

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- July 21, 2019

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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)
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.

Martha's Lament is familiar to us. We've heard the complaint and have expressed such ourselves. I am doing all the work and no one is helping me. It's not fair, man! But as wise Christian sages have taught, if you're telling God what to do, you might not be in the best spiritual place. I sheepishly recall many a family Thanksgiving where Mom, my aunts and Grandma would be left to clean up after dinner and prepare for dessert. I, however, would retreat with Dad and my uncles to the man lounge to watch football and discuss erudite and lofty man things. Clearly the ladies could never grasp the subtle intricacies of the Bud Light commercial (The powerful nuances of 'Wassup!!' would be totally lost on them.). The point is, I didn't help them clean up (Though as I got older, I did try to help but was summarily dismissed. Sheesh, does it really matter how you load the dishwasher? Discuss.). Anyway, at times we've all felt like Martha or contributed to her lament. But Saints are those who are concerned with the end game. Martha is not wrong to desire some help, but her focus turns from Jesus, the One Necessary Thing. Martha turns inward as I often do: Will people recognize what I am doing? Will God? Last week, the United States' Women's Soccer Team celebrated their amazing World Cup victory. But one of the players proclaimed, *I deserve this*. That's Martha. While I felt embarrassed for this player for her immature vulgarities, her proclamation is endemic in our culture. We Marthas forget the better part. We turn inward. I had the honor to preside at the funeral Mass of Ed, a 96 year-old WWII combat veteran, this week. In talking with him back in the day, two parishes ago, he never said he deserved anything. He simply said he was given the gift to serve. Perhaps this humble man speaks to our Marthas, and to our soccer teams, conjuring Clint Eastwood in one of his greatest lines in one of the greatest movies ever, *deserve's got nothin' to do with it*. (Name the film-- not for kids, but name it. C'mon...). We're awash in the anxiety of myriad concerns. This week, let's try to remember the better part.

God Bless you!!!!!!!



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

Weekly Collection for July 6-7: \$6,707.25

Second Collection for July: \$1,956.00



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, July 22: Saint Mary Magdalene

8:15 am- Edward Herbert

Tuesday, July 23: Saint Bridget of Sweden

8:15 am- Angelo Toto

Wednesday, July 24: Saint Sharbel Makhluf

8:15 am- Todd Wharton

Thursday, July 25: Saint James the Apostle

8:15 am- Lena Scialla

Friday, July 26: Saints Joachim and Anne

8:15 am- Henry and Dorothy Fallone

Saturday, July 27: Blessed Antonio Lucci

8:15 am- Cindy Meyers

5:00 pm- Ronald Scott Barton

Sunday, July 28: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Carmine D. Galdieri

11:00 am- Special Intentions of the Marlow and Minich Families

7:00 pm- Patricia D. Hiserodt

If you are a family member or friend of the person being remembered at a Sunday Mass, you are invited 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.



Prayers for the Sick

Please join us in praying for all who are ill in our community, and in a particular way for Phil Barrett, Bob Bass, Karen Cutaneo, Fred Donikowski, Florence Kearney, Eileen O'Brien and Christopher Popp. May God bring them and their families His healing, comfort and peace. If you would like to have your name or that of a loved one included in the request for healing prayers in our weekly bulletin, please send an email to Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org.



ON A SERIOUS NOTE...

Please Help Us Keep Our Parish Home a Clean and Comfortable Place!!

While we greatly appreciate your generosity during our monthly Clothing Drives, we do need to again ask that everyone *please* remember to donate ***only gently used clothing and only between Thursday and Sunday of each Clothing Drive weekend*** (i.e. the 2nd weekend of each month). As you can see, we've received ripped boxes and bags of all kinds of furniture, household items, old cd's and video tapes and other discarded goods that are neither clothing nor in good condition. Catholic Charities will not take these items. This then makes them our responsibility to discard, leading to a cluttered gathering area and a very unwelcome atmosphere. Please don't use our church as a dumping ground for unwanted items or create extra work for our volunteers. Let us be respectful not only of our beautiful parish grounds but most especially of those who rely so hopefully on useful and considerate donations for their families. Thank you!!



Call to Ministry - Ministers of the Word

Lectors bring life to the written Word of God by proclaiming the Word during weekend, weekday and holy day Masses. Being a lector provides a unique opportunity to receive the precious gift of a deeper relationship with God as He is revealed in sacred scripture. Lectors are scheduled based upon their availability and are not required to serve a minimum number of Masses each month. If you feel called to this ministry or would like more information, please contact Ginny Lund at vdwlund@aol.com.



5 Tips for a Spiritual Summer

By Amy Snopek, www.bustedhalo.com, July 1, 2019

1. Vacation church search

Rather than taking a vacation from church, make church an exciting part of your vacation by celebrating Mass somewhere new. While on vacation, make it a point to find an old, popular, or interesting place of worship nearby. If you're in the tropics, search for an open-air church. If you're vacationing on the East Coast, check out a historical church. If you're opting for a stay-cation this summer and sticking close to home, visit a new parish in your community. You never know where you will find inspiration!

2. Rekindle your spark

Plan a backyard or beach bonfire with family, close friends, or by yourself! Relax. Roast some marshmallows and make s'mores. When you're comfortable, reflect on the aspects of your life where you're succeeding. Congratulate yourself with another s'more! Then, think about what's holding you back. Write down a list of those things that are keeping you from being the person God wants you to be and throw the list into the fire, burning the paper to mark a fresh start.

3. Stop to smell the roses

Take time to appreciate God's world around you. Walk barefoot in the grass or on the beach. Swim in a natural pond, lake, or the ocean. Sit under a beautiful old tree or go for a hike. And while you're in nature, spend some one-on-one time with God. Share your gratitude for the gifts in your life, including the gifts of nature and the environment, and enjoy your time surrounded by God's beautiful creations.

4. Write it down

Start a Summer Spiritual Journal. Each day, record moments when you feel close to God and moments when God feels further away in your daily life. Writing them down will help you reflect on these times and may bring to light new moments of strength or challenge in your faith. In addition to your personal reflections, write down quotes, phrases, or Scripture that are meaningful and relevant to you at that moment. You might remember something you've read or heard from a friend during the day. In doing so, you may find new ways to think about your daily interactions with God and others.

5. Class it up

Take a class or go on a retreat to rejuvenate your spirit. Find a summer Bible study or discussion group in your parish or community. Sign up for an art class to feed your creative side. Have you always wanted to learn a musical instrument? Now is your time to give it a try. Or take a cooking class to improve your culinary skills. At the end of the summer, show off your newfound talents to friends and family by playing some music or hosting a dinner party. If you have an unplanned long weekend, find a religious retreat near you or visit one of these locations and have your own personal retreat that might include journaling (read #4 above), a favorite prayer, and reading cherished Scripture or other spiritual texts in order to reconnect with God.