

# *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.*

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2020*

## **Parish Staff**

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732-340-0190

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Trustee

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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)***  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 19, 2020**

*He is the One.....*

When we look at an idol, our gaze stops there. But when we contemplate an icon, our vision is taken to another place. St. John the Baptist is the latter. Today he exits stage left, disappearing from the readings for a while. With the coda, *He is the One....* John's work is done. He knows who he is, and he knows who he is not. He is just the best man, not the Bridegroom. He is just the DJ, not the rapper. He is Louis Gosset, Jr., not Richard Gere; Olympia Dukakis, not Cher. (Big-time prizes await those who can name the films which featured those Best Supporting Actors/Actresses. But no SIRI-ing or Alexa-ing...!!) I've been told that I was in college with Dukakis's grandson, actually, but I still think that was just his angle for the ladies. But anyway, John the Baptist's perspective reveals his ultimately Christian worldview, which is this: **my life is not about me.** When we look at John, he calls our attention to the bigger picture-- our gaze diverted to the Lamb of God. John is supporting cast who fills his role expertly. May we discover our place in the drama of salvation history and act it out with confident joy. In the end, we serve at the pleasure of the greatest story ever told: *He is the One.....*  
 God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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

Weekly Collection for January 11-12: \$6,476.00  
Monthly Collection for January: \$1,605.00  
Christmas Collection (to date): \$27,142.00

***This Week in our Parish***

**Sunday, January 19:** *No Religious Education Classes*  
**Monday, January 20:** **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Tuesday, January 21:** 9:30 am- Collection Counters, Parish Office Meeting Room  
**Thursday, January 23:** 2 - 9 pm- Parish Directory Photos  
**Friday, January 24:** 2 - 9 pm- Parish Directory Photos  
**Saturday, January 25:** 10 am - 5 pm- Parish Directory Photos  
**Sunday, January 26:** 9:00 am- Religious Education, Church, Parish Office Rooms and Basement Meeting Room



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Monday, January 20: Saint Sebastian**  
 8:15 am- Anne Lundgren  
**Tuesday, January 21: Saint Agnes**  
 8:15 am- Agnes VanDenBergh  
**Wednesday, January 22: Saint Vincent Of Zaragossa**  
 8:15 am- John Chovanac  
**Thursday, January 23: Saint Marianne Cope**  
 8:15 am- Mary Tyne  
**Friday, January 24: Saint Francis De Sales**  
 8:15 am- Robert Santo  
**Saturday, January 25: Conversion Of Saint Paul**  
 8:15 am- Peter Iorlano  
 5:00 pm- Florence and Louis Rich  
 Mary Alice Ruckel  
**Sunday, January 26: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 am- Jackie Macaluso  
 11:00 am- Clyde Imagna  
 7:00 pm- Tom Sullivan



***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](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org).

***2020 Parish Directory - Last Chance!!***

Professional photographers will be at St. Thomas More to take family or individual photos for our 2020 parish directory on January 23, 24 and 25. There is no charge to have your photo taken. This is the last weekend to sign up so please stop by after Mass or contact Jolie Elmore to reserve your spot at 201-589-7700 or [jolieandjosh@gmail.com](mailto:jolieandjosh@gmail.com).

***Parish Survey - Final Weekend!***

The Parish Council requests that you kindly take just a quick minute before or after Mass to complete the brief survey form that can be found in the pews and the vestibule to help us get to know our community better.

**Please Note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**



### 2019 Contribution Statements

In a continuing effort to responsibly manage parish expenses, we will again be sending this year's Contribution Statements (for 2019) via email. If you do not have a current email address on file with the parish or are not sure if you do, please send an email to Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org) with your name and the email address to which you would like your statement to be sent **no later than Friday, January 24**. If you do not use email or would prefer to have a hard copy statement sent to you instead, please call the Parish Office (or email Sue Marshall) **no later than Thursday, January 23** and provide your name and the address to which you would like the statement sent. Thank you to all who so generously support our parish!



### Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will hold its next meeting at **1:00 pm** on Tuesday, January 28 in the downstairs meeting room. There will be a short meeting followed by Bingo! *Please note the time change for winter meetings.* All women of the parish are most welcome. Hope to see you there!

TWO EVENTS. ONE AMAZING SCHOOL.

## DISCOVER THE OLMC DIFFERENCE



## OPEN HOUSE

SUN | JAN 26

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

## "LIGHT OF THE WORLD" TOUR

FRI | JAN 31

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

To find out more and register for the tour, please visit [www.olmc.academy/tour](http://www.olmc.academy/tour)

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### 47<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life, Washington DC

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life will take place in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24. For anyone interested in attending, the following parish groups in the Diocese of Paterson have organized bus trips:

#### St. Lawrence, Chester

6 am Mass at the church.

Bus departs at 6:45 am from Shop Rite, Chester.

Contact: Andy Schallfly, [aschallfly@aol.com](mailto:aschallfly@aol.com)

#### Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville

Overnight Option: Departs 1/23 at 4 pm- \$125.

One-day Option: Bus departs early morning 1/24.

\$25/person, \$30/couple, \$40/family.

Contact: Parish Office, 973-948-3185, ext. 1

#### St. Mary, Denville

Mass at 5:15 am, Departs Gardner Field at 6 am. Free.

Contact: Jim Rizos, 973-627-2596

#### Holy Family, Florham Park

Departs 7:45 am.

Contact: Frank Tinari, 973-822-0084

#### St. Jude, Hardyston

Departs 5:30 am, \$25/adult, \$15/student.

Contact: Father Michael Rodak, 973-827-8030

#### Our Lady of the Magnificat, Kinnelon

Bus leaves OLM Chapel at 6:30 am, returns 10:30 pm.

Free. Limited seats.

Contact: Joe Coralluzzo, [jpaxetbonum@aol.com](mailto:jpaxetbonum@aol.com) or

201-274-6688 or Ray Duplain, [rduplain@optonline.net](mailto:rduplain@optonline.net)

or 201-741-4073

#### St. Joseph, Mendham

Mass at 6:30 am. Bus departs 7 am.

More Information: [stjoesmendham.org/respect-life](http://stjoesmendham.org/respect-life)

#### St. Michael, Netcong

Departs 6:15 am. Free will offering.

Contact: John Hand, 973-670-7457

#### St. Anthony, Passaic (includes St. Philip, Clifton)

Departs 6 am. Free, but \$35 charge for no-shows.

Contact: 973-777-4793

#### St. Vincent DePaul, Stirling

Mass and breakfast at 6 am with bus leaving afterwards.

\$25 includes bus ride, Metro ticket, hat, breakfast and

snacks. Bring a bag lunch and money for dinner. Bus

returns approximately 9-10 pm.

Contact: Teri Kesselmeier, 908-647-0118



### Men's Retreat - "Embracing Who You Are"

All men are invited to the upcoming retreat, "Embracing Who You Are," at the Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown from January 24-26. For more information or to register, please call 973-539-0740 or visit: <https://www.loyola.org/retreat/weekend-retreats/>.