

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 7, 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 7, 2021

I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar....

Ahhh, November. It is the month of remembering souls and Saints who have gone before us and urge us on in running the race, competing well and fighting the good fight. And so it happens that we encounter the famous widow of Zarephath in the Book of Kings. Incredibly, the widow cooks for the Prophet Elijah at the time when she has nothing and is most vulnerable and desperate! But the Lord told her that her jar of flour would not run empty, nor will her jug of oil run dry. And what she did is absolutely heroic: she trusted in God's promise for her. The widow has hit 'rock bottom' and yet she offers her meager provisions. That's when everything changes. Sometimes, when we feel we have nothing left to give, we might be asked to do just that: Christianity is a painful paradox. Catching a bit of the Fall Classic the other evening, I saw Atