

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.

Pentecost Sunday- May 23, 2021

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am

Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 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 and concluding with Benediction at Noon

Additional Sacraments

Baptism: Please email smarshall@stmnj.org or submit the Baptism Request Form at: <https://stmnj.org/baptism-request-form> for more information. Arrangements should be made at least 8 weeks in advance of the desired date.

Funeral Rites: Please contact Father Tom for more information and to make arrangements.

Marriage: Please email smarshall@stmnj.org or submit the Marriage Request Form at <https://stmnj.org/marriage-request-form> for more information. 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 complete the new parishioner form at <https://stmnj.org/membership-information> or call the Parish Office at 973-267-5330. We'd love to welcome you!!



Blast from the Past(or)
Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021

...Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you....'

On this particular Pentecost, we might relate to the disciples who stayed behind locked doors, too fearful to venture outside. We know well the malaise caused from the locked doors of keyboards, touchscreens and 'virtual' interaction (I can't Zoom anymore. I just can't!) and this past year and a half has felt soul-sapping for so many. But this is why this Pentecost is so yuuuge! Jesus breaks through our hiding places and barriers digital and otherwise and breathes on us *in Person!* *Peace be with you....* Christ encourages us to *get busy livin'....* (yes, that's my actual Aramaic translation). You'll recall that Andy uttered that line to Red in *The Shawshank Redemption*. The line actually comes from today's Gospel. That's a fact. Google it. I can't tell you how many people tell me my voice reminds them of Morgan Freeman. Anywho, I digress. The disciples all reverted to their Good Friday mindset and went into hiding. But we are not meant to be locked up: Pentecost means we are Pentecostal! The tongues of fire get us moving. Get busy living. As God breathed life into Adam, Christ does the same for us. So, inhale deeply and take courage. Accept this breath, and get out there to engage the deep life that befits the Christian. Pentecost is not a job; it's an adventure.

God bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Mass Intentions

Although we are not yet able to offer public Masses every day, Father Tom or Father Daniel continue to say Mass daily for all Mass intentions. If you would like to request that a Mass be said for a loved one or another intention, please email Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org.



This Week's Daily Mass Schedule

This week, and each week going forward, we will continue to celebrate daily Masses on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:15 am. ***Advanced registration is no longer required.***



May 24 – Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
Sandy Clyde

May 25 – Saint Bede the Venerable
People of the Parish

May 26 – Saint Philip Neri
Brian Marshall

May 27 – Saint Augustine of Canterbury
Peggy O'Brien

May 28 – Venerable Pierre Toussaint
Angela Ruvo

May 29 – Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat
Ernest Carbone II

May 30 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
8 am – Helen Marie Chajkowski
11 am – Helen McCarthy Enright
Frank and Gladys Tangel

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in memory of Thomas Briscoe.



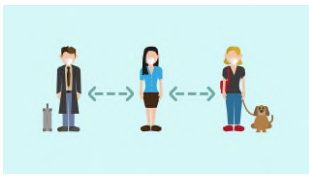
Mass Cards – Online Request Form

As a reminder, to help streamline things while the parish office is closed, you can request a Mass Card online! Simply go to: <https://stmnj.org/request-a-mass-card> or click on the link on our home page. Please try to provide at least 24 hours' notice to give us time to prepare one for you. If you have trouble with the online form, you can also always send an email with the requested Mass information to info@stmnj.org. In your request please let us know if you'd like us to mail the card to you or directly to the recipient, or to leave it for you to pick it up.



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, Fred Donikowski, Barbara Kline, Ray Meyers, Anne Morrison, Lorraine Zedalis Moschini, John O'Neil, Bobby Polidore, Christopher Popp, Bethann and Bob Panzer, Eileen Scheibner, Mary Sczyrek, Gloria Souchuk, Flynn Sullivan, Mary Werner and Marlene Widmer. 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 (or removed from) the request for healing prayers in our weekly bulletin, please send an email to Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org.



Reminder of our Mask and Distancing Requirements

Although Mass reservations are no longer needed, masks and distancing are still required. We still have certain pews blocked off, and **we will still need everyone to wear masks and keep 6 feet between your family and any others in a pew.** Even if you're comfortable, please remember others may not be. Please don't crowd in if there's not enough room to keep this distance. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!



STM Website - Did You Know??

