

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

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973- 267-5330

www.stmnj.org

info@stmnj.org

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 24, 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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October 24, 2021

Master, I want to see.....

The Blind Beggar Bartimaeus (or, ‘Triple B’ as he was known at Jericho High School, class of 30 AD. Man, he got in so much trouble on the senior class ski trip, but that’s a story for another time) gives the most important and paradigmatic ‘shout out’ in history! The crowds try to stifle Bartimaeus from talking to Jesus. They told him to be silent. Can you imagine if Bartimaeus succumbed to pressure of the masses? The results would have been catastrophic for him. In the eyes of his conscience, Bartimaeus sees that this was a time for him to be vocal. Jesus was in his midst and he would not be denied. He shouts out to Jesus all the more loudly, and his sight is restored, his conversion is accomplished and his discipleship begins, as he follows Christ ‘on the way.’ The bellow of Bartimaeus is an encouragement for us at a time when so many voices are silenced. At a time when so many Catholics publicly disavow Church teaching with aplomb on vast platforms, perhaps we can imitate the Blind Beggar. Shout out to Christ all the louder in this Respect Life Month, pointing out what so many don’t wish to see. Shoulder to shoulder with all those who want to be healed, we shall eventually hear, *Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you...* Be strong. The crowds were not giving Bartimaeus good advice. But he stuck to his conscience, and the rest is history!

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.



Monday, October 25 - Saint Antônio de Sant’Anna Galvão

Esther and Thomas Ryan

Tuesday, October 26 - Saint Peter of Alcantara

Kathleen Sanger

Wednesday, October 27 - Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza

Peter McLaughlin

Thursday, October 28 - Saints Simon and Jude

Duncan Sinclair

Friday, October 29 - Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

Edgar Jimenez

Saturday, October 30 - Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez

Luiz Alverez

Francis and Louis Rich

Margaret Cummins

Sunday, October 31 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Ed Vidulich

11 am - Theresa Amy Racinelli

Madison Torres

7 pm - Robert Keenan



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!

ALL SAINTS Day

The Solemnity of All Saints is Monday, November 1. Masses will be celebrated on Monday, November 1 at 8:15 am and 12:10 pm. **Due to this Solemnity falling on a Monday, there will be no vigil Mass.** All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to honor the Saints of our Church and give thanks for their many intercessions for us.



Interested in Becoming a Member of Saint Thomas More?

We are so glad that you are considering becoming a part of our Saint Thomas More parish family! We look forward to seeing you at Mass and welcoming you into our community. Our updated registration form can be found at <https://stmnj.org/membership-information>. You can simply complete the questions on that page and hit "Submit." If you have any problems using the form for any reason, please send an email to info@stmnj.org and we'll be happy to help.



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!



Scripture Study Group

All are welcome to join the STM Scripture Study Group meeting on Tuesday, November 2 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 next segment of the video is about:

"The Spirit & Our Lady"

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.



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.



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....

As we continue to celebrate the true miracle of all human life in a special way this October, we invite you to join in praying the below prayer for nine days, for the whole month, or every day. What great gifts we have been given in each breath we take, and in the ability to show care, concern and compassion for all precious lives around us...

Respect Life Novena Prayer

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation.

Help us to realize the sacredness of all human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death.

Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life.

Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life.

To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others.

We ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

(Source: Church of the Ascension, Virginia Beach, VA

<https://www.ascensionvb.org/Respect-Life-Novena>)



Announcing- The Return of the Diocesan Christmas Concert!

This year's concert is scheduled for Friday, December 17 at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. The choir will hold 5 rehearsals to prepare for the concert which will be split between the Cathedral and the Chancery in Clifton, all on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm, beginning on October 25. Anyone is welcome to participate in the choir with any skill level or experience of choral singing. This concert is a wonderful way for the Diocese to come together in song as we prepare for our Savior's birth. Interested singers should contact Preston Dibble as soon as possible via an online sign-up at <https://www.patersondiocese.org/choir> or via email at pdibble@patersondiocese.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
lousi@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.