

# *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.*

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 8, 2021*

## **Parish Staff**

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Music Director

Frank Miles  
Trustee

Mary Murphy  
Trustee

## ***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](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)**  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 8, 2021**

*And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ...*

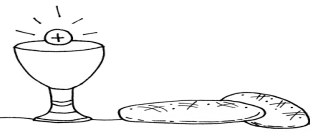
How's that for burying the lead a bit, eh? Kind to one another? Sounds pretty reasonable. Compassionate? I might be able to manage that. Forgiving one another? Even making some progress on that one-- I mean, I *did* let that guy who cut me off on Rt. 287 the other day go with only an "advisory" glance. *As God has forgiven you in Christ?* Uh-oh. My dad's sage advice just might've been right after all (but don't tell him I said that!); perhaps it *does* always pay to read the fine print! Especially in today's world where gentleness and mercy frequently seem to take a back seat to criticism and blame, this sounds like a pretty tough ask. Our culture often dilutes forgiveness, because forgiveness recognizes that we are all debtors. And reminders of debt are not pleasant. Maybe that's why folks have told me over the years that they don't want to look at a Crucifix that is "too graphic." But eradicating debt is a task of life. Mortgages, student loans, credit cards...although recently, my credit card company let me know that I qualified for their flexible payment option. Yup. Can anyone say, "rectory big screen TV for all Jets games!!"??? But this is a company's self-interested promotion of debt reduction. God's command to forgiveness, on the other hand, as referenced by St. Paul and embodied in Jesus Christ, calls us to selflessness. Almost precisely in the mid-point of Mass we proclaim, shoulder-to-shoulder, the harrowing lines, *forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*. None of us can save ourselves. The bread that He gives is His *flesh for the life of the world*. It is in that "graphic" Crucifix that we have been saved; it is His Blood in which our robes are cleansed. We are called to the same selflessness of God, remembering the debt we share with one another. Thank goodness God has such a long-term plan for forgiveness of our great indebtedness. He sees to it that strengthened by the Bread of Life, we, like Elijah, will have strength for the journey, strength to be imitators of Christ after all.

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



**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](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org) or complete our online Mass request form.



**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

- August 9 – Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**  
Deacon Tony Chiocco
- August 10 – Saint Lawrence**  
Donna Buchner
- August 11 – Saint Claire of Assisi**  
Emily Critchley
- August 12 – Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**  
Anne Morrison
- August 13 – Blessed Michael J. McGivney**  
Rev. Patrick Rice
- August 14 – Saint Maximillian Mary Kolbe**  
Ida Romaniello
- August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8 am – Mike Murphy  
Terry Manelski  
11 am – Michael Manley



**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, 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](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org).

# 2021 3-MONTH CALENDAR RAFFLE



**40  
CHANCES  
TO  
WIN!**

**\$5,300  
IN PRIZES**

## *Our Parish Raffle Continues!*

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 - Anthony Penizotto**

**\$100 Prize - Mary Ann Wielkoszewski**

*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](mailto: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](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!**



## **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

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## 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](http://www.sceast.org/golf-outing).*



### A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

*This week we take a look at a short prayer we can say each day to thank God for providing Bread for our daily and life-long journey:*

#### Daily Prayer - Lord Jesus, You are the Bread of Life

Lord Jesus, you are the bread of life, the manna which sustains us in the desert of our daily lives.

Without You, we hunger for righteousness but will forever be found wanting.

Sustain us, O Lord, and keep us in Your graces through the vessel of Your Most Holy Body and Blood.

Amen.

*By Catholic Digest, August 12, 2018*

<http://www.catholicdigest.com/faith/daily-prayer/daily-prayer-lord-jesus-you-are-the-bread-of-life/>



### *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!

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as part of *our* flock