

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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 18, 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)
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019

Today Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh, King of the Universe and Savior of the World proclaims the purpose of His coming: 'to set the earth on fire!' Further, the Prince of Peace tells us that He has come not to establish peace on earth, 'but rather division.' Wait. What? Is anyone else confused? I keep hearing how divided and polarized we are as a culture, where people accuse each other of various intolerant phobias. But Christ is the Fire which is the very humility of God, a helpless baby born in straw poverty; this can make us very uncomfortable. Christ is the sieve. His Fire does not affirm that we are great, noble or inclusive. The Fire does not mean that everyone gets a trophy. Rather, the Fire rescues us from self-preoccupation. This Fire exposes the inconvenient Truth that your life is not about you. Thank God for the Fire of Christ, transforming me, painful as it may be, to that by Whom I am formed. The Fire strips my ego down to the Imago, the image and likeness in which I am fashioned in my mother's womb. The Fire is Divine Love Incarnate. And as we know, true *love...is a harsh and dreadful thing*, so wrote Dostoevsky. (Disclaimer: I have to admit that I have tried on four separate occasions to read *The Brothers Karamazov* in its entirety and failed each time. One of the big movie studios has to be coming out with a more approachable adaptation soon, right? Think of the possibilities-- maybe even a cartoon version! '*Coming soon, The Minions Karamazov!*' Hmm...yeah...looks like I may need to resign myself instead to attempt number five.). Anywho, this Fire alters, and change is difficult. If you've ever thrown a green, wet log on a fire, you know that the log will snap, hiss and smoke a bit. But eventually the desired metamorphosis takes place, with the log giving off heat and light indistinguishable from the Flame itself. So, too, our Christ: we might make some noise and even rebel, but the Fire will come, and we will burn with Love to which we are called. Initially divisive, this Fire purifies. May we stay close to the Flame.

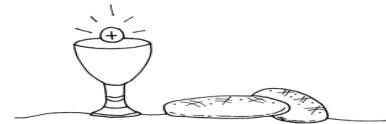
God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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

Weekly Collection for August 10-11: \$4,294.25

Monthly Second Collection for August: \$1,795.00



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, August 19: Saint John Eudes

8:15 am- Michael Kane

Tuesday, August 20: Saint Bernard Of Clairvaux

8:15 am- Leonard Bendzin and Sandy Clyde

Wednesday, August 21: Saint Pius X

8:15 am- Lee Sember

Thursday, August 22: Queenship Of Mary

8:15 am- Greg Gibson

Friday, August 23: Saint Rose Of Lima

8:15 am- Jean Bistriz

Saturday, August 24: Saint Bartholomew

8:15 am- Helen McCarthy Enright

5:00 pm- Florence and Louis Rich

Sunday, August 25: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Donna Buchner

11:00 am- Joseph Montgomery

7:00 pm- Todd Wharton



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, 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, NJ 07869 or online at <https://www.morrishabitat.org/donate>. Any amount you can offer would be much appreciated. For more 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 capuzzi@j@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.



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," and with the approval of Bishop Serratelli, the Diocese of Paterson has formed the Saint Joseph Apostolate to the Dying. This ministry is designed to accomplish the following:

1. Provide encouragement to the dying person to receive the Sacraments of Healing; Penance and Anointing of the Sick;
2. Prepare the person to receive the Most Holy Eucharist, the Bread of Eternal Life;
3. Plan opportunities for prayer during the person's last days such as the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Devotion, Prayers to Saint Joseph, the Patron Saint of the Dying, etc.; and
4. Put forward 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.



“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 in this large number. We expect to receive them for planting in September. A date for the blessing of all of the trees will be set once the planting is complete, so stay tuned for more details...