For your convenience, although our parish office remains closed, you can make a number of requests from the parish office directly through our website. Here are some helpful links that might come in handy:

New Parishioner Registration:

<https://stmnj.org/membership-information>

Mass Intention/Mass Card Request:

<https://stmnj.org/request-a-mass-card>

Baptism/First Communion/Confirmation Certificate

Request: <https://stmnj.org/request-a-certificate>

Sacrament of Marriage Request Form:

<https://stmnj.org/marriage-request-form>



St Therese Corner - May 2021

Here is an extract from *The Story of A Soul*, the second-largest selling religious book after the Bible:

On the entrance of St Therese to the Carmelite order at age 15: "Here is the faith with which Poppa accepted the separation of his little Queen announcing it to his friends - in these words": "My Dear Friends, Therese, my little Queen, entered Carmel yesterday! Only God could demand such a sacrifice. Don't sympathize with me, for my heart is overflowing with joy."

The next session of the St. Thomas More chapter of St. Therese Little Flower will take place on Wednesday, June 2 at 7 PM. Anyone wishing to join the group in discussions regarding the book referenced above may contact Al Olivier at omnipak@msn.com or sign up after Mass to receive an invitation to this ZOOM meeting.



A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

As we continue to honor our Blessed Mother in a special way in this Month of May, we pray the following, traditionally recited at 6:00 am, 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm, each day outside of the Easter Season.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



Welcomers Needed!

Although we have been able to reduce the number of volunteers needed, we would like to have 2 welcomers at each weekend Mass to help with seating, especially while we're still required to social distance. Please prayerfully consider singing up through the Flocknote that was sent earlier this week. Thank you!



Upcoming Changes to Distribution of Holy Eucharist

Beginning on the Feast of Corpus Christi, we will be adding one Eucharistic Minister to each weekend Mass. In connection with this we'll be re-routing the Communion lines a bit and will explain more when that weekend comes. For any Eucharistic Ministers who would like to serve but did not receive the recent email regarding the upcoming schedule and meeting, please reach out to Sue Marshall at smarshall@stmnj.org. Thank you!



9 Ways to Celebrate May, the Month of Mary

(Adapted from goodcatholic.com)

1. Place flowers at a statue of our Blessed Mother, whether at church or at your home.
2. Pray a Novena to Our Lady, such as the Novena to Our Lady of Hope:
<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-our-lady-of-hope-296>
3. Pray the Rosary:
<https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>
4. Learn about a new Marian Devotion:
https://www.catholicherald.com/faith/what_are_marian_devotions_and_how_can_they_enrich_your_faith/
5. Share the Miraculous Medal: <https://www.amm.org/>
6. Memorize a New Marian Prayer or Hymn
7. Get invested in the Scapular:
<https://www.sistersofcarmel.com/brown-scapulars-brown-scapular-of-our-lady-of-mount-carmel/>
8. Read a Book about our Blessed Mother.
9. Pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
<http://www.ibreviary.com/m2/pregchiere.php?tipo=Preghiera&id=203>



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Reinstatement of the General Obligation to Attend Mass

On May 21, Bishop Sweeney notified all parishes in the Diocese of Paterson of the decision by the Bishops of New Jersey to “lift the dispensation” from the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation as of Saturday/Sunday, June 5/6, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Bishop Sweeney particularly noted the symbolic value of all those who are able returning to Sunday Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi for two reasons: “First, we are reminded of the gift that Jesus gives to us of receiving His Body and Blood in Holy Communion and our need for that Spiritual nourishment. Secondly, it was on the Feast of Corpus Christi last year that we joyfully returned to being able to attend Mass ‘in person,’ after three months of the ‘lock down.’” He also pointed out that we are more fully the “Body of Christ” when we all gather around the table of the Lord and highlighted that this is a great opportunity for those who have already “come back” to Mass to invite family, friends, and others to return as well. A copy of the statement of the Bishops of New Jersey can be found on the following page. We look forward to welcoming even more of our parish family back in the upcoming weeks. We’ve missed you!



