

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.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 31, 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)
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021

Which is the first of all the Commandments...?

Happy Halloween!! On this day the scribe of the Gospel wants us to take off our masks and costumes and get to the studs: what is the basis of our Faith? He wants to know the core. Getting back to the basics is a healthy goal for us all. We observe schools with 'classical' education thriving while others are shutting their doors. We desire reading, writing and arithmetic for our young: those eternal truths immune from rhetoric and solipsism. We are attracted to the fundamentals. For example, I am endeared by Joanie and Chachi. I am drawn by Hoss and Little Joe on the Ponderosa. I like to see films of Namath and Maynard. I like to use my Prell protein-enriched conditioner to get my luxurious mane back to its form. Why are we so enamored by the core of it all? Well, the Shema prayer uttered by Moses is embodied in Christ Jesus. This is the basics of it all. Love God, love neighbor. As we enter into November, we recall that Saints are 'God's prime numbers' as someone really smart once said. That means Saints are fixated on the basics. Strip off your masks and illusory facades, after of course you collect many super-sized Milky Ways and Snickers Bars (any excess Reese's Peanut Butter Cups can be dropped off here at the church, anonymously, and Jesus will bless you abundantly), and get down to the basics. What is the greatest Commandment? Like the Scribe, we all want to know.... You got this.... *Hear O Israel, The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.* (And remember the basic commandment of handing out Halloween treats today...no apples or pears. Not cool.)

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, November 1 - Solemnity of All Souls
 8:15 am- Javier Berrio

12:10 pm- Kay Brewer

Tuesday, November 2 - Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Jonathan Kohut

Wednesday, November 3 - Saint Martin de Porres
 Eva Serratelli

Thursday, November 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo
 Helen McCarthy Enright

Friday, November 5 - Saint Peter Chrysologus
 Michael Doyle

Saturday, November 6 - Saint Nicholas Tavelic and Companions

Jean Brady

Pauline Falcone

Sunday, November 7 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Jack Anderson

Mike Murphy

11 am - Patrick Molamphy

Robert Carlos Martinez

7 pm - Carmen Liuzza



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.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

This Friday, November 5, we will be having Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. All are welcome!



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.



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, 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.



St. Vincent Martyr School – Information Session

St. Vincent Martyr School in Madison invites families with children entering preschool through 8th grade to learn more about our competitive academic program, rooted in the spiritual values of the Catholic faith. We will be hosting an information session on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Please visit the school's website at www.svmsnj.org to register to attend the session.



A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

As we conclude this month of October, we offer a prayer that can be said throughout the year to help us remember and be grateful for this precious gift of life, in all of its forms, and to find the strength and courage to protect and defend it. Pray well!

Respect of Life Prayer

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak the truth with 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: Ascension Catholic Church, Boca Raton, Florida)

<https://accboca.net/respect-of-life-prayer/>



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.

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.

Prayer for the Year of St. Joseph



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Year of St. Joseph (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021)