

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 17, 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2019

You will be hated by all because of My name....

Well, how's that for your daily Inspiration? Let's post those words to our online profile, put them on our refrigerator, over our bedpost or on our bathroom mirror. Who's with me? Those words don't jibe with the Jesus as explained to me by certain well-intentioned teachers in my youth. I was told Jesus wore Birkenstocks and said cool, inclusive things while He played hacky sack on the quad (He may/may not have also had a bandanna and was really into James Taylor and The Carpenters). In our own day, we might hear that Jesus was apolitical and drank from paper straws. But a glance at the Crucifix posits a wholly different Christ encountered in the Gospel today. In the Cross we see definitive rejection. To our culture which desperately (and sadly) clamors for likes, clicks and followers, Christ proclaims that we will be hated because we believe God loves us to death. That's it, right there. And we can't handle the Truth. Why do Communist regimes silence the Name of Christ? Discuss. God coming to us as a defenseless baby Who smells like a stable is too much for some to bear. Yup, Crucified Divine Love is polarizing, so our relationship with Christ Jesus might not improve our status. But such is the lot of the Christian. *If the world hates you, understand it hated Me first* (Jn 15: 18). Wow. How can I wrap up this giddy and happy reflection? I know: Bishop Robert Barron was recently invited to offer a reflection to Congress concerning Christ in the culture, and in doing so he said, 'let us focus on the True, the Beautiful and the Good. Turn away from the ego-drama and enter the Theo-Drama.' I like it. Haters are gonna hate. But God loves us to death.

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



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

Weekly Collection for November 9-10: \$8,177.25

Second Collection for November: \$1,350.00



Prayers for New Religious Education School Year

As a new religious education program year commences this Sunday at the 9 am Mass, let us all pray for God's blessings upon the catechists, students and parents throughout this next step in their faith journey.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 18: Dedication Of Churches Of Saints Peter And Paul

8:15 am- Janis Murphy

Tuesday, November 19: Saint Agnes Of Assisi

8:15 am- John Carlin

Wednesday, November 20: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:15 am- Joan Ricker

Thursday, November 21: Presentation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am- Bill Austin

Friday, November 22: Saint Cecilia

8:15 am- Patrick McGuire

Saturday, November 23: Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

8:15 am- Mildred and Benedict Giordano

5:00 pm- Mildred and Benedict Giordano

Sunday, November 24: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00 am- Bill and Kathleen Sullivan

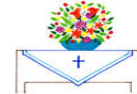
Janis Murphy

11:00 am- Lois Doyle

Margaret and Anthony Garcia

7:00 pm- Michael Kane

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, 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@stnmj.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 located near the Baptismal font and also to leave any Memorial Offering you may have in the basket on the Altar.



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](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Thomas%20More)

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!



Women's Guild Meeting

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held this Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm in the basement meeting room. Wine, cheese and soda will be served. All women of the parish are most welcome! 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!



News From St. Patrick School in Chatham

Tour Now for the 2020-2021 School Year: Curious about how your child can #BeTheFuture? Visit St. Patrick School to see for yourself! Visit the school during Walk-In Wednesdays from 9-11 am weekly and tour the National Blue Ribbon and AdvancED Stem Certified school. Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are being accepted now. For more information, visit www.st-pats-school.org or contact the Admissions Office at admissions@st-pats.org or at 973-635-4623, ext 3.

Substitute Teachers: St. Patrick School is looking for substitute teachers. If you are interested, please send your cover letter and resume to schooloffice@st-pats.org.



Women's Guild Bake Sale

It's the weekend you've been waiting for! Next weekend, November 23-24, the Women's Guild will be holding its semi-annual bake sale after all Masses. All proceeds will be donated to the parish. Please stop by and enjoy a tasty treat while supporting our wonderful St. Thomas More community!



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

All single parishioners are invited to join our next 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.



Chanticleer Christmas Concert

St. Catherine of Siena in Mountain Lakes invites you to a *Celebrating the Joy & Blessings of the Season* concert featuring *Chanticleer*. *Chanticleer* is known around the world as "an orchestra of voices" for the seamless blend of its twelve male voices ranging from countertenor to bass and its original interpretations of vocal literature. The concert will be on Saturday, December 7 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$50 with open seating and a wine and cheese reception to follow. Visit www.chanticleer.org for more information about them, including pictures and sound clips. Email parishoffice@stcatherine-ml.org for tickets.



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

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Bishop's Annual Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals, with almost \$650,000 returned last year to parishes - and over \$2.9 million in five years! Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org.