

# *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.*

*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15, 2021*

## **Parish Staff**

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Trustee

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Trustee

## ***Celebration of the Eucharist***

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am [7:00 pm from Labor Day through Memorial Day, with the exception of holiday weekends]

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)***  
**Solemnity of the Assumption of  
 the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**August 15, 2021**

*....the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy....*

Mary had quite the summer. She stopped in on her cousin, Elizabeth, who was expectant with John the Baptist. The cousins were originally getting an Airbnb but they wound up getting a bungalow in the hill country in the town of Judah which was highly rated on Yelp. Plus, included were free WiFi and vouchers for the Applebee's. Anywho, like our Lady, I, too, made my post-pandemic lockdown rounds: I saw my parents in Vero (where I had to bid a tearful goodbye to our beloved dog). Then I went to Tokyo to demonstrate my athletic prowess in the 400 Meter and the Weightlifting in competition for a gold medal. After that, I attended a star-studded birthday party at Martha's Vineyard, and finally, I enjoyed the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show in Augusta. Well, ok, I'll admit, only two of those things actually happened. But you get the point, no matter where we may have been or will be on this earth: The Solemnity of the Assumption points to the destiny promised in our own bodies. Mary's visit says 'my life is not about me.' Mary's life is a Magnificat. The most fulfilled person in body and soul is a female. Some folks should take note: the greatest after God is a woman. Make your rounds, and celebrate the Dogma of the Assumption, remembering in the words of Flannery O'Connor, *Christian dogma is about the only thing left in this world that surely guards and respects mystery.....*

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.



**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

- August 16 – Saint Stephen of Hungary**  
Glenn Mount
- August 17 – Saint Joan of the Cross**  
Father Gene Romano
- August 18 – Saint Louis of Toulouse**  
Donny Allieri
- August 19 – Saint John Eudes**  
Bob Bass
- August 20 – Saint Bernard of Clairvaux**  
Sandy Clyde
- August 21 – Saint Pius X**  
Elba "Sonia" Rangel  
Pauline Falcone
- August 22 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8 am – Todd Wharton  
11 am – Bridget Cyran



***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**

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 - Thomas Connor**

**\$100 Prize - Karen Cutaneo**

**\$100 Prize - Lee Anne Nugent**

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



***From St. Paul Inside the Walls -  
Thank you to Fr. Pawel Tomczyk***

All are welcome to outdoor Mass this Sunday, August 15, at 11am to officially thank Fr. Pawel Tomczyk for his years of service at St. Paul Inside the Walls. Fr Pawel will begin a new assignment at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University later this month. Although he will no longer be involved in Campus Ministry, Youth Ministry, RCIA or his other diocesan responsibilities, he will still be a presence at St. Paul's. Therefore, this Sunday's event isn't really a "goodbye," but rather a "thank you" for all he's done.



## ***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.



## Religious Education Help Needed

After years of serving our community, our longtime volunteer religious education coordinator, Teresa Thomas, has stepped down. Paul Critchley and Cathy Miller have graciously (and bravely!) jumped in to lead our Confirmation program, but we do still need someone to coordinate our small Kindergarten through 6th grade classes. We have access to a curriculum through the same program our Confirmation students will be using but need someone to take the lead and also recruit teachers. If any parents or others would be interested, please send an email to Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org) or call Tina in the parish office. Please note each person involved in religious education is required by the Diocese to pass a background check and obtain a Protecting God's Children Certificate. More information regarding the Protecting God's Children Program and how to register for an upcoming session can be found at: <https://rcdop.org/child-protection>. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of assisting in this vital ministry!



## Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1971 or 1996? If so, the Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to submit your registration to the parish office is Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*



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

Today we focus on the beautiful Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

### Novena Prayer for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven.

Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: (Mention your request).

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you.

Amen.

<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/assumption-of-Mary.html>



## Special Memorial Mass for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11, 2001

At 8:15 am on Saturday, September 11, we will celebrate a special Mass remembering all those lives lost on September 11, 2001, all those who bravely served on that day and the days to follow, all who continue to mourn, and our Great Nation that unites us after all. All are welcome to join us in gathering around the Table of the Lord as we honor this important anniversary.



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](mailto: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.scceast.org/golf-outing](http://www.scceast.org/golf-outing)***





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**Fellow Parishioners,**

August, 2021

We hope your summer is healthy and restful. We would like to bring to your attention that the George Washington Council 359 of Morristown, NJ will be honoring our Vietnam veterans on **October 2, 2021 with a BLUE MASS at 530 PM** followed by a **dinner dance reception at Springbrook Country Club.**

**Our own Bishop Kevin Sweeney, together with Msgr. John Hart** will co-celebrate the mass and attend the event at Springbrook CC. We will also have several distinguished heroes from that conflict, including **George Hanley- CEO Emeritus and founder of Welcome home Vietnam veterans of New Jersey, And Lt. Col. Jack Jacobs, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.**

**Lastly,** we will honor a **long time Assumption parishioner** and recognize him with the Knights lifetime achievement award at our dinner dance.

If **interested in taking an AD** for our journal, OR **attending the dinner dance**, please reach out to me as soon as possible. We will close the AD subscription during August, and we have various types of Ads for recognition. Tickets are \$150 per ticket and will be sold until we reach capacity.

Thank You for your consideration.

Respectfully Yours,

Vivat Jesus

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Grand Knight

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