

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 12, 2021

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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 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

But who do you say that I Am?

Uh-oh. Jesus's halftime speech calls us to task. This is a gut check. He asks those who have walked with Him and seen His miracles and healings, 'whaddya got?' (That's in the original Aramaic, of course.) Well, Who *do* we think Jesus is? This is the fundamental question for any culture, one that thankfully redirects us from our self-focus. So what is the answer? Well, Jesus is Someone who did not have many Facebook friends. Jesus did not have a lot of 'subscribers' or followers on social media. We do know that even those who did 'like' and 'share' His posts eventually abandoned Him in the end. In full knowledge of this, God still sent His Only Son to assume our nature to restore our humanity for divinity. *This is Who Jesus Is. Christ is the Answer to the question that is every human life*, as St. John Paul II said. Today's Gospel interrogates us just as Harvard University hires a self-professed atheist as its new head chaplain (I know, I know, that sounds made up, right?). The new chaplain feels that when faced with the questions of life, 'we are each other's answers.' Best of luck with that campus ministry program. It seems a 'chaplain' should guide us, by definition, in the fundamental questions. It's hard to imagine a day on our calendar that cries out for answers more than the one we faced yesterday. As we reflect on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks, we recall those lost for simply calling America home. On this somber memorial, the Living Word helps provide us with the direction and strength and hope we seek. Christ's question is answered in our first reading: *The Lord God is my help and therefore I am not disgraced. I have set my face like flint knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near Who upholds my right. If anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. See the Lord God is my help...*

The Lord God is indeed our help. Yours and mine and our Great Nation's. Who do you say that He is?

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

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. 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!



- MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**
- September 13 – Saint John Chrysostom**
People of the Parish
 - September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Monsignor J. Francis Feenan
 - September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows**
Henry and Dorothy Fallone
 - September 16 – Saint Cornelius**
Mary Jane Milway
 - September 17 – Saint Robert Bellarmine**
Special Intention
 - September 18 – Saint Joseph of Cupertino**
5 pm - Cindy Meyers
 - September 19 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8 am - Hubie O'Toole
11 am - Frank and Gladys Tangel
7 pm - Anne Morrison



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, 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.

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 - Gene Nostrame
\$100 Prize - Brian Stone
\$500 Prize - Ellen Fraumann

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



Attention Confirmation Students and Parents!

Just a reminder that our first class will be Sunday, September 26 at 5 pm in the church. You should have received an email with information regarding the program and preparing for class. If you did not, please reach out to Cathy Miller at miller.cathy@gmail.com. Thank you.



Villa Walsh Academy Open Houses

*Offered Sunday, October 3, 2021 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
and Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM!*

Known for its faith-based academic excellence, first-rate sports programs and the strong and lasting bond of sisterhood, a VWA education inspires young women to grow confidently in mind, body and spirit to make a positive difference in the world. For further details, and to register for the Open Houses visit our website at www.villawalsh.org/admissions.

Discover the Villa Walsh Academy difference!



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.



Scripture Study Group

All are welcome to join the STM Scripture Study Group meeting on Tuesday September 21st at 3:00 PM in the church. Our program is based on the video, "The Wild Goose" about the work of the Holy Spirit. The initial segment of the video is about:

"God's Love Poured Out"

Following the video we will share how this aspect of the Holy Spirit's activity affects our own lives and faith. For further information or questions, call Frank Miles at 973-538-6554 or email to lexan@ix.netcom.com.



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!*



Sisters of Christian Charity
MALLINCKRODT CONVENT, MENDHAM, NJ

A Request from the Sisters of Christian Charity

The Sisters of Christian Charity are looking for an evening RN to coordinate and oversee the care plan of their Sisters. They are looking for a compassionate person with a strong work ethic. BSN required with a minimum of three years in long-term care. Please contact Eileen Davis, Business Manager at bus.manager@sceast.org or 973-230-5368 if interested or for more information.



A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

During this Twentieth Anniversary of September 11, 2001, we pray and reflect as we remember...



*Remembering it over and over,
my soul is downcast.*

*But this I will call to mind;
therefore I will hope:*

The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted,

His compassion is not spent;

*They are renewed each morning—
great is your faithfulness!*

*The Lord is my portion, I tell myself,
therefore I will hope in Him.*

*The Lord is good to those who trust in Him,
to the one that seeks Him*

Lamentations 3:20-25

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful

departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Eva's Village



Believe in a Better Tomorrow

November 4, 2021
Annual Benefit Gala

Please join us for a cocktail reception and seated dinner!

6:00 pm, Thursday, November 4
The Grove in Cedar Grove, NJ

Our Annual Benefit Gala raises awareness and vital funding for our life-saving and life-changing programs that serve thousands of men, women and children each year. **This year we will celebrate those who have achieved better tomorrows** through our programs that address basic needs for food and shelter, as well as complex issues around addiction, mental illness, and chronic homelessness.

Our Honorees:

Bishop Kevin Sweeney, Diocese of Paterson, *Where Hope Begins Award*
Eva's Village Frontline Workers, *The Monsignor Puma Award*
St. Joseph's Health Frontline Workers, *The Community Service Award*

[Click here](#) to view an invitation. To RSVP and purchase tickets, [click here](#).

For more information, please contact:
Joey Mazza, Eva's Village Special Events Manager
973-314-1352.

Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.



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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

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

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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