

# *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.*

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time- June 20, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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)***  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 20, 2021**

*'...Quiet! Be still!'*

I am not good at that. But such is Jesus's command in the storms of life. Is He kidding me? Our culture is replete with rancor and division, name-calling and derision. Plus, the guy merging on Route 23 just flipped me off and the Chik-fil-A drive-thru line is ridiculous. I have trouble being quiet and settling my soul. The late songwriter and author Leonard Cohen once said, 'my own state of mind is very much like the waiting room at the DMV.' I totally get that: I am anxious about so many things. Plus, I once sang Cohen's *Hallelujah* at an open mic. People were visibly moved, never having heard anything like my rendition before. I thought I nailed it. Those people will never recover. Anywho, whether one is a world-famous, sought-after artist like me or Cohen, or a regular person in society, we know that quietude and stillness requires practice, discipline and faith. In a culture frenetically beholden to our electronic devices, a '24/7' news cycle, and a 'rush hour' that seems to last all day, Christ's command is a wellness check-- a call to faith, and health. His calming of the stormy sea directs us to improve our lives if we could do just that: *Quiet! Be still!* Learn to be still (thank you, Don Henley); do not be terrified. God is here. The storms of our lives are sometimes unexpected and sometimes self-inflicted. Your life might feel like the waiting room at the DMV. But whatever the source of the waves against you, be still and summon the Faith you profess each Sunday. Quiet yourself and all that accuses you. Someone is walking to you on the water.

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 21 - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga**  
Berrio and Gallego Families
- June 22 - Saint Thomas More**  
People of the Parish
- June 23 - Saint John Fisher**  
Special Intention
- June 24 - Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**  
Margaret O'Brien
- June 25 - Blessed Jutta of Thuringia**  
John Antonelli
- June 26 - Blessed Raymond Lull**  
Donald Canizares
- June 20 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8 am - Joseph LaRiccia, Jr.  
11 am - Michael Vacarro



***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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



### 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](mailto:lexan@ix.netcom.com).



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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](http://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. **Please note we are unable to email tickets, so if you previously mailed in an order form, your tickets will be available to pick up after all weekend Masses.** 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....***

In honor of the upcoming feast day this week of our patron saint, St. Thomas More, we pray the below prayer of his:

### **Give me the grace, Good Lord:**

To set the world at naught. To set the mind firmly on You and not to hang upon the words of men's mouths.

To be content to be solitary. Not to long for worldly pleasures. Little by little utterly to cast off the world and rid my mind of all its business.

Not to long to hear of earthly things, but that the hearing of worldly fancies may be displeasing to me.

Gladly to be thinking of God, piteously to call for His help. To lean into the comfort of God. Busily to labour to love Him.

To know my own vileness and wretchedness. To humble myself under the mighty hand of God. To bewail my sins and, for the purging of them, patiently to suffer adversity.

Gladly to bear my purgatory here. To be joyful in tribulations. To walk the narrow way that leads to life.

To have the last thing in remembrance. To have ever before my eyes my death that is ever at hand. To make death no stranger to me. To foresee and consider the everlasting fire of Hell. To pray for pardon before the judge comes.

To have continually in mind the passion that Christ suffered for me. For His benefits unceasingly to give Him thanks.

To buy the time again that I have lost. To abstain from vain conversations. To shun foolish mirth and gladness. To cut off unnecessary recreations.

Of worldly substance, friends, liberty, life and all, to set the loss at naught, for the winning of Christ.

To think my worst enemies my best friends, for the brethren of Joseph could never have done him so much good with their love and favour as they did him with their malice and hatred.

These minds are more to be desired of every man than all the treasures of all the princes and kings, Christian and heathen, were it gathered and laid together all in one heap.

Amen.

***You can read more about our great patron [here](#).***



## A Father's Day Reflection

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the incredible gift of our fathers who have watched over and protected us from the days before they'd ever seen the first hint of our smiles to the times when we thought we were too "grown up" to need them but they knew better and secretly watched over us anyway...

Thank you for the gentle guidance our fathers have given and the countless sacrifices they've made without hesitation, for the joy they've brought with jokes we dismissed as corny but laughed at when they weren't looking, and for every moment we've been blessed to spend in their strong embrace that left no doubt of how much we were loved...

Thank you for all of our grandfathers, Godfathers, stepfathers and all others who have shown us a father's strength, love and protection and never asked for a single thing in return...

Thank you for all fathers-to-be and those hoping to someday be fathers. May they be guided and strengthened along their journey and blessed with happy, healthy children that will remind them by their presence each day what a precious gift life is and how very lucky we are just to be a part of it...

We also ask Your special blessing upon all of those for whom today is a difficult day—those whose fathers are no longer with them, fathers who have suffered the heartbreaking loss of a child, those who want so much to be parents but for whom parenthood may not be part of Your plan. May they know and feel Your comfort this day and may their hurting hearts be healed.

And we thank you especially for always and ever being the ultimate example to us of a Father's love. May we never cease appreciating such an incredible miracle or striving each day to find new ways to share it with those around us.

Amen.

*Wishing a Blessed Father's Day to All!!*



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**Corpus Christi**  
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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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!