

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 17, 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)
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Through His suffering, my Servant shall justify many...

This well-known proclamation from the Suffering Servant passage in Isaiah 53 condenses the theme of this week's readings: Humanity is offered Salvation through the Sacrifice of another Person. I'm able to type these words because of the sacrifices of many people, such as my parents, for instance. We are able to worship in freedom and enjoy the freedoms of this Country due to the great cost of scores of people we've never met. Once, a buddy I was following on the Parkway paid for my toll, and I was waived through on the way to the wedding to which we were traveling (I refuse to get EZPass, so I am that annoying guy in the exact change lane. I don't care: this is the hill I have chosen). What's the point to the reminders that Someone has acted on our behalf? Well, it's a reminder for so many of us who take our gifts for granted. In our culture of confusion and too-frequent corruption, Christ is our Advocate and Spokesperson not only for our civil liberties, but for our Salvation. Such is our atonement, purchased at the price of God Own Blood. We are free because of the death and Resurrection of Another. May we never forget the Gift we've been given....

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



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.



From the St. Thomas More Women's Guild...

The Women's Guild will have their next meeting on October 26 at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Parish Office. All women of the parish are most welcome!



Monday, October 18 - Saint Luke

Ana and Luis Alvarez

Tuesday, October 19 - Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and Companions

John and Carmella Antonelli

Wednesday, October 20 - Saint Paul of the Cross

Walter Wary

Thursday, October 21 - Saint Hilarion

Edgardo Jimenez

Viviana Serna

Friday, October 22 - Saint John Paul II

Deceased Members of the Berrio Family

Saturday, October 23 - Saint John of Capistrano

Margaret Cummins

Sunday, October 30 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Mike Murphy

11 am - John McKeon

7 pm - Rita Roscoe



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.



Welcomers Needed!

We would like to try again to restart the usher/welcomer ministry, to have 2 welcomers at each weekend Mass. The time commitment is minimal, just helping out with seating and taking the collection at Mass. Please contact the Parish Office at info@stmnj.org if you are interested or for more information. Thank you!



2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

The Diocesan Ministries is a genuine lifeline to many people and that is why every gift matters! Your support helps bring to life the work of our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and urban elementary education. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals, with over \$900,000 returned last year to parishes - and over \$3.65 million in five years! Please help people in need and our own parish by making a gift today!

For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2021appeal.org.



Scripture Study Group

All are welcome to join the STM Scripture Study Group meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 3:00 PM in the church. Our program is based on the video, "The Wild Goose" about the work of the Holy Spirit. This segment of the video is about:

"Baptism in the Holy Spirit"

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.



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!



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://stthommweshareonline.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.



Respect Life Month

Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. The USCCB has provided digital and print resources to help us further reflect and celebrate Respect Life Month. Many wonderful resources can be found here: <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>.



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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 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.



Oratory Prep School

Oratory Prep invites you to the OPEN HOUSE EVENT 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.



A Moment of Prayer for the Week...

In this Respect Life Month, during this Year of Saint Joseph, we remember in prayer those mothers who make the difficult but loving choice to place their children for adoption...

Prayer for Mothers Who Place Their Children for Adoption

Heavenly Father,
 Bless all expectant mothers
 who are placing their children for adoption
 and who may also be young and afraid.

They love their children so much
 that they are willing to place them
 with a loving family.

Bless, too, all the women who already
 have shown the sacrificial nature
 of a mother's love in making adoption plans
 for their children.

Give them all your courage and your peace,
 through
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Petition to Saint Joseph

St. Joseph,
 Though you must have been troubled
 by Mary's news, you trusted in God's promises.

Elizabeth, too, though she was
 thought to be barren,
 trusted in the promises of God,
 and she bore a son, John,
 who would herald the arrival of the Messiah.

Hear the prayers of all mothers
 who place their children for adoption
 and intercede for them
 before your adopted Son and Savior.

St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
 pray for us.

Taken from: Saint Joseph Adoption Novena, USCCB,
<https://www.usccb.org/adoption-novena-1>

ROSELLE CATHOLIC GIRLS BASKETBALL *presents*

BATTLE OF THE **NJ TRIBUTE BANDS**

Plus! SPECIAL COMEDY PERFORMANCE BY JACQUELINE "JAX" BIDDULPH RC CLASS OF '05

**SATURDAY
OCT. 23rd**

DOORS OPEN | SHOWTIME
6:30 pm | 7:30 pm

All proceeds
will benefit
the RC Girls
Basketball
Program.



THIS IS A
21+
EVENT

**B STREET
BAND**

The Original Springsteen
Tribute Band

VS

**SLIPPERY
WHEN WET (NJ)**

The Ultimate Bon Jovi
Tribute Band

BRUCE SONGS VS. BON JOVI SONGS ALL NIGHT LONG

Tickets \$40 | Tables of 10 \$350 | Includes Beer, Wine
& Light Refreshments

All guests are welcome to BYOB and bring your own food to your table.

FOR TICKETS VISIT DONORBOX.ORG/BATTLE-OF-THE-BANDS • QUESTIONS CONTACT JOE SKREC (908) 230-2578 • JSKREC@ROSELLECATHOLIC.ORG

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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.