

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 10, 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)
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10, 2019

They may take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom...

Ok, you got me. The above is NOT a passage from this Sunday's Scripture readings. I tried a little trickification, but I can't fool you guys. That oft-quoted line is from the 1995 film, *Braveheart*, when the character William Wallace encouraged his fellow countrymen/countrywomen/country-preferred-pronoun people (remember the days when the simple word, 'countrymen' was not complicated?) to fight for principle over expedience, and for truth before comfort. Anyway, the description of martyrdom in today's first reading is as prescient as ever, even as it conjures movie scenes. In 2 Maccabees the Seven Brothers and their Mother refuse to surrender their Faith to secular demands, even in the face of ridicule and death. Think of the Supreme Court Cases of *Hobby Lobby* or *The Little Sisters of the Poor* in our own day. The first reading reminds us that God's law is written on our hearts, not at the statehouse. This is what secures the natural right to religious freedom. I like to profess living my faith, but um, to die for it? Check, please! Yeah, I am a wimp (as a kid, a fishhook once snagged me at a campground in Marshall's Creek, PA. I wanted to be Medevac'd and start a GoFundMe page. The pain!). <Ahem> The Seven Brothers as well as nameless people beyond number show me the cost of true Faith incurred due to those who are threatened by such freedom. May we, too, believe bravely. May we, too, walk the walk.

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



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

Weekly Collection for November 2-3: \$6,939.25



Raffle Tickets

Tickets will be on sale in the church vestibule after all Masses this weekend 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 11: Saint Martin Of Tours**
8:15 am- Josephine and Alexander DiSturco
- Tuesday, November 12: Saint Josaphat**
8:15 am- Katherine Drew
- Wednesday, November 13: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini**
8:15 am- Dr. John Elias
- Thursday, November 14: Saint Gertrude The Great**
8:15 am- Julia Rend
- Friday, November 15: Saint Albert The Great**
8:15 am- Kay Brewer
- Saturday, November 16: Saint Margaret Of Scotland**
8:15 am- Michael Christie
5:00 pm- Isabel and Angelo Rich
- Sunday, November 17: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am- Maureen Brodeur
11:00 am- John Elias
7:00 pm- Tucker Helstrom



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, Paul Gamerdinger, 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.

Counting our Blessings 

Please join us as we celebrate the Baptism of Meredith Ann Landwehrle this weekend and welcome this little one into our Catholic family. May God bless Meredith Ann and her family on this special day and always!



**“A Night at the Museum” Gala
THANK YOU!!**

Dear Saint Thomas More Parish family and friends,

With gratitude and sincere appreciation, thank you for your generosity and support of A Night at the Museum Gala. It was a wondrous celebration of Saint Thomas More Church blessed with parish family and friends in attendance. Because of you, \$66,000 in donations were received providing much needed funding for the parish. More importantly, we came together as a family in celebration of our parish and God’s bountiful blessings. It was a privilege and a great pleasure working with Fr. Tom, Jeanne Bass, Ginny Lund, Ginny Macko, Mary Murphy, Sue Marshall, Pat Schell, the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council. Thank you for your hard work and dedication in making the gala a brilliant success.

So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you again for your generosity and spirit of charity and may God richly bless you.

Gratefully,
Sharon O’Neil, Gala Committee Chairperson



Bishop’s Annual Appeal – “For I Was Hungry”

With the help of funding from the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests’ retirement residence, has been a home over the years for a number of our priests. These priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. The Appeal also helps in providing financial support for the extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal is a concrete way to acknowledge our priests’ decades of faithful service to our Church. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org.



Classes Begin November 17

This year’s religious education classes will begin next Sunday, November 17 at the 9 am Mass. All registered parents should have received an email with a full schedule and additional class details. If you did not receive an email or have any questions, please contact Teresa Thomas at teresathomas2014@gmail.com.

Ministry Schedule 

Reminder to Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Please take a few moments to update your profile information and availability for December and January by logging into our parish’s ministry scheduling program or emailing Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org by Sunday, November 17. As a reminder, the website link is: http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas_More **Please note, we will have separate sign-ups for the Masses for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (i.e. New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day).** Always feel free to reach out to Sue with any questions or issues with the schedule or how to use the program at any time. Thank you so much for sharing your gifts with our parish!



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

All single parishioners are invited to join our monthly luncheon. We will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 12:30 pm at Market Taverne, 995 Mt. Kemble Avenue (Route 202), Morristown. Our gathering is a no-host fellowship get-together. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Women’s Guild News

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Women’s Guild will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in the basement meeting room. Wine, cheese and soda will be served. All are invited to bring recipes to share and exchange. All women of the parish are most welcome!

Bake Sale

As a reminder to all Women’s Guild members, please bring 4 items to the church to sell at our bake sale the weekend of November 23-24. More details will be provided at our meeting on November 19. Thank you!