

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 27, 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)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 2019

The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself.....

Do you ever watch the Oscars, Golden Globes, ESPYs, Emmys or other awards shows? No? Yeah, me neither. I don't watch in part because they drone on way past my bedtime, negatively impacting my late-night nacho preparation (sure, some people prefer warm milk, but don't judge me). But mostly I find off-putting the self-congratulatory nature of such programming, with many of the presenters holding forth as moral superiors. Hey, look, I am not apathetic to popular culture. Do I think Elisabeth Shue is the greatest actress of all time? Um, hello? Of course. Is *Roadhouse* the greatest film ever produced? Duh, yes. But it seems that so many of our celebrities and elected officials *take up their positions* and speak to themselves. This is a soul-deadening world-view. And it's also boring. Yet I must also acknowledge that this epidemic is not isolated to those in the spotlight. Unfortunately we also see it at times closer to home— maybe at our jobs, at times in our churches, and even possibly at moments in <gasp!> ourselves. Without realizing it, what may begin as a well-meaning sharing of experience, ideas and perspective can morph into a position of superiority, judgment and closed-mindedness. And suddenly instead of sharing the Good News and inviting others to it, such a position shuts others out and turns them away. Today, Jesus speaks to those 'who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.' Thankfully, God shatters the echo-chambers of our self-impressions. A glance at the Crucifix tells all of us that we are not superior to the tax collector. Culture places a paramount value on being pleased with ourselves, but Christ reminds us that reality is not so subjective.

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



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

Weekly Collection for October 19-20: \$5,422.00

Collection for the Missions: \$524.00



Coming next week...the bulletin will include a special insert summarizing our parish financial results for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, so stay tuned!



Monday, October 28: Saints Simon and Jude

8:15 am- Duncan Sinclair

Tuesday, October 29: Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

8:15 am- Eileen O'Brien

Wednesday, October 30: Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez

8:15 am- Venus McGraw

Thursday, October 31: Saint Wolfgang of Regensburg

8:15 am- Anna Caporella

7:00 pm (Vigil for Solemnity of All Saints)- Bill Kearney

Friday, November 1: Solemnity of All Saints

8:15 am- Father Patrick Rice

12:10 pm- Kathleen Sanger

Saturday, November 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8:15 am- Deceased Members of our Parish

5:00 pm- Phil Gutermuth

Sunday, November 3: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Jack Anderson

11:00 am- Luigi & Concetta Biundo

7:00 pm- John and Carmella Antonelli

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, Barbara Kline, 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.



Eucharistic Adoration - Schedule Change

Please note, due to the Masses for the Solemnity of All Saints there will be no First Friday Adoration in November. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Friday, December 6.

ALL SAINTS Day

The Solemnity of All Saints is this Friday, November 1. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, October 31 at 7:00 pm, and Masses will also be celebrated on Friday, November 1 at 8:15 am and 12:10 pm. AS A REMINDER, THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON NOVEMBER 1. All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to honor the Saints of our Church and give thanks for their many intercessions for us.



The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Throughout the month of November we will remember in prayer in a special way those who have passed before us. All are invited to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance that will be located near the Baptismal font and also to leave any Memorial Offering you may have in the basket on the Altar.



Scout Wreath Sale

It's never too early to start preparing for those Christmas celebrations! Members of Scout Troop 228 will be in the church vestibule after all Masses this weekend to take orders for Christmas wreaths and centerpieces. After this weekend, orders may be made by contacting Ms. Sara Juhlin at 973-723-8155 or by leaving a voicemail at 973-822-3777. Final orders must be placed by Saturday, November 2. Thank you for your support of our local scouts.



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

The Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support the significant cost associated with the education of our seminarians for the priesthood in our Diocese—such as years of room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your gift today helps prepare our seminarians for the future. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org. May God bless you for your support!



Open House at St. Vincent Martyr School

St. Vincent Martyr School in Madison invites families with children entering preschool through 8th grade to visit in November to learn more about the school's competitive academic program rooted in the spiritual values of the Catholic faith. An Information Session will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. Parents of prospective students are encouraged to return on Wednesday, November 13th between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to visit the classrooms to see the students and faculty in action during a typical school day. Please visit the school's website to register to attend either or both events: <https://www.svmsnj.org>. Please contact the Admissions Director Mary Brooks with any questions at (973) 377-1104, ext. 224 or mbrooks@svmsnj.org.



Mary Queen of all Nations Missionary Alliance 35th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Mary Queen of all Nations Missionary Alliance will be celebrating its 35th Anniversary with a Dinner/Dance Fundraiser at the Madison Hotel on Sunday, November 3. The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 5 pm and will conclude at 9 pm. Attire is business casual. Honorees are Msgr. John Hart, Pastor of Assumption Church, James Gannon, Morris County Sheriff, and Sister Jo Mascera, Chaplain-Retired, Morristown Memorial Center-Atlantic Health.

Cost for attending has been kept to \$85 per person with 100% of the net proceeds going to the Carmelite Sisters, Sisters of Christian Charities, Religious Teachers Filipini, Assumption College for Sisters, parishes and similar type organizations who perform missionary work throughout the world in countries such as Bolivia, Uganda, Malawi, India, Tanzania and China. Good will donations will also be accepted and are tax deductible. Payment should be made out to MQAN and mailed to MQAN c/o President Jim Cavanaugh, 11 Featherleogh Road, Morristown NJ 07960-5703.

Please contact Deacon Richard Reck at DEACONRICHARDRECK@GMAIL.COM or Jim Cavanaugh at GYMLC@YAHOO.COM or 973-285-0307 for more information or if you are interested in attending.