

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.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 3, 2019

Parish Staff

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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)
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2019

A man there Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector.....

Ahhhh, Zacchaeus. We know his story well. As a smaller guy who was particularly hated by his community, he is a remarkable character because Jesus winds up looking up to him! Wait...he, what? I know, right? Crazy. Zacchaeus ranks right up there in the top ten of historically despised figures. I mean, there's Wile E. Coyote who I never liked (I will give him kudos for his remarkable brand loyalty to Acme Products, however. Hey, some people are Chevy folks, others Ford. You always knew where Wile E. stood.) There's also 'the Dentist'-- not always high on people's lists (although I must say I've actually played golf with my dentist, and I like him a lot. I just don't visit him until I have to, a practice, incidentally, that I don't recommend...). On the more serious side, you have truly dark individuals, like Joe Stalin (with due respect to those of my fellow Americans who feel that our Constitutional Republic is passé). I'm sorry. It's late, and I've had an espresso. For his part, Zacchaeus is loathed because he is a tax collector who benefits from the burdens of his fellow citizens in the service of their oppressors. He abuses his authority which affords him a nice lifestyle. And yet, Jesus cranes His neck to look up the Sycamore Tree. Man, this story had better have a plot twist, because I am not happy thus far. Well, despite his character, Zacchaeus has the quality that saves us all: **he desires to see Jesus**. There you have it. This hope changes him. His longing brings him to intimacy with Christ. Yup, Jesus even eats at Zacchaeus' house. Jesus goes toward sinners. Unbelievable, eh? Of course, my mom would've wanted a heads' up if I ever invited Jesus over for dinner. But anyhow, the point is we all know folks who desire to see Jesus. May we strive to be that conduit of grace by which this meeting occurs. As a wise person once said, *be the tree.....*

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



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

Weekly Collection for October 26-27: \$5,020.25

NJ Right to Life Raffle Tickets

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend, November 9-10, to support New Jersey Right to Life and their pro-life activities. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and the grand prize is a 2020 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$42,000 with 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes of ShopRite Gift Certificates of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500. Try your luck and support this important cause.



Monday, November 4: Saint Charles Borromeo

8:15 am- Marion Lynch

Tuesday, November 5: Saint Peter Chrysologus

8:15 am- Phil Gutermuth

Wednesday, November 6: Saint Nicholas Tavelic And Companions

8:15 am- Mary Makein

Thursday, November 7: Saint Didacus

8:15 am- Bertie Hazen-Gunn

Friday, November 8: Blessed John Duns Scotus

8:15 am- John Keane

Saturday, November 9: Dedication Of St. John Lateran

8:15 am- Patrick and Imelda Roche

5:00 pm- Special Intention for Janet Falcone

Jimmy Henderson

Sunday, November 10: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Arlene Lorenzo

11:00 am- John Balsamo

7:00 pm- Edwin Dahlstrom, Jr.

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.



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.



To the good People of God in the community of St. Thomas More:

In the spirit of best practices and our shared stewardship, please see the below financial report for Fiscal Year 2018-19. I thank Vince Achilarré and the entire Finance Council for their diligence and service in providing this information for us. Thank you to all for your continued generosity to our parish.

In Him,

Fr. Thomas Fallone

THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2019

As a follow-up to the previously published Financial Report for the Parish for the nine months ended March 31, 2019, below is the Financial Report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, as compared to the prior fiscal year. As indicated below, the Parish has experienced a net operating loss of (\$48,054) for recently completed fiscal year. This was due primarily to a decrease in offertory collections and to continued extraordinary facility repairs.

<u>Twelve Months</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$569,130	\$516,956	(\$52,174)
Total Expenses	\$460,298	\$565,010	\$104,712
Profit/loss	\$108,832	(\$48,054)	(\$156,186)

The decrease in Total Parish Income for the comparative periods under review of (\$52,174) was primarily due to a shortfall in offertory and special collections of (\$36,234) (even though the number of parishioners was stable and approximated 400 for the comparative periods under review) and to non-recurring insurance proceeds received in the prior fiscal year of (\$15,533).

Total Parish Expenses for the comparative periods under review increased by \$104,712. This was attributable to extraordinary building repairs and maintenance costs of \$176,623 for the installation of the new HVAC unit, and roofing and bathroom facility repairs for the Church. These building and maintenance costs were offset in part by savings realized in clergy and lay salaries and benefits, and savings in miscellaneous ministry and liturgical expenses.

Thanks to your kind support of the Memorial Tree Program, we were able to complete the fencing and landscaping needs on the Madison Avenue side of the Church around the newly installed HVAC unit. However, the Parish still faces critical building improvements. A portion of the Church roof still needs replacement and further bathroom upgrades are required. In addition, we would like to explore plans for renovations of the Rectory that will provide us with a much-needed Parish Center. We welcome your continued financial support that will help provide the Parish with much needed financial resources to meet these operational and facility needs.