# 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.

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 11, 2019

### Parish Staff

Fr. Thomas Fallone, J.D. Pastor tfallone@stmnj.org

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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

<u>Baptism:</u> 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) Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 11, 2019

The night of the Passover was known beforehand to our fathers...

It's summertime, we want to chill and bar-b-que. We want to get on the Parkway and head to a shore point. Get out that beach chair with the pocket on the side. But the readings this week call us to pesky watchfulness. Have you ever kept a vigil? I once stayed with my beloved boyhood dog Fred in the fourth watch of the night as he was failing. He kept looking at me. I was like, man, don't look at me; I can't handle! Such is the price of vigil. I once gathered with my family around Grandma when she was in hospice (everyone's Grandma is the best, but mine was indeed the best-est). We kept watch together. Today our culture asks vigilance of us in the form of 'if you see something, say something,' as a preventive to senseless shootings, some of which even garner media coverage. Our Faith summons us to the vigilance of salvation. Christian vigilance is not preventive but expectant. We are called to travel lightly, recognizing the Passover; the time when we are freed and led out of the desert. Vigilance is an interruption in our lives. But then, God is the Great Interrupter. During His Passion Jesus asks His brothers to keep watch and pray. May our vigilance focus not on screen time or 'mean tweets' but on the Redemption freely given by God Himself. May our attentiveness focus on the Presence of God and that to Which we are called. Grace is not clickbait. But it's so much more. Be alert. The Passover was for you.

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



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

Weekly Collection for August 3-4: \$4,890.00



### Episcopal Pastoral Visit Sunday, August 18 at 11 am Mass

All are invited to join us as the Most Reverend Arthur Joseph Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD visits Saint Thomas More next Sunday, August 18. Bishop Serratelli will be celebrating the 11 am Mass with us. It's a beautiful summertime opportunity to welcome the shepherd of our Diocese to our parish community as we gather together around the Table of the Lord.



Monday, August 12: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal 8:15 am- Elizabeth Snook

Tuesday, August 13: Saints Pontian and Hippolytus 8:15 am-Joseph Delaney

Wednesday, August 14: Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe 8:15 am- Thomas & Irene Walsh 7:00 pm (Vigil for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)- Carm Sautter

Thursday, August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am- Mary Garzsik 12:10 pm- Alverta Orr

Friday, August 16: Saint Stephen of Hungary 8:15 am- Jane Guidetti

Saturday, August 17: Saint Joan of the Cross

8:15 am- Venus McGraw 5:00 pm- Nora Cahill and Peggy Farrell

Sunday, August 18: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Kirk Johnson 11:00 am- Eileen Moloney 7:00 pm- Annette Krawchuk



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, Christopher Popp, Edmond Sherry 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.



#### "A Night at the Museum" Gala

Don't forget to stop by after Mass to buy your Gala 50/50 raffle ticket. Tickets are \$50 each and one winner will take home the grand prize!!

Please also stay tuned for more information about the sale of table reservations and Gala journal ads.

For additional information, please contact:

Sharon O'Neil: 973-462-5102 Jeanne Bass: 201-400-8881 Ginny Lund: 201-602-4665



### Morris Habitat for Humanity 250 Martin Luther King Avenue, Morristown Project - Update

The campaign for this local project, led by parishioners Albert J. and Danielle Capuzzi, continues. Thanks to your generosity Habitat has raised \$3,913 for this project to date and was able to fully fund and begin roof work. Additional funds and volunteers are still needed to complete the remaining work desperately needed for this home. Donations can be made either by mailing a check to Morris Habitat for Humanity, 274 South Salem Street, Randolph, NI 07869 online or at https://www.morrishabitat.org/donate. Any amount you can offer would be much appreciated. information about this campaign or any of the others in our area, check out the Morris Habitat for Humanity website at www.morrishabitat.org/ or contact Albert Capuzzi at capuzziaj@gmail.com or 201-650-1791.



### Loyola Jesuit Center Golf Outing

Loyola Jesuit Center will be holding its 28th Annual Golf Outing in memory of Fr. Harvey Haberstroh, S.J. on Monday, September 30, 2019 at Spring Book Country Club in Morristown. The cost is \$350 per person which includes brunch, on-course refreshments, a cocktail reception and dinner. Tickets for dinner only are \$100. An awards ceremony, silent auction and a 50/50 raffle will be held during dinner. Foursomes and individual golfers welcome. Funds raised will help the Center continue its mission of providing one-of-a-kind retreat experiences and spiritually-enriching programs to the community. Visit www.loyola.org to register or for more information.



### The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Thursday, August 15. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 pm, and Masses will also be celebrated on Thursday, August 15 at 8:15 am and 12:10 pm. AS A REMINDER, THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON AUGUST 15. All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother and give thanks for the many gifts and blessings she gives to us each and every day.



### Reminder to Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers-Please Sign up for Assumption Masses

We are still in need of Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to serve at the Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 14 and 15. To volunteer, please log into your minister profile at: <a href="http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas More">http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas More</a> and select the Mass of your choosing. Please contact Sue Marshall at <a href="maintain.org">smarshall@stmnj.org</a> with any questions or issues. Thank you!



### Diocese of Paterson Apostolate of Saint Joseph Ministry

As reported in prior bulletins, 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: <a href="https://rcdop.org/news/apostolate-for-the-sick-dying">https://rcdop.org/news/apostolate-for-the-sick-dying</a>. If this sounds like something God may be calling you to, or you'd like more information, please contact Father Tom.