

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 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)
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Your light must shine before others.....

Fresh off last evening's Annual American Holiday known as the Super Bowl, the weekly Monday morning exercise of crafting a Blast commences! The Super Bowl is a big stage cast upon a culture often predisposed to the showy and superficial. We tend to give attention to the loud and posturing self-important. In fact, during last night's halftime show, I was again struck by its unbridled sense of self-importance. Of course, Father Daniel and I had a bitter argument as to whether J-Lo or Shakira was the better dancer. Only one thing could broker resolution. That's right: a Full-Tilt Rectory Dance Off. Rock, Paper, Scissors decided who would side with Shakira or J-Lo and the challenge unfolded. After an epic battle, the Canadian Priest-in-Residence simply could not compete with my moves. Defeated and dejected, Father Daniel slunk back to his quarters and I said, 'better luck next year, eh?' Silliness aside, it seems the halftime show contradicts our readings. That big stage was an exercise in loud, banal objectification of women and yet not one person knelt in protest. There were no hashtags. I thought we were supposed to empower women. I guess it all depends on what your definition of 'is' is. Anyway, we who do not perform publicly can be 'salt of the earth and light for the world,' as the real, hidden stars of the game. Today we are reminded that God's A-Listers are those who shine before others without pyrotechnics: those who 'share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked when you see them and do not turn your back on your own....' (Is. 58: 8-9). The real Big Stage is quiet and noticed rarely, at least not at the halftime show.

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



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

Weekly Collection for February 1-2: \$6,970.00



Monday, February 10: Saint Scholastica

8:15 am- Anthony Michel

Tuesday, February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

8:15 am- Michael LeVon Stout

Wednesday, February 12: Saint Apollonia

8:15 am- Genevieve D'Souza

Thursday, February 13: Saint Giles Mary of Saint Joseph

8:15 am- Jamie Kazmierzak

Friday, February 14: Saints Cyril And Methodius

8:15 am- Angelo and Angela Biunno

Saturday, February 15: Saint Claude De La Colombière

8:15 am- Francis "Hank" Colbert

5:00 pm- Annrose Jerry

Sunday, February 16: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- Leonard Bendzin

11:00 am- Clyde Imagna

7:00 pm- Helen Bolcar



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.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers -

Reminder for Ash Wednesday Sign-ups

As a reminder, sign-ups for the Ash Wednesday Masses are being handled manually, not through the online program. Lector sign-up sheets are in the back Sacristy and Eucharistic Minister sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy behind the Altar. Please always feel free to contact Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org with any questions or issues. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our parish!

This Week in our Parish

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

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm- Visitation for Michael Murphy, Church

Monday, February 10: 9:30 am- Collection Counters, Parish Office Meeting Room

11:00 am- Mass of Christian Burial for Michael Murphy, Church

Tuesday, February 11: 12:30 pm- Single Parishioners Food and Fellowship, Rod's Steak and Seafood Grille

Sunday, February 16: No Religious Education

Monday, February 17: Parish Office Closed



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 this 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.



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 or contact Diane Yennie at 973-679-6939.



Although it may be hard to believe, Ash Wednesday is just two and a half weeks away! That means there's no time like the present 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 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 7:00 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 - "Genesis to Jesus" This fourteen-session video explores the divine covenants that God made with humanity in the course of salvation history. It focuses on His Old Testament covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and David, and then sees how each is fulfilled in the New Testament covenant that God makes with the world through Jesus Christ. All are welcome to participate in this program led by Frank Miles at 7:00 pm each Wednesday evening starting on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. For further information, please call Frank at 973-538-6554.



Save the Date!!

St. Thomas More's Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration is Coming...

St. Thomas More will hold its Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 6 - 10 pm. The event will take place at the VFW Hall at 45 Tabor Road in Morris Plains. Delicious food will again be provided by C&J's Deli and music by our favorite DJ, Alan Tedesco. The cost will be \$35 per person, with kids 13 and under free. Registration envelopes will be available soon— so keep an eye out for more information.