

# *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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 5, 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)***  
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 5, 2021**

*To those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!*

Ahhhh, Labor Day weekend, the colloquial ‘last shot’ of summer; the final push to don my swimmies, life vest and maximize my tan with inordinately over-priced tanning products. I actually have a skim board in my office. I only used it once, and I have a scar on my knee to prove it. But looking at the board makes me feel cool, like Sam Elliot, and it reminds me of summer. The return to school and work this year, however, brings both eagerness and fear among scores who spent the past year plus working from home and learning remotely. Now, I know what you’re asking. How does a Christian consider Labor Day while riding on the back of a jet-ski that flips over at full speed in the Long Island Sound (long story, but the last thing I heard was, ‘bro, hang on, we’re going to get some big air’)? Well, Labor Day marks the end of a season and the beginning of another. Such can well serve the observation of our Faith. It is a time to be thankful for all the hard work of those whose sacrifices have resulted in a better life for each of us; those who work more than one job at a time to provide for their families as well as those who are unable to find suitable labor. For the Christian, work is a grace through which we participate in God’s yet unfolding, creative act. As we remember those who work under harsh or abusive conditions or even the many toiling unemployed, it is good to take a step back and recall the ‘Gospel of Work,’ as reflected on by St. John Paul. It is the human dignity which gives labor value. Therein, our work is linked with the singularly redemptive labor of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Fire up that grill, be sure to operate your watercraft responsibly, and be strong, fearing not of the labors to come or sought for! Whence may come anxiety or eagerness, let us recount Gospel of Work.....

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



***Reminder - 7 pm Mass Resumes next Sunday!***

As previously announced, we will be resuming the 7 pm Sunday Mass next Sunday, September 12. It will continue on all Sundays (except holiday weekends) until Memorial Day Weekend. Please spread the word!



**September 6 - Blessed Claudio Granzotto**

Joseph DiSturco

**September 7 - Blessed Frédéric Ozanam**

Helen McCarthy Enright

**September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Teresa Gallagher

**September 9 - Saint Peter Claver**

Fe S. Ventura

**September 10 - Saint Thomas of Villanova**

Robert Milne

**September 11 - Saint Cyprian**

8:15 am- Robert C. Kennedy

Souls of all lost on September 11, 2001

5 pm - Stephen Galante

Robert C. Kennedy

Souls of all lost on September 11, 2001

**September 12 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am - Rogelio Villanueva, Sr.

11 am - Louise Underhill

7 pm - Mary Calandriello



***Mass Intentions***

If you would like to request that a Mass be said for a loved one, please email Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org), complete our online Mass request form at <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 for a card to allow adequate time for preparation. 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. Our Mass intentions are finalized at least one week in advance so unfortunately we may not always be able to accommodate last-minute requests.



***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**



***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 - Matthew Gamerdinger**

**\$100 Prize - Maureen Kennedy**

**\$100 Prize - Al Villavecchia**

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



**Religious  
Education**

***Last Call to Save our Religious Education  
Program for 2021!***

While one person has generously stepped up to help with our program, we need more people in order to make it happen. We have access to a curriculum through the same program our Confirmation students will be using but need catechists to help. If any parents or others are able to assist, 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. We would really hate to not be able to offer it to our parish's children this year!



***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.



### ***First Friday Eucharistic Adoration***

This Friday, September 3, we will be having Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. Whether you can come by for 5 minutes, 1 hour or more, all are welcome to take some quiet time out to spend with Jesus!



### ***Calling All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers!***

We appreciate all who have been serving since we restarted these ministries earlier this year. If you previously served as Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister but did not sign up to receive scheduling emails, rejoining the ministries is as easy as emailing Sue Marshall at [smarshall@stmnj.org](mailto:smarshall@stmnj.org). Flocknote emails and texts with the sign-up links are sent towards the end of each month for the following month. If you haven't been receiving them, please let Sue know. Also, if you would like to join either ministry for the first time, please shoot us an email so we can schedule an orientation and get you on board. Thank you!



### ***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....***

*As we celebrate Labor Day in this Year of St. Joseph, we seek his intercession each day:*

### ***Prayer Before Work to St. Joseph the Worker***

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor,

obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins;

to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations;

to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God;

to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials;

to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in *life and in death. Amen.*

*(Composed by Pope St. Pius X)*

<https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/prayers/>



### ***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.



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# PASSAIC COUNTY VETERANS' WORKSHOP

## **CRISIS TO WHOLENESS:**

### NAVIGATING YOUR NETWORK OF SUPPORT

AN INFORMATION AND RESOURCE PROGRAM FOR ALL VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021

**8:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.**

PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY  
300 OLDHAM ROAD, WAYNE, NJ 07470

**DD-214 RECORDING AND  
VETERAN ID PROCESSING  
AVAILABLE**

**ALL COVID-19 SAFETY  
PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN  
EFFECT**

For more information and to RSVP by October 15 please contact:  
Louis Imhof, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners  
(973) 881-4412  
[louisi@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:louisi@passaiccountynj.org)

This program is recommended for ages 18 and up; some of the subject matter discussed may not be suitable for children.



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)***





**Knights of Columbus**  
**George Washington Council 359**  
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973-267-9175 koc359.org



**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

*WC Duggan, Jr.*  
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Grand Knight

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