

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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 25, 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)
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019

Lord, will only a few people be saved.....?

I know some Christians who obsess with this question, fixated, in my opinion, on the 'who' rather than the 'what.' Someone once presented me with a carefully-crafted chart purporting to detail the very small percentage of the global population who would go to Heaven at this very moment. No joke. This chart had color-coded graphs and everything. As you may have guessed, the creator of the chart 'made the cut,' and was 'on the list' for Heaven. This exchange, odd as it was, spoke to an age-old concern. When Jesus was asked this question as He passed through the towns and villages, people wanted to know, 'who will be saved...?' They, too, wanted definitive, graph-like answers. But try this hypothetical: take a guy who was born in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and grew up in Rockaway, New Jersey in the 1970's, B.M.E. (Before the Mall Era) when Route 80 was not yet completed, there was no Buffalo Wild Wings, Wegmans did not have an app, *Road House* had not yet redefined cinema, and Mookie Wilson's grounder did not yet trickle through Billy Buckner's legs, whose parents who taught him from his earliest memory about the incredible love and truth of Jesus Christ...what if this guy was instead raised on a small farm in very rural Missouri with no shopping malls and parents who knew nothing about Jesus Christ so never even uttered His Name? Would he be saved? I think of the Gospel's question not in the obsessive, as in 'who's in, who's out,' but in the manner of the late, legendary scholar Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J., who wrote this: *'God makes it possible for the unevangelized to attain the goal of their searching...God's saving grace, channeled through Christ the One Mediator, leaves no one unassisted. But that same grace brings obligations to all who receive it.'* ("Who Can Be Saved?" *First Things*, February 2008). Perhaps our focus should shift from *who* will be saved to *what* is salvation. Our world experiences violence and pain when deadly religious ferocity pits 'believers' vs. 'infidels.' But I think our culture would benefit from that remedial Christian question: What is salvation? Since God desires that 'none of these little ones be lost,' may we confess on our lips and in our hearts that Jesus Christ is Lord and be saved (Rom. 10: 9).

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



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

Weekly Collection for August 17-18: \$7,039.25

Online Collection for July: \$3,020.00



Monday, August 26: Saint Joseph Calasanz

8:15 am- Fred Underwood

Tuesday, August 27: Saint Monica

8:15 am- Herbert L. Grandy

Wednesday, August 28: Saint Augustine Of Hippo

8:15 am- Costabile "Augie" DiLorenzo

Thursday, August 29: Martyrdom Of John The Baptist

8:15 am- Terry Manelski

Friday, August 30: Saint Jeanne Jugan

8:15 am- Jean Lawler

Saturday, August 31: Saints Joseph Of Arimathea And Nicodemus

8:15 am- Larry Tilli

5:00 pm- John Bodnar and Dr. Carmen Galdieri

Sunday, September 1: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Maureen Brodeur

11:00 am- Barbara Lewis

****REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO 7 PM MASS ON SEPTEMBER 1****



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!!

All parishioners should have now received a Gala invitation in the mail. If you're planning to attend or would like to separately make a donation or purchase a Gala journal ad, please mail your response card back to the Parish Office enclosing either a check or credit card information. If you'll be joining us for the big event, please don't forget to list the names of all you'd like to sit with on your response.

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 and Danielle Capuzzi, continues. 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 capuzziaj@gmail.com or 201-650-1791.



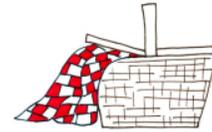
It's Registration Time Again!

We're in the process of firming up the details of our Religious Education program for this fall. To help us plan, we ask parents to please register your children online at our parish website as soon as possible. *Please note, all children who would like to participate need to be registered for this coming year, even if they were part of the program in the past.* The registration form can be found in the "Religious Education for Children" section under the "Faith Formation" tab.



Another Gentle Reminder

During this month's clothing drive for Catholic Charities individuals unfortunately again deposited household items and toys, which are not accepted by Catholic Charities, and also left bags of clothing after the Sunday cutoff. Volunteers were forced once more to discard all of these items. We are so grateful to those who donate as requested to this great cause but have to ask again that everyone please follow the guidelines to make this program a success. ***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). Please don't ruin this program for those who rely so hopefully on useful donations for their families. Thank you!



Annual Parish Picnic

Save the Date- our Annual Parish Picnic is coming! Always a favorite community festivity, this year's picnic will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm and conclude with an outdoor Mass at 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheets will follow as the date gets closer. We are asking everyone to please bring your favorite dish to make this a more personalized event. For more information, please email the Parish Office. Hope to see you there!



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 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.