

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time- September 22, 2019

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
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, 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, Tuesday or Thursday, or send an email to info@stmnj.org. We'd love to welcome you!!



Blast From the Past(or)
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2019

Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth....

Huh? Is this a campaign slogan? Is this a line from the song, *Atlantic City*, on which billionaire social commentator Bruce Springsteen famously croons about ‘debts no honest man could pay...?’ Perhaps this is from the hip-hop classic, *I Get Money*, by 50 Cent? (If you’ve never heard me rap, you’re missing out. Bucket, meet list. Just saying.) Ah, but no. Curiously, this quotation is attributed to Our Savior Jesus Christ. To be sure, this line is not recognized as one of Jesus’ Greatest Hits. But when He gave a rare interview on VH1’s *Behind the Music*, Jesus enlightened the proper perspective on that which is required to carry out myriad worldly tasks: money. You know-- Cash, Moola, Benjamins, Bones, Clams, Cheddar. Yes, I’ll stop. Sorry. From prophets like Amos to the time of Christ and our own day we are called to *Praise the Lord, Who lifts up the poor* (Ps. 113). This reminds us that money is not an evil in itself but is to be our servant, not our master. The Christian must always maintain the distinction between price and value, a difference lost in our post-Christian culture. May we be good stewards of all of our possessions that they may serve, and not possess, us. As we belong to God alone, associating with our fiscal gifts necessarily means that our possessions are passing, transient and ultimately handed on. May we help others as we can on this side of heaven, where our final treasure will be found.

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



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

Weekly Collection for September 14-15: \$5,916.25



Reminder to Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Please take a few moments to update your availability for November and December by logging into our parish’s ministry scheduler program at http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas_More or emailing Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org by this Tuesday, September 24. Please also remember to reach out to Sue with any questions or issues with the schedule at any time. Thank you so much for sharing your gifts with our parish!

**Please take note of our new Parish Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm**



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 23: Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

8:15 am- Joanne Paolella

Tuesday, September 24: Blessed John Henry Newman

8:15 am- Leonard Bendzin

Wednesday, September 25: Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guerin

8:15 am- Diana Smith

Special Intention

Thursday, September 26: Saint Paul VI

8:15 am- Alice Sheridan

Friday, September 27: Saint Vincent de Paul

8:15 am- Eileen O’Brien

Saturday, September 28: Saint Wenceslaus

8:15 am- Vince Marchese

5:00 pm- Deceased Members of Our Parish

Sunday, September 29: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Walter Wary

11:00 am- Dorothy Lepre

7:00 pm- Anthony Bucco

If you are a family member or friend of the person being remembered at a Sunday Mass, please feel free 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, Tuesday or Thursday 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, 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.



Our Annual Parish Picnic is Next Saturday

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be held *next Saturday, September 28* from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, concluding with an outdoor Mass at 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheets to RSVP for the picnic and also to volunteer to help set up and/or clean up are in the vestibule of the Church. We are asking everyone to please bring your favorite dish to make this a more personalized event. Hope to see you there!



Women's Guild - Fall Kickoff Meeting

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild will have its first meeting this Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the basement meeting room. Please bring your annual dues of \$15. Whether you've come for years or this would be your first time, all women of the parish are very welcome.



2019 Vivere Christus Est Award

In 2009, Bishop Serratelli created a Diocesan Honor to recognize the contributions of the lay faithful to the mission of Christ and His Church. Each year every parish in the Diocese nominates an individual, couple or family who continually live as faithful stewards of God's grace and generosity to receive The Vivere Christus Est ("To live is Christ") Award. We are very blessed to have many people who embody this stewardship at St. Thomas More and would be very deserving of this honor. This year our parish nominated Josh and Jolie Elmore as its award recipients. Josh, an active member of the Finance Council, and Jolie, an active member of the Pastoral Council, have each utilized their faith, zeal and charity towards further strengthening our parish by building upon its foundations of community and faith. Please join us in congratulating Josh and Jolie and thanking them for the gifts they continue to share with our St. Thomas More family!



Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful event to be held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 3:30 pm. Arrangements can be made by calling or emailing the Parish Office. ***The deadline to register is Friday, October 11, 2019.*** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this very special occasion!



"A Night at the Museum" Gala

As a reminder, A Night at the Museum Gala will be held on Saturday, October 19 at the Newark Museum, 49 Washington Street in Newark, to benefit our parish. This Black Tie Optional Event will begin with cocktails at 5:30 pm with dinner immediately following. Music will be provided by The Infernos. A complimentary bus will be leaving St. Thomas More at 4:45 pm to bring attendees to the Newark Museum and will be leaving the museum at 10:45 pm to return to the church. 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.

Also, 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!!

For additional information, please contact:

Sharon O'Neil: 973-462-5102

Jeanne Bass: 201-400-8881

Ginny Lund: 201-602-4665

Mary Murphy 973-538-9896



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. As a note, if you are registering less than 3 children, please simply put "None" in the spaces for the extra children in the online form. Please email or call the Parish Office with any questions.



"Sprucing Up" Saint Thomas More - Update

The nursery is still working to fulfill our larger than anticipated order for trees. We expect to receive them for planting soon and will be sure to keep everyone posted. A date for the blessing of all of the trees will be set once planting is complete, so please stay tuned...