

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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time- June 13, 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)
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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...the smallest of all the seeds on the earth....

What can I do? I am only one person and I don't have the Faith of 'so and so....' I have 'doubts.' I have 'questions...' If this sounds familiar, have we got a Parable for you! Yup, Christ likens the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of things. The mustard seed is evocative of the Christian Faith because the small triggers transformation and victory. Some of the golfers of the tiniest stature hit the ball the farthest. Jim Turner kicked a tiny, 9-yard field goal in 1969 to win Super Bowl III for the Greatest Football Team Ever Assembled. Don Ho even reminded us of 'tiny bubbles,' the key to happiness. The point: little things produce the greatest outcomes. Even the Incarnate God began as a tiny seed. Back in 2002 when I had potential and promise, I was newly-ordained, chaperoning folks at World Youth Day Toronto. There, Saint John Paul II told us, 'even a tiny flame lifts the heavy lid of night. You are young, and the Pope is old, but he has lived through much darkness....but no difficulty can suffocate hope.' So, let people know, 'I have a mustard seed, and I am not afraid to use it!' Summon your Faith and unleash it! Tiny Faith does wonders. We need it! God bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Office of Youth Ministry

Youth Evening of Prayer and Adoration with Bishop

The next evening of prayer and adoration for the youth with Bishop Sweeney is coming up on Sunday, June 20 from 7 - 9 pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Morristown, New Jersey. ***No need for registration. Families are welcome.***

Schedule:

- 7 pm – Mass with Bishop Kevin
- 8 pm – Witness Talks
- 8:15 pm – Holy Hour with Praise and Worship
- 9 pm – Benediction and Announcements



- June 14 – Saint Albert Chmielowski**
Javier and Jorge Berrio
- June 15 – Saint Marguerite d'Youville**
People of the Parish
- June 16 – Saint John Francis Regis**
Special Intention for Phil Barrett
- June 17 – Saint Joseph Cafasso**
Special Intention
- June 18 – Venerable Matt Talbot**
All Souls
- June 19 – Saint Romuald**
Donna Buchner
- June 20 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8 am – Mike Murphy
11 am – Joaquim D'Souza
Thomas Hoffman



Mass Cards – Online Request Form

As a reminder, to help streamline things you can request a Mass intention and/or 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.



Updated Mass Protocols

On May 28, Bishop Sweeney issued updated protocols for liturgical celebrations in light of Governor Murphy's recent announcements:

- Occupancy restrictions for social distancing have been lifted, and masks are not required for those who are vaccinated.
- We will continue to block off some pews on the outer sections of our church for anyone who may not yet be comfortable worshipping without masks and social distancing. **Kindly do not sit in those seats unless you wear a mask and keep distance from others in those sections.** Please be considerate of those who may be particularly vulnerable to illness, or are returning to Mass for the first time in months or may not otherwise be comfortable.
- Anyone who would still like to wear a mask is welcome to do so.
- We will continue to make hand sanitizer available.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time, and everyone is encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- We'll continue to have a basket in the back of the church rather than taking a collection during Mass.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to do our best to comply with all guidelines and keep everyone as safe and comfortable as possible.



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>



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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://stthommore.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!

2021 3-MONTH CALENDAR RAFFLE



**40
CHANCES
TO
WIN!**

**\$5,300
IN PRIZES**

ANNOUNCING:

Parish Calendar Raffle with 40 Chances to Win!

As we happily reach the point of more fully reopening our church, we're excited to announce a new fundraising effort to help address the impact of decreased attendance and collections over this past year. Each weekend after Mass you can purchase a raffle ticket that will give you not one but FORTY chances to win, from July through September! Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses and can also be purchased by returning the order form sent to all parishioners in the mail, together with your payment. Tickets are 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50. More details can be found in the ticket brochure. Another use we hope to make of the raffle proceeds is exploring the possibility of finally embarking upon a project that has been talked about for many years at this parish—converting the rectory to a parish center. Although we're still at the very early stages in discussing this potential transformation, we'd like to use some of the proceeds to explore it further.

Thank you for your consideration of this fundraising endeavor-- and GOOD LUCK!



A Moment of Prayer for the Week...

Holy Spirit Prayer of Saint Augustine

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

**You can read more about St. Augustine by
[clicking here.](#)**



Scripture Group Meetings

At the next Scripture Group Meeting about "**The Life of Jesus**" the group will be viewing and discussing the video:

John Prepares the Way: Baptism of Jesus

This session covers the story of Jesus's baptism in Jordan River. Dr. Scott Duvall guides us through this monumental teaching of the ministry of John the Baptist and his baptism of Jesus. We will learn why it was so significant that John's ministry began in the desert and why it was so scandalous that he asked his fellow Jews to repent for their sins. We discover key lessons about the balance between God's grace and forgiveness and confession and cleanliness.

All are welcome to join at 7:00 pm on Tuesday June 22nd in the parish office basement meeting room. For further information please call or email Frank Miles at 973-538-6554 or lexan@ix.netcom.com.



Donate Food Through YouGiveGoods:

<https://yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2021>

Find your parish and click “shop.” Each parish is listed with its own set of unique items to help meet Catholic Charities great needs. All goods ordered online will be shipped directly to our three diocesan food pantries after the drive concludes - Father English Center (Paterson), Hope House (Dover) and the Partnership for Social Services (Franklin).

Make a Monetary Donation:

Visit www.ccpaterson.org/corpus to make a donation online which will be directly used to purchase food. You may also mail a check to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson - Corpus Christi Food Drive - 777 Valley Road - Clifton, NJ 07013.

Have Food Dropped off Directly at Catholic Charities:

We are encouraging virtual giving this year, but understand that there are certain individuals who are actively shopping and may want to work directly with our pantries. Please contact Catholic Charities directly to work out an in-person drive or to drop off food individually.

Email: Info@ccpaterson.org or call Karina Maria at 973-279-7100 Ext. 2038

Catholic Charities Food Pantry Director Carlos Roldan: 973-771-9485

Though this drive typically culminates on the Feast of the Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021, we are going to extend this endeavor this year through July to better help those most in need through the challenging summer months.

You may contact Catholic Charities Development Office with any additional questions at Info@ccpaterson.org or call (973) 279-7100 Ext. 2038.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities and our brothers and sisters in need!

URGENT NEED

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday June 16

11:00am-8:00pm

Rotary Clubs of Denville

Denville Municipal Building

(new site no longer at the Sr Center)

Community Room

1 St Mary's Place Denville

All donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card

to sign up: <https://nybc.org/newjerseydrive>

sponsor code 64293

or call 1-800-933-BLOOD(2566) or text Barb Pearson 732-616-8146

Please remember to bring your blood donor card and picture ID

DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

Please be aware that
we do NOT test for COVID-19.
You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.