

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 1, 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 through 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)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 1, 2021

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger....

I recently returned from flying in space with the Blue Origin crew, and boy are my arms tired. It was great to hang out with Jeff Bezos and Wally Funk. Ok, none of that is true. I am a wimp and therefore could never enter a rocket ship (or whatever that fancy contraption was) to leave Earth's atmosphere. But in our day, it seems many folks want an 'Oprah Interview' moment to 'tell their truth.' Luckily for us, the Gospel reminds us that Truth not subjective. In fact, Truth is a Person. Jesus doubles down right after He multiplies the five loaves and the few fish, declaring that He is the Bread of Life. Christ is immutable, the same yesterday, today, and forever. *Christ is the answer to the question that is every human life*, so said St. John Paul II. In these times when we try our best to 'follow the science,' which seems malleable, it is good to know that there is Truth moored in our being. It is Christ. Remember when you could call customer service and speak with a human person? Call me crazy, but there was something reassuring about that (this column may be recorded for quality assurance). The Bread of Life discourse is a great relief! Truth is a Person, unchanging and always on offer for our eternal Salvation.

God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

This Friday, August 6, we will be having Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. All are welcome!



August 2 - Saint Euseblus of Vercelli

Ann Alvarez

August 3 - Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Frank Pulcio

August 4 - Saint John Vianney

Special Intention

August 5 - Dedication of Saint Mary Major

Special Intention

August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord

All Souls

August 7 - Saint Cajetan

Special Intention

Hubie O'Toole

August 8 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Donny Allieri

11 am - Vincent Gagliardi

Clyde Imagna

Maryann Granello

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in remembrance of Thomas Briscoe.



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.



Updates to Mass Schedule

We are happy to announce that starting this week (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).

2021 3-MONTH CALENDAR RAFFLE



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 - Corinne Butler
- \$100 Prize - Patricia Collins
- \$100 Prize - Don Rodgers

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



Interested in Becoming a Member of Saint Thomas More?

We are so glad that you are considering becoming a part of our Saint Thomas More parish family! We look forward to seeing you at Mass and welcoming you into our community. Our updated registration form can be found at <https://stmnj.org/membership-information>. You can simply complete the questions on that page and hit "Submit." If you have any problems using the form for any reason, please send an email to info@stmnj.org and we'll be happy to help.



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.



***Save the Date – Rosary Rally for our Nation
October 10, 2021***

Our Diocese's participation in this year's Rosary Rally for our Nation will again travel from St. Paul Inside the Walls to St. Thomas More. Bishop Sweeney will be joining in this beautiful procession. More details will follow as we get closer. But save the date – Sunday, October 10!



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.



A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

As the 2020 Olympics continue in Tokyo, we look back at a prayer Saint Pope John Paul II offered for athletes back in 2000:

Saint John Paul II's Prayer for Athletes

O Christ, we fix our gaze on you, who offer every person the fullness of life. Lord, you heal and strengthen those who, trusting in you, accept your will.

Today, during the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, athletes throughout the world are gathered here in spirit, above all to renew their faith in you, man's only Savior.

And those, like the athlete, who are at the peak of their strength recognize that without you, O Christ, they are inwardly like the blind man, incapable, that is, of seeing the full truth, of understanding the deep meaning of life, especially when faced with the darkness of evil and death.

Even the greatest champion finds himself defenseless before the fundamental questions of life and needs your light to overcome the demanding challenges that a human being is called to face.

Lord Jesus Christ, help these athletes to be your friends and witnesses to your love. Help them to put the same effort into personal asceticism that they do into sports; help them to achieve a harmonious and cohesive unity of body and soul.

May they be sound models to imitate for all who admire them. Help them always to be athletes of the spirit, to win your inestimable prize: an imperishable crown that lasts forever.

Amen!

- St. John Paul II

<https://aleteia.org/2021/07/28/st-john-paul-iis-prayer-for-athletes/>



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as part of *our* flock