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org. Thank you so much for sharing your gifts with our parish!



How Well Do You Know Saint Thomas More?

As we begin a New Year, we'd like to take some time to get to know our patron saint, Saint Thomas More, a little better. Each week we'll examine different areas of his life, some you may have already known and some that may be new to you. Let's start with some basics:

Birthday: February 7, 1478 in London, England

Date of Death: July 6, 1535 in London, England

Feast Day: June 22

Education: St. Anthony's School and Oxford University

Famous Last Words: "The King's good servant -- but God's first."

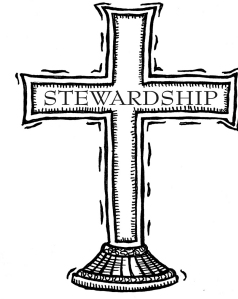
Known as Patron Saint of: Attorneys, Civil Servants, Court Clerks, Politicians, Public Servants, Statesmen, Difficult Marriages, Adopted Children, Widowers



Upcoming Events at St. Paul Inside the Walls

- ❖ **Catholicism from Scratch-** On Saturday, January 26, from 10:00 am to Noon, join us for a course in Basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, or those who've never heard of it before.
- ❖ **Set Free: Journey of Recovery through Christian Virtues-** Our addictions do not make us less loved by God. Jesus reminds us that with Him, we are capable of living in freedom. So if God believes in us, why don't we believe in ourselves? Join us for lecture and group discussion from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm on January 22, February 19, March 19 and May 21.
- ❖ **Being Single, Being Faithful (For Adults 35+)-** Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every "single" day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and His Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service, and a sense of community. Join us from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm on January 26, February 13, March 20, April 6, May 4 and June 1.
- ❖ **Young Adult Mass with Bishop Serratelli-** All young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome to this vibrant liturgy on Sunday, January 27 at 11 am. Coffee and fellowship will follow.

For more information or to register, visit insidethewalls.org.



Meet the Finance Council

The St. Thomas More Finance Council is comprised of individuals who are diverse in their expertise. The council meets monthly (except in summer months) and is responsible for the annual parish budget, examination of monthly and annual expense and income reports for the parish and advising the Pastor on decisions relative to financial and administrative matters. The current members of the Finance Council are:

- Vince Achillarre, Chairperson
- Josh Elmore
- Cathy Miller
- Sharon O'Neil

All are encouraged to reach out to the council members with any questions or feedback you may have to assist our parish in achieving the mission of ensuring the future growth and strength of our faith community.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

Calling all single parishioners! Please join us for our next monthly gathering on Tuesday, January 15 at 12:30 pm at The Madison Hotel - Rod's Steak and Seafood Grille (note: not the Red Dog Tavern), 1 Convent Road, Convent Station. Our luncheon is a no-host fellowship gathering. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will hold its next meeting at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 22 in the downstairs meeting room. There will be a short meeting followed by Bingo with monetary prizes! *Please note the time change for winter meetings.* All women of the parish are most welcome. Hope to see you there!