

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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- June 27, 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)
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 27, 2021**

'...If I but touch His clothes, I shall be cured...'

Wait. What happened with the daughter of the synagogue official? Jairus's daughter was gravely ill, but we're left with a cliffhanger as that story is interrupted by the woman with the hemorrhage. It's the Gospel version of the Heidi Game (Jets vs. Raiders. C'mon, people, if you don't know that reference, look it up.). The account of Christ's raising of the little girl from the dead is pre-empted by long-term suffering in real time: A woman who bled for years sought the Divine Physician and touched Him. And, instantly, life is returned to her. Although she was considered unclean, she did not hide from healing. At the recent Catholic Charities Golf Outing, where I played horribly and lost at least nine golf balls, I saw my dentist who also participated (He played well. But I am not bitter.). My dentist is an awesome guy who also devotes a great deal of his practice to charity. Plus, I celebrated his son's wedding! But when I saw him, I wanted to avoid him as I have not been to the dentist for a long while. I felt shame because I was unclean and I wanted to hide. Crazy, right? The desperate woman in the Gospel rushes toward healing while the guy way overdue for a cleaning and more hides from it. The difference? The woman goes to Jesus despite her fear. That's grace. God's initiative overcomes our paralysis and therein lies our eternal health. Take the risk of Christ, as He did on you. I am a good flosser, though. No, seriously, I am.

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



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

This Friday, July 2, we will be having Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. All are welcome!



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 or complete our online Mass request.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

June 28 - Saint Irenaeus

Ruth Gallego

June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul

Joanne O'Connell Thompson

Terry Manelski

June 30 - First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Richard Anderson

July 1 - Saint Junipero Serra

Joseph Murphy

July 2 - Saint Oliver Plunkett

People of the Parish

July 3 - Saint Thomas

Sandy Clyde

July 4 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Theresa Gallagher

11 am - Marlene Sitter

Jack Anderson

Joan Morgan and Marion Codd



Mass Cards - Online Request Form

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

8th Annual SCC Golf Outing

Thursday, September 30, 2021
 Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club
 Livingston, NJ

Questions? Contact Elaine Thornberry at:

sccmissionadvancement@gmail.com

Registration, Driving Range Open: 10:00-11:00 AM

Brunch Served: 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Shotgun Start (Scramble format): 1:00 PM

Reception/Dinner Buffet, Awards: 5:30 PM

Individual golfers, foursomes and sponsors are welcome. Golf prizes will be awarded. For further information or to register online, go to: www.sceast.org/golf-outing.



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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**

REMINDER:

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...

Some prayerful reflections as we enjoy the sunny, summer days!

PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.

AMEN

From Marquette University Prayer Resources:

<https://www.marquette.edu/faith/prayer-for-summer.php>



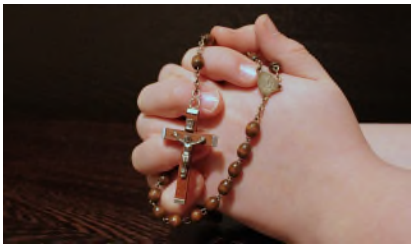
Upcoming Events at St. Paul Inside the Walls

Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage

All are welcome and encouraged to partake in the Go 2 St. Joe Pilgrimage hosted by the Diocese of Paterson to celebrate the year of St. Joseph. To participate, visit insidethewalls.org/go2stjoe and print the pilgrimage passport. You then have until December 8th to visit 7 of the 11 locations listed on the passport. Full details can be found on the website.

The Joy of Love & Family Conference

The Diocese of Paterson, in collaboration with the other four Roman Catholic Archdioceses in New Jersey, will sponsor "The Joy of Love & Family," a conference series in celebration of the Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis. Beginning on June 24, the series of free talks will premiere over six months, covering topics for every stage of family life. More information, including the full speaker line up and talk titles, is available on www.lightingheartsonfire.org, where you can also sign up to receive notifications. Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages @dioceseofpaterson for continued updates!



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.



8th Annual
Corpus Christi
FOOD DRIVE
Creating hope in a Crisis

Supporting Catholic Charities Food Pantries
Father English • Hope House • PSS

www.ccpaterson.org/corpus

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!