

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 3, 2021

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am and 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3, 2021**

But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female...

I wish Jesus would get with the times. His explanation to the Pharisees is just so antiquated, making one even feel a little embarrassment for Jesus, Who clearly does not seem to realize that our language and laws have evolved to recognize and codify many genders. With His hubris, our culture would well summon Jesus to HR for sensitivity training. Even in my own case, my preferred pronouns are ‘Awesome Sauce,’ ‘Legend’ or ‘The Kraken’ (I will also respond to ‘Tony Manero’ with whom I identify from Saturday Night Fever. Now that’s a long story, but my doctor is closely monitoring my situation). Anywho, Jesus Christ corrals our current linguistic chaos by calling us to contingency. That means, making us remember that we are all created *ex nihilo*, out of nothing, in God Who is the very act of love. From Genesis to the Gospel of Mark and beyond, we read that humanity presumes complementarity and duality: there is a divine purpose in the two genders. As we commence this Respect Life Month, today’s readings gently remind our confused populace that *human dignity is mediated by marriage and the family* (Saint John Paul II Familiaris Consortio). More recently, Cardinal Dolan remarked that *a government that presumes to redefine marriage is perilously close to considering not God, but itself as the Almighty*. Well, there ya’ go! Let’s unite, in the spirit of the Letter to the Hebrews, *He Who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin*. Release the Kraken!

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



Blessing of the Animals - October 4th at 5:30pm

As we celebrate the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, we invite everyone to bring their furry family members for a Blessing of the Animals on the parish lawn at 5:30 pm on Monday, October 4 (rain or shine!). It’s a wonderful chance to show our pets how much we love them and to take a moment to give thanks to God for entrusting them to our care. Hope to see you there!



Monday, October 4 – Saint Francis of Assisi

Megan Vellucci and Michael Casey

Tuesday, October 5 - Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Theresa Gallagher

Wednesday, October 6 - Saint Bruno

Donnie Meyers

Thursday, October 7- Our Lady of the Rosary

Nena Buenafe

Friday, October 8 - Saint John Leonardi

Terry Manelski

Saturday, October 9 - Saint Denis and Companions

James K. Laughlin

Margaret Cummins

Sunday, October 10 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am – Jack Anderson

Anthony Gervasio

11 am – Dorothy Donaldson

Francis Denninger

7 pm – Tom and Evelyn Sullivan



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.



Mass Intentions/Mass Cards

If you’d like to request a Mass to 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. 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 please understand we unfortunately may not always be able to accommodate last-minute requests.



Thank you to All Who Supported Our Parish Raffle!

Thank you to all who purchased one or many raffle tickets, and to Ginny Lund, Ginny Macko, Mary Murphy and Sharon O’Neil for their efforts in coordinating and running this fundraiser over so many months.

Congratulations to our final week’s winners!!

- \$100 Prize - Jo Blair
- \$100 Prize - Angela Schmidt



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!*



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.



2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

In addition to considering a one-time gift or a pledge payable over five months to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, parishioners have the option of making a continuous monthly gift where your gift will repeat each month and continue from year-to-year. This is a wonderful way to continue your support year-round. You are also able to easily adjust or discontinue this monthly gift option any time you choose. For more information, please call the Diocesan Development Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 218. However you choose to make your gift to the 2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, know that your generosity is a blessing to the people we serve. May God bless you for your support! You can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2021appeal.org and follow the user-friendly instructions.



Scripture Study Group

All are welcome to join the STM Scripture Study Group meeting on Tuesday, October 5 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 second segment of the video is about:

"Breath of God"

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.



Monthly Prayer Meeting for Youth

On Friday, October 8, bring your teens to pray together and meet other young people from around the Diocese! The event will take place at Our Lady of the Lake in Sparta starting at 7 pm. The evening includes mass, witness talks, confessions, and a Holy Hour with music. This time around, our theme will be faith. For more information click [here...](#) or go to insidethewalls.org.



A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

As we prepare for the upcoming feast day of Saint Francis this week, we turn to his familiar words...

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



Sisters of Christian Charity
MALLINGKRODT 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@scecast.org or 973-230-5368 if interested or for more information.



Oratory Prep School

Oratory Prep invites you to the OPEN HOUSE EVENTS on Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 1-3 p.m. and on Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oratory Prep is located at 425 Morris Avenue in Summit. They ask that you register to attend on their website under the Admissions tab. For further information, call 908-273-1084, ext. 1 or visit them at www.oratoryprep.org.



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Winding Thru Worship Series

This fall, the Office of Worship is hosting a series of presentations, *Winding Thru Worship*, which explores a different topic of worship and liturgy each week. All presentations are in-person at *St. Paul Inside the Walls* beginning at 7:30 PM. Click [here](#) to register.

Tuesday, October 5

“Post” - COVID Liturgy: What’s new? What’s the same? What’s the difference?

Presenter: Fr. Jared Brogan

Tuesday, October 12

Praying the Antiphons

Presenter: Mr. Preston Dibble

Tuesday, October 26

A Fulfilling Choir Rehearsal

Presenter: Mr. Preston Dibble

Tuesday, November 2

Liturgical Movement v. Liturgical Reform

Presenter: Fr. Jared Brogan

Tuesday, November 9

Baptism: Called By Name to Discipleship

Confirmation: Sent Out as Missionary Disciples

Presenter: Fr. Jared Brogan

A description of each presentation can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) to register or visit www.insidethewalls.org for more information.



Sixth Annual Red Mass

Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney will celebrate Mass for the Sixth Annual Red Mass on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 11 am at St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Avenue in Madison. All are welcome to attend. This year all previous Advocati Christi Award winners will be honored, including:

- Andrew E. Anselmi
- Michael Critchley
- Domenick Carmagnola
- Karol Corbin Walker
- Kenneth F. Mullaney, Jr.

Following Mass, a continental breakfast will be provided for those who purchase a ticket in advance.

Please visit www.insidethewalls.org/redmass by Thursday, September 30 to get your ticket.



Prayer to Saint Francis of Assisi for our Furry Family Members

Heavenly Father, our human ties with our friends of other species is wonderful and special gift from You. We now ask You to grant our special animal companions your Fatherly care and healing power to take away any suffering they have. Give us, their human friends, new understanding of our responsibilities to these creatures of Yours. They have trust in us as we have in You; our souls and theirs are on this earth together to give one another friendship, affection, and caring. Take our heartfelt prayers and fill Your ill or suffering animals with healing Light and strength to overcome whatever weakness of body they have. Lord, I specifically lift up to you the needs of:

(Here mention the names of the animal(s) needing prayer).

Your goodness is turned upon every living thing and Your grace flows to all Your creatures. From our souls to theirs goodness flows, touching each of us with the reflection of Your love. Grant to our special animal companions long and healthy lives. Give them good relationships with us, and if You see fit to take them from us, help us to understand that they are not gone from us, but only drawing closer to You. Grant our prayer through the intercession of good St. Francis of Assisi, who honored You through all Your creatures. Give him the power to watch over our animal friends until they are safely with You in eternity, where we someday hope to join them in giving You honor forever.

Amen.

(To make a Novena for a sick pet, say this prayer for 9 consecutive days)





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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.

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.