Supporting St. Thomas More

A continued “thank you” to all who have continued to support our parish during these challenging times. For those looking for a way to provide financial support, you can contribute through the following channels:

- Collections can be dropped in the basket at Sunday Mass.
- You can mail your contribution to the parish office at St. Thomas More Parish, 4 Convent Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960
- You can quickly set up a one-time or recurring donation online by going to: <https://stthommomre.weshareonline.org/>
- You can set up a contribution online through the Diocese’s site, at helpmyparish.thankyou4caring.org. Select “St. Thomas More Church – Convent Station” and make either a one-time gift or a weekly recurring donation.

Thank you so much for your generosity!



STATEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY BISHOPS
Reinstating the General Obligation to Attend Mass

At this time, due to the observance of public safety protocols and the increase in the availability of vaccines, we have begun a return to some sense of normalcy in various sectors of our society.

Therefore, we the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation beginning on Saturday, June 5, 2021, and Sunday, June 6, 2021, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We welcome the Christian faithful to return to the regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith (cf. Code of Canon Law canon 1247 and Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2180).

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult the local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87).

Finally, safety protocols (such as wearing masks, social distancing, etc.) and liturgical directives (communion in the hand, communion under one species, etc.) in each New Jersey Diocese remains in place until modified or revoked by the respective Diocesan Bishop.

Given on May 20, 2021, the memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark

Most Reverend James F. Checchio
Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen

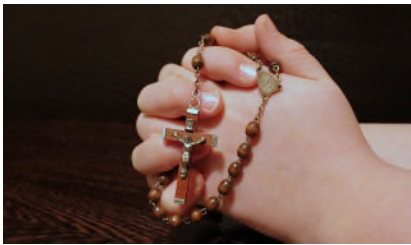
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop, Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend Kurt Burnette
Bishop, Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan
Bishop, Diocese of Camden

Most Reverend Yousif B. Habash
*Bishop, Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac
Catholic Diocese*

Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney
Bishop, Diocese of Paterson



Ways to Stay Spiritually Connected When not Attending Mass in Person

1. **View Mass Online or on Television:** Check out our parish website to view Mass each Sunday celebrated by Father Tom. You can also view daily and weekend Masses at www.catholicstv.org or on television on EWTN.

2. **Make an Act of Spiritual Communion:** This beautiful practice has been part of the lives of countless saints who found it drew them closer to God on a daily basis. Below is a traditional prayer of spiritual communion which can be prayed while watching Mass online or on television, in the midst of your daily work, or at any time during the day, lifting up your thoughts to God.

My Jesus,

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

3. **Pray the Rosary:** Appealing to our beloved, Blessed Mother and uniting with other Catholics throughout the world by praying the Rosary is a profound way to find peace and strength during these difficult times. A number of resources are available to assist in praying the Rosary at home, in the car, or wherever your social distancing might take you.

Apps: (Free, available in the Apple and Google Play stores)

Laudate App- Combines a large number of Catholic resources such as Daily Mass, prayers (including the Rosary), the Bible, Stations of the Cross, the Catechism and much more.

Mary App- Created by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, this app is a helpful resource on our Blessed Mother and includes, among many other things, an interactive Rosary with an audio option.

Family Rosary's Mobile Rosary- Offers the traditional Rosary with the text of each prayer. You can pray in silence or with the companion voice of Venerable Patrick Peyton.

iRosary- Displays a fully-animated set of Rosary beads which displays each prayer as you move each bead with your finger, like a standard Rosary.

YouTube: There are many videos of people praying the Rosary that you can join. One popular example is that of the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, which can be found through a YouTube search or at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCijy_J5ozpFLoxo4vZ4RRYA.

Online: The Rosary Center & Confraternity website offers a number of resources and options for praying the Rosary, including, "Praying the Rosary Without Distractions," "Scripturally Based Rosary," and "In Stained Glass." You can find a description of the Rosary and prayer links here: <https://www.Rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/Rosary/how-to-pray-the-Rosary/>

4. **Participate in Virtual Stations of the Cross:** Various examples can be found online, but here is one: <https://bustedhalo.com/video/virtual-stations-of-the-cross>.

5. **Even Washing your Hands Can Lead to Prayer:** Instead of singing *Happy Birthday*, try reciting the *Hail Mary* two times as you scrub. It's a great way to keep us centered while we're keeping safe.



Prayer of Pope Francis for Protection and Help

O Mary,

you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross
took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You...know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,

Who has taken upon Himself our sufferings and carried our
sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the
resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do
not disdain the entreaties of those of us who are in trial, but deliver
us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.