

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- July 18, 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)
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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‘Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock...says the Lord.’

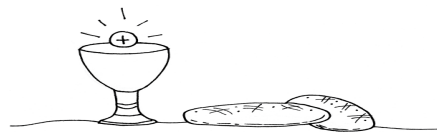
Ouch. The Prophet Jeremiah utters the biblical iteration of, ‘you just wait until your father gets home...’ Yeah, in different era, no kid wanted to hear those words. Once, Frankie DePalo and I tried to have a bar-b-que in his basement using the pilot light of his parents’ furnace. True story. Hey, I was 8 years old. But then I heard, ‘Wait until your father gets home...’ Boy, Mrs. DePalo was *really* mad and I didn’t appreciate her tone of voice. This is why I am fighting for legislation to make it illegal for little kids to put Lincoln Logs in a furnace to make a bar-b-que. Anywho, Jeremiah’s scathing condemnation speaks to crises in leadership throughout history to our very day. The Prophet calls out the shepherds who abuse the very people they self-righteously claim to serve. It is perplexing, right? How do American public servants who tout moral authority in solidarity with the poor amass indescribable wealth? Like Jeremiah, we plainly observe some leaders who profit from their deep conviction toward social justice. For some prominent figures, advocacy for racial justice is obviously quite lucrative for them. Even within the Body of Christ, we know that some shepherds exchange some commitments for living well. We are told, from Jeremiah to Christ Who observes the sheep without a shepherd, that leadership is a calling, not a career. How do lowly minions like us address this leadership vacuum? Well, we can pray, *Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done...* Many leaders find this disconcerting for it means their self-service will one day submit to the Author of all. *One day, the Lord Himself, will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the Lord...*

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 or complete our online Mass request.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

- July 19 – Saint Mary MacKillop**
Father Dominick Scallero
- July 20 – Saint Apollinaris**
People of the Parish
- July 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi**
Father Ray Conlin
- July 22 – Saint Mary Magdelene**
Richard Anderson
- July 23 – Saint Bridget of Sweden**
Robert Bonar
- July 24 – Saint Sharbel Makhlof**
Perry Neilson
- July 25 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8 am – Pat Schell
11 am – Bob Bass



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, Gloria Souchuk, Flynn Sullivan 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.

2021 3-MONTH CALENDAR RAFFLE



40
CHANCES
TO
WIN!

\$5,300
IN PRIZES

As a reminder, 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 are 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50. More details can be found in the ticket brochure.

Congratulations to last week's winners!!

\$100 Prize - Remia Arenas

\$100 Prize - Paddy and Marilyn Kiernan

\$100 Prize - Barbara Noud

Remember, even if you win, your ticket still goes back in for all of the future drawings!



St. Therese Corner - July 2021

The discussion/prayer group will be having its monthly meeting this Wednesday evening, July 21, at 7 pm in the upper meeting room of the rectory as last. We will be reviewing the first two chapters of her autobiography "Story Of A Soul", available at Amazon. For more info, please contact Al Olivier at email: omnipak@msn.com or text: 973-978-4846.

"I do not know what more I could have in Heaven than I already have on earth, except that I shall see God. As for being with him, I am that always, even here on earth."

St Therese of Lisieux



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!



Reminder- Current Mass Protocols

- 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.



Sisters of Christian Charity

MALLINCKRODT CONVENT, MENDHAM, NJ

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.



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!



A Moment of Prayer for the Week...

As we are all so often pulled in so many directions, racing through our daily lives, we turn to our Lord for focus and calm:

Slow Me Down

Slow me down, Lord!

Ease the pounding of my heart

By the quieting of my mind.

Steady my harried pace

With a vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me,

Amidst the confusions of my day,
The calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tensions of my nerves

With the soothing music

Of the singing streams

That live in my memory.

Help me to know

The magical power of sleep,

Teach me the art

Of taking minute vacations

Of slowing down

To look at a flower;

To chat with an old friend

Or make a new one;

To pet a dog;

To watch a spider build a web;

To smile at a child;

Or to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day

That the race is not always won by the swift;

That there is more to life

Than increasing its speed.

Let me look upward

Into the branches of the towering oak

And know that it grew great and strong

Because it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord,

And inspire me to send my roots deep

Into the soil of life's enduring values

That I may grow toward the stars

Of our greater destiny.

- Offered by Dave Johnson and Kyra Shahid; Written by
Orin L. Crain

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/calmness-prayers>



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!