

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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 22, 2021

Parish Staff

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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 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)
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22, 2021

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and His Church....

Ahhhhh the Classic Ephesians Chapter 5- St. Paul's discourse on the nuptial interactions of husbands and wives. Want to have some fun? Read Ephesians 5 out loud in your office break room, or in line at the DMV, or to the parents at the travel baseball game or at your kid's next Paw Patrol-themed birthday party. Then stand back and let the fun unfold. I was once at a parish where the lector would not even proclaim this reading as it offended her so much. Can you imagine what the Mass would look like if we chose not to read the parts of the Bible which made us uncomfortable? But in fact, St. Paul speaks of the 'mutual subordination of spouses to one another in love.' Christianity is a marriage, of which the husband and wife are icons. In short, the Church teaching on marriage reveals the relationship of Christ to His Church. And like all marriages, including many in families like mine who have experienced the trauma of divorce, there are pains. But St. Paul speaks *in reference to Christ and His Church...* The very word 'marriage' is manipulated today, making the most basic human structure a cause of division. Our Catholic President even presided over a 'same sex union,' and many loud voices are demanding that I accept androgyny as legitimate. This I cannot do. When I look out in the world in Faith, I see this is not so: I speak in reference to Christ and His Church. St. John Paul said it best: *humanity can only be described by duality.....!* Marriage speaks to God's desire for nuptial union with you!!!

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



Vivere Christus Award

Please join us in congratulating Jeanne Bass, the recipient of this year's Diocesan Vivere Christus Award from St. Thomas More. The name of the award is taken from the Latin phrase, "To live is Christ," found in St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (1:21). Each year, the Diocese honors recipients who have selflessly and faithfully responded to the call of missionary discipleship in our parishes and institutions. Jeanne Bass, in her many ministries over the years, embodies just that! Jeanne and the honorees will be celebrated at The Vivere Christus Award Ceremony at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Sunday, October 17, at 3 pm. All are most welcome to attend!



August 23 - Saint Rose of Lima

Jean Bistriz

August 24 - Saint Bartholomew

Helen McCarthy Enright

August 25 - Saint Louis of France

Special Intention for Lidia

August 26 - Saint Joseph Calasanz

R. Allen Simpson

August 27 - Saint Monica

Lena Scialla

August 28 - Saint Augustine of Hippo

Sr. Mary Joan Phillips

August 29 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Bill McGuire

11 am - Maureen Brodeur

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 form.



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**



**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 - Stan Grabowy

\$100 Prize - Lawrence Roscoe

\$100 Prize - Al and Lenore Villavecchia

\$500 Prize - Virginia McBride

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



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 25th or 50th 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 7th, 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 7th, 2021.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*



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.



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 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!

10 SIGNS OF A SAFE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

1. **Screening** of staff / volunteers.
2. Adults trained in **safe environment strategies** and **signs of abuse**.
3. **Code of conduct** enforced.
4. **Open Communication** between parents and staff / staff and children / children and parents.
5. **Parents** always **Welcome**.
6. Children educated in **right relationships** & what to do if a relationship isn't right.
7. All children treated with **Dignity and Respect**.
8. **Clear Rules and Expectations**, consistent reinforcement / consequences
9. **Adequate supervision of youth**, team approach—accountability—no 1:1 isolation
10. All **abuse** is **reported**.



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A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

As we remember St. Monica this week and her fervent prayers for her son, St. Augustine, we pray in a special way for all of those parents who worry and pray, in love, for their children:

Blessed Monica, mother of St. Augustine,
we give thanks to our Father in Heaven
Who looked with mercy upon your tears
over your wayward son.

His conversion and heroic sanctification
were the fruit of your prayers.

Dear St. Monica,
we now ask you to pray with us
for all those sons and daughters
that have wandered away from God,
and to add your prayers to those of all mothers
who are worried over their children.

Pray also for us that,
following your example, we may,
in the company of our children,
one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in
Heaven.

Amen.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/st-monica-prayer-6122>



Special Memorial Mass for the 20th 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

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





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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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