

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- July 25, 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)
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25, 2021

Where can we buy enough food for them to eat....?

Kickin' flips, poppin' wheelies and making mean karaoke: That's just what I do. It's my calling card. But the question posed to Christ alights the elemental ache of the human condition that longs to be addressed and resolved. Of course I made some awesome moves at the former Roller-World in Rockaway, NJ, when they played *Private Eyes* by Hall and Oates. Yes, people were impressed. Yes, there were Breck shampoo contract offers. But my being super-awesome will never bring me happiness. The fact is that true joy only comes when we address the question posed to Christ. Every human person (even the atheist in our family) knows that our shared fundamental wound can only be cauterized by God. In the multiplication of the loaves and fish, Jesus addresses the human cause. **Communion** is our deepest need, which is satiated only in His very Presence. Why is Mass attendance in the US at 20 percent? Well, there are many theories. But we cannot escape our deepest desire this side of Heaven. Let us present our paltry loaves and fish to the Lord so that he can make a superabundance of our need. You will find it to be more than you can eat! In the words of the great Flannery O'Connor, 'God desires to feed me, and what I am praying for is an appetite....'

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.



Updates to Mass Schedule

We are happy to announce that starting in August (that is, August 3), we will be resuming the public 8:15 am Tuesday Mass. In addition, the 7 pm Sunday Mass will be returning after Labor Day (that is, Sunday, September 12).



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

- July 26 - Saints Joachim and Anne**
Bridget Cryan
- July 27 - Blessed Antonio Lucci**
Anne Morrison
- July 28 - Blessed Stanley Rother**
Special Intention for Thomas Berro
- July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**
Michael LaCosta, Sr.
- July 30 - Blessed Solanus Casey**
Berrio and Tobon Families
- July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola**
Perry Neilson
- August 1 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8 am - Mike Murphy
11 am - Rev. Gregory Green



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, 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**



**\$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 - Rich Donaldson

\$100 Prize - Walter Kobin

\$100 Prize - Mike McCoy

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



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.



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.

5 Tips for a Spiritual Summer

Taken from *Busted Halo* (<https://bustedhalo.com/life-culture/5-tips-for-a-spiritual-summer>)

The sights and sounds of summer can instantly offer a “refresh” moment in our lives. Fresh air, sunny skies, and warmer temperatures invite us outdoors! The more relaxed and less-hectic (we hope!) pace of the summer months also gives us a chance to slow down, reflect, and reconnect with ourselves, our friends, and yes, even God! Here are five tips for making the most of this time of year.

1. Vacation church search- Rather than taking a vacation from church, make church an exciting part of your vacation by celebrating Mass somewhere new. While on vacation, make it a point to find an old, popular, or interesting place of worship nearby. If you're in the tropics, search for an open-air church. If you're vacationing on the East Coast, check out a historical church. If you're opting for a stay-cation this summer and sticking close to home, visit a new parish in your community. You never know where you will find inspiration!

2. Rekindle your spark- Plan a backyard or beach bonfire with family, close friends, or by yourself! Relax. Roast some marshmallows and make s'mores. When you're comfortable, reflect on the aspects of your life where you're succeeding. Congratulate yourself with another s'more! Then, think about what's holding you back. Write down a list of those things that are keeping you from being the person God wants you to be and throw the list into the fire, burning the paper to mark a fresh start.

3. Stop to smell the roses- Take time to appreciate God's world around you. Walk barefoot in the grass or on the beach. Swim in a natural pond, lake, or the ocean. Sit under a beautiful old tree or go for a hike. And while you're in nature, spend some one-on-one time with God. Share your gratitude for the gifts in your life, including the gifts of nature and the environment, and enjoy your time surrounded by God's beautiful creations.

4. Write it down- Start a Summer Spiritual Journal. Each day, record moments when you feel close to God and moments when God feels further away in your daily life. Writing them down will help you reflect on these times and may bring to light new moments of strength or challenge in your faith. In addition to your personal reflections, write down quotes, phrases, or Scripture that are meaningful and relevant to you at that moment. You might remember something you've read or heard from a friend during the day. In doing so, you may find new ways to think about your daily interactions with God and others.

5. Class it up- Take a class or go on a retreat to rejuvenate your spirit. Find a summer Bible study or discussion group in your parish or community. Sign up for an art class to feed your creative side. Have you always wanted to learn a musical instrument? Now is your time to give it a try. Or take a cooking class to improve your culinary skills. At the end of the summer, show off your newfound talents to friends and family by playing some music or hosting a dinner party. If you have an unplanned long weekend, find a religious retreat near you or visit one of these locations and have your own personal retreat that might include journaling (read #4 above), a favorite prayer, and reading cherished Scripture or other spiritual texts in order to reconnect with God.

By Amy Snopek, Originally published May 27, 2016.



A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

As we prepare to honor St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, this upcoming week, we pray:

Prayer of Saint Ignatius

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my whole will, all that I have and all that I possess. You gave it all to me, Lord; I give it all back to you. Do with it as you will, according to your good pleasure. Give me your love and your grace; for with this I have all that I need.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola

<https://www.providence.org/about/providence-archives/history-online/mother-joseph-of-the-sacred-heart/her-last-days/prayer-of-st-ignatius#:~:text=%22Take%2C%20Lord%2C%20receive%20all,acording%20to%20your%20good%20pleasure>



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.

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE!!!



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!