

# *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–Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time– October 6, 2019*

## **Parish Staff**

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Music - Organist

Frank Miles  
Trustee

Mary Murphy  
Trustee

## **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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 6, 2019**

*We have done what we were obliged to do.....*

Ugh, Luke 17:10; it's tough to hear. I'll admit this passage is not on my Jesus Playlist. I like my Jesus pre-Yoko Ono, if you will. I like my *M\*A\*S\*H* with McLean Stevenson, my *Three's Company* with Suzanne Somers and my Creedence Clearwater Revival with the Fogerty Brothers. Oh, and how could *Happy Days* have anyone else but Pat Morita running Arthur's Drive-In? Ok, I will spare you more. The point: I like my Jesus with comfort and affirmation (like the time I saw Him at an Allman Brothers show...at least I'm pretty sure it was Him), but Luke 17 is unfamiliar and jarring. The analogy of 'unprofitable servants' proclaims the harsh reality that we are not owed anything. Rather, we are *owned*. That is, we are ransomed by the Blood of Jesus Christ. Our reparations from this purchase are eternal life with God in Heaven. On this **Respect Life Sunday, 2019**, the Church celebrates our obligations. It makes us stop, perhaps uncomfortably, amid the familiar 'strife and discord' mentioned in the first reading, to reflect on the definitive civil rights struggle of our time: Is it the vaping trend? Is it paper straws? Is it the number of genders and preferred pronouns? No, we're to take up the unspoken plight of our unborn. They are unprotected by law and even our highest-ranking Catholic legislators are unable or afraid to give them a platform. You can tell a lot about a people by how they consider their unborn. That's not to say it's easy—indeed, abortion has affected my family, and perhaps it has affected yours. Our great cultural contradiction is clearly seen in the teen girl who currently lectures the world on climate change. She laments her 'stolen childhood.' I can only charitably presume her solidarity with all those unborn similarly robbed. For Climate Girl has been born. She has been given a platform. In this Respect Life Month, we're obliged to witness to those we can't yet hear or see. And after that, I can only say that I'm only giving what was given to me, an unprofitable servant..... Oh, also, *The Price is Right* without Bob Barker?! C'mon, man.

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



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

**Weekly Collection for September 28-29: \$5,328.25**

*Our Second Collection will be taken next weekend (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month), as a separate collection. Thank you for your support of our parish!*



### **Monday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary**

8:15 am- Gail Neff

### **Tuesday, October 8: Saint John Leonardi**

8:15 am- Rosaria Scafidi and Terry Manelski

### **Wednesday, October 9: Saint Denis and Companions**

8:15 am- Ethel Adamo

### **Thursday, October 10: Saint Francis Borgia**

8:15 am- Leonard Bendzin and Peter Rend

### **Friday, October 11: Saint John XXIII**

8:15 am- Fortunato Caligiuri

### **Saturday, October 12: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos**

8:15 am- Thomas Toro

5:00 pm- V. John Pappalardo

### **Sunday, October 13: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am- Roger Birdsell, Jr.

11:00 am- Norma O'Donnell

7:00 pm- Trey Devante Martinez

The sanctuary lamp will be lit this week in memory of Anthony Gervasio.

*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.*



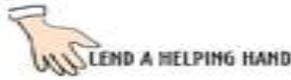
### ***Mass Cards***

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, Flynn Sullivan 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).



## Ministry Needs - Can You Help?

We are in great need of volunteers to assist us in the following ministries:

- **Eucharistic Ministers:** We are especially in need of ministers to serve at the 7 pm Mass. Parishioners and non-parishioners are most welcome. Please contact Sue Marshall for more information at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org).
- **Religious Education:** As this year's classes are being organized, we are looking for teachers to assist on Sunday mornings. Classes are small and materials will be provided. Please contact Teresa Thomas at [teresathomas2014@gmail.com](mailto:teresathomas2014@gmail.com) for more information.

### Ministry Schedule

#### Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

The schedule for October and November is available in the Church vestibule and also by logging into your profile online. If you are available, please volunteer to serve on the Solemnity of All Saints by logging into your profile and selecting the Mass of your choosing. Please email Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org) with any questions.



#### "A Night at the Museum" Gala - Time is Running Out!

It's coming!!! 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



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, October 10 and Sunday, October 14 only**. As a reminder, we are only able to accept gently-used clothing, not other household items. Thank you!



#### Bishop's Annual Appeal - "For I Was Hungry"

One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds stay in our own Diocese and only support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, a former pastor now living in our priests' retirement residence, the store owner you see each day as you shop in town—perhaps even a family member. Please help your neighbor in need and make a pledge to the Annual Appeal today! *For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2019appeal.org](http://www.2019appeal.org).*



#### Sisters of Charity Harvest Festival Dinner

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth are hosting their annual Harvest Festival at The Madison Hotel on Tuesday, November 5th from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Come and enjoy cocktails, dinner and dancing to the music of Tim McLoone and the Shirleys. Special honorees this year are Rev. Msgr. George F. Hundt, pastor at St. Vincent Martyr Church in Madison, for the Caritas Award, and Joan Barron, retired co-principal at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, for the Mehegan Award. Cost of dinner tickets is \$200 per person. If you would like to attend this special event or place a journal ad congratulating this year's honorees, please contact the Sisters of Charity Development Office at 973-290-5409/5454 or email [svail@scnj.org](mailto:svail@scnj.org).



#### Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join single parishioners for our monthly luncheon gathering. We will meet on Tuesday, October 15th at 12:30 PM at 54 Main Bar & Grille, Madison. Our gathering is a no-host fellowship get-together. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.