

# *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.*

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 4, 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)***  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 4, 2019**

The Blast takes a brief hiatus this week as we gear up for a Mets playoff push as well as my own time-consuming focus on earning a roster spot just down the road at Jets Training Camp. Sure it's hard work, but I have a legit shot this year. Actually, the real story is that we welcome Father Christopher Wanyonyi who will join the community of St. Thomas More to celebrate all Masses this weekend as a part of the Missionary Cooperative.

**Please join me in welcoming Father Wanyonyi...**



Father Christopher Wanyonyi was born in 1958 in the rural village of Nalondo in the Catholic Parish of Kibabi, Bungoma District, Western Province, Kenya. He grew up working on his family's farm and due to very limited resources did not begin school until age 15. He later attended high school and then St. Augustine Philosophical College in Mabang, Kenya where he received his Certificate in Philosophy. After college he joined St. Thomas Theological College in Nairobi, Kenya and received his Diploma in Theology. He also received a Certificate in Religious Studies from the University of Nairobi, a Degree in Theology from Urbaniana University in Rome and a Diploma in Human Resource Development from Kenyatta University in Nairobi. Fr. Wanyonyi was ordained a priest in the Bungome Diocese on the Feast of All Saints Day, November 1, 1990.

In 2006 Fr. Wanyonyi helped establish a Sister/Parish relationship between his parish and the parishes of Immaculate Conception Church in Arlington, WA and St. John Vianney Mission, in Darrington, WA. He presently serves as pastor of Christ the King Cathedral in Bungoma, Kenya, which includes eleven sub-parishes. He and his assistant currently serve about 38,000 parishioners. He is also the Director of Christ the King Primary School which he founded in 2008. Over time the school has grown to over 1,700 students and 64 employees. Aside from these responsibilities, Fr. Wanyonyi also directs the Father Walstra Primary School (recently released from the government), oversees Christ the King Tailoring School and Holy Family Farm and assists the Catholic Women's Association of Bungoma Microfinance Project.

Fr. Wanyonyi is an avid reader and enjoys interacting with the students of Christ the King Primary School. Currently he is working on a cafeteria project to meet vital health requirements and prevent closure of the school.



**Monday, August 5: Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica**

8:15 am- Kirk Johnson

**Tuesday, August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:15 am- Special Intention for Baby Jordan Hsiel

**Wednesday, August 7: Saint Cajetan**

8:15 am- Anna Caporella

**Thursday, August 8: Saint Dominic**

8:15 am- Pete Leising

**Friday, August 9: Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

8:15 am- John Bodnar

**Saturday, August 10: Saint Lawrence**

8:15 am- Todd Wharton

5:00 pm- Special Intention for the Gervasio Family

**Sunday, August 11: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am- Donna Buchner

11:00 am- Dr. Carmen Galdieri

7:00 pm- Maureen Brodeur



**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.



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

Weekly Collection for July 20-21: \$5,933.25



***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, Christopher Popp and Frank Sweeney. 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](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org).



### ***Attention Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers!***

The schedule for August and September is available in the Church vestibule and also online by logging into your St. Thomas More minister profile at: [http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas\\_More](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas_More). You can also volunteer to serve on the Solemnity of the Assumption by logging into your profile and selecting the Mass of your choosing. Please contact Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org) with any questions or issues.



### ***“Sprucing Up” Saint Thomas More – Update***

Thanks to your incredible generosity, over 25 trees were donated to our parish. Due to this overwhelming response it is taking the nursery a bit more time to locate the best possible trees. We expect to receive them for planting in September. A date for the blessing of all of the trees will be set once planting is complete, so stay tuned...



### ***Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners***

Calling all single parishioners! Please join us for our monthly gathering on Tuesday, August 6th, 12:30 pm at GK’s Red Dog Tavern (inside the Madison Hotel), 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.



### ***Morris Habitat for Humanity Project***

Morris Habitat for Humanity is launching a campaign to help a local family at 250 Martin Luther King Avenue in Morristown whose home is in desperate need of renovations. To support this campaign or any of the others in our area, check out the Morris Habitat for Humanity website at <https://www.morrishabitat.org/> or contact Albert Capuzzi at [capuzziaj@gmail.com](mailto:capuzziaj@gmail.com) or 201-650-1791. Thank you!



As a reminder, our Clothing Drive for Catholic Charities will be held NEXT WEEKEND! Donations may be left in the designated area of the vestibule of the Church **between Thursday, August 8 and Sunday, August 11 only**. As a reminder, we can accept **only gently-used clothing**, not any other household items, and due to storage limitations can accept items only at those times. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

### ***A Deeper Meaning in...Football??***

As preseason NFL games commence, Little League World Series tournaments begin and Major League contests continue in earnest, it’s a good time to consider—in addition to being a source of great joys, occasional angst and excellent tailgating cuisine, can sports foster growth in our spiritual journey? Speaking to approximately 6,000 young people in Italy back in May, Pope Francis weighed in on the subject and spoke about the value that can be found in sports. “Sport is a great opportunity to learn to give the best of yourself, with sacrifice and commitment, but above all, not alone,” noted the Holy Father. “Listen carefully: sport – not alone...We live in a time when, thanks to the massive presence of new technologies, it is easy to isolate oneself, to create virtual bonds with many people, but at a distance. Links, but alone,” he said. “The great thing about playing with a ball is being able to do it together with others, passing it in the middle of a field, learning to build the action of a game, joining together as a team...The ball becomes a means of inviting real people to share friendship, to find oneself in a space, to look at yourself, to challenge yourself to put your skills to the test.” (Mekary, Antoine, “Sports a remedy to media-induced isolation, pope says,” *Aleteia*, May 24, 2019, <https://aleteia.org/2019/05/24/>). So don that jersey, break out those nachos and seize the opportunity to bond with those around you. And while we’re at it, let’s give God great thanks for the fan bases, the teams and the communities we are so blessed to be a part of. Game on!



### ***Diocese of Paterson***

### ***Apostolate of Saint Joseph Ministry***

As mentioned in last week’s bulletin, in response to the State of New Jersey’s “Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act,” the Diocese of Paterson has formed the Saint Joseph Apostolate to the Dying, designed to encourage the dying person to receive the Sacraments of Healing, to prepare him or her to receive the Most Holy Eucharist, to plan opportunities for prayer and to provide a compassionate and loving heart when a gravely ill person needs it most. The Diocese would like at least one parishioner from each parish to participate in this ministry. More details can be found at: <https://rcdop.org/news/apostolate-for-the-sick-dying>. If this sounds like something God may be calling you to, or you’d like more information, please contact Father Tom.