

# *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.*

***Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020***

## **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)***  
**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
**February 2, 2020**

*This Child is destined for the rise and fall of many.....*

When Mary and Joseph bring their newborn to the temple, we gain perspective on our place in the world. The Presentation reminds us that we are not our own: All of us, even our kids, properly belong to God. This Feast is also a Big Reveal from Simeon: This Child is destined. Mary and Joseph were ecstatic on hearing that, understanding Simeon to mean that their Son would enjoy the perfect life with acceptances to the finest prep schools, becoming an academic-All-American before eventually landing the medical residency of his choice and later settling down with His stunning high school sweetheart, who herself went on to become a famous actress and best-selling author. At the Reveal, Mary and Joseph breathed easy and then invited everyone to the Post-Presentation after-party brunch at this really trendy place near Galilee. And shuttles ran from the Temple every 15 minutes so everyone could have a good time. Wait-- you know what? I think I may be reading the wrong story. My bad. Wow, that's awkward. Anyway...Simeon actually reveals that this Baby will suffer and be contradicted by the world. Even this Child's mother will be pierced with a sword. Belonging to God includes our share in the Cross of this Christ, in Whose suffering we are redeemed. No one likes to suffer, but it is organic to Christ Himself. In *Salvifici Doloris*, St. John Paul II wrote, *suffering is a universal theme that accompanies man at every point on earth* (SD 2). For the Christian, the meaning and purpose our suffering is exposed in the Presentation. This does not mean we are masochists. This means that our lives are not, ultimately, about us. Thanks be to God, they're much bigger than that.

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



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

Weekly Collection for January 25-26: \$4,763.00



***Monthly Second Collection***

Our Second Collection will be taken next weekend, the second Sunday of the month. As a reminder, this is now taken a separate collection. Thank you for your support of our parish!



**Monday, February 3: Saint Blaise**

8:15 am- Umberto Reyes

**Tuesday, February 4: Saint Joseph of Leonissa**

8:15 am- Anthony Antonelli

**Wednesday, February 5: Saint Agatha**

8:15 am- Frank Sweeney

**Thursday, February 6: Saint Paul Miki and Companions**

8:15 am- Carl Preston

**Friday, February 7: Saint Colette**

8:15 am- Joseph Bisz

**Saturday, February 8: Saint Josephine Bakhita**

8:15 am- Michael Christie

5:00 pm- Mike Beck, Sr.

Vincent Falcone

**Sunday, February 9: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am- Rose Doyle

11:00 am- Richard Jantas

7:00 pm- Peter Iorlano



***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 Chris Auger, Phil Barrett, Bob Bass, Karen Cutaneo, Fred Donikowski, Paul Gamerdinger, Florence Kearney, Barbara Kline, Anne Morrison, Christopher Popp, Edmond Sherry and Flynn Sullivan. 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).



***It's never too early to start planning for St. Patrick's Day!  
Keep an eye on the bulletin for more details to come about  
our annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March  
21...***

## *This Week in our Parish*

**Sunday, February 2:** 9:00 am- Religious Education, Church, Parish Office Rooms and Basement Meeting Room

**Monday, February 3:** 9:30 am- Collection Counters, Parish Office Meeting Room

7:00 pm- Opus Dei February Evening of Reflection, Church

**Thursday, February 6 - Sunday, February 9-** Catholic Charities Clothing Drive, Church Vestibule

**Friday, February 7:** 8:30 am - 12 pm First Friday Adoration, Church

**Sunday, February 9:** 9:00 am- Religious Education, Church, Parish Office Rooms and Basement Meeting Room



### **2019 Contribution Statements**

As a reminder, we will be sending this year's Contribution Statements (for 2019) via email unless a request for a hard copy was previously received. An announcement will be made once the statements have been sent. Thank you.



### **Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners**

Single parishioners will meet for their monthly gathering on Tuesday, February 11 at 12:30 pm at Rod's Steak and Seafood Grille in Convent Station. Please join our fellowship gathering which is a no-host luncheon. Contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



### **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

Join us on Friday, February 7 for Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. Whether you can come for hours or even just 10 minutes, all are invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus.



As a reminder, our Clothing Drive for Catholic Charities is next weekend. Donations of gently-used clothing may be left in the designated area of the vestibule of the Church **between Thursday, February 6 and Sunday, February 9 only.** Thank you!



Although it may seem like we just finished putting away the Christmas decorations, it's already time to start thinking about the upcoming season of Lent and how God may be calling us each to offer prayer, fasting and almsgiving in our own way. Below are some brief highlights of events that will be taking place at St. Thomas More this Lent. More details will follow as we get closer to Ash Wednesday, so stay tuned!

**Ash Wednesday Masses** - Wednesday, February 26, at 8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 6:00 pm

**Welcome Home to Healing** - Opportunity for individual Confessions will be offered each Monday evening from 7 - 8:30 pm here at St. Thomas More and also at every other parish in the Diocese of Paterson.

**Pivotal Players Lenten Forum**- Join Father Tom on Tuesdays- March 3, 10 and 17- at 7 pm for a presentation and discussion of Bishop Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" DVD Series. Each week we'll examine a different figure who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.

**Lenten Scripture Program**- Lent is a time of prayer, reflection and a deepening of our faith in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. To this end, Frank Miles will be presenting a weekly Lenten Program based on God's Plan of Salvation each Wednesday during Lent at 7 pm. Each weekly session will include a video presentation followed by group discussion.



### **50th Annual Murray House Dinner Dance**

The 50th Annual Murray House Dinner Dance will take place at 6 pm on February 16th at the Brownstone in Paterson. This event benefits Catholic Charities, Department for Persons with Disabilities. This commemorative 50th annual event will recognize Lifetime Achievement Award recipients who have made a lasting impact on the Department. In addition, the Paterson Fire Department will be recognized for their life-saving efforts during the Straight and Narrow Fire. Catholic Charities is hoping to make this Murray House Dinner Dance the biggest in the history of this special event. For more information, please visit [www.ccpaterson.org/murray](http://www.ccpaterson.org/murray) or contact Diane Yennie at 973-679-6939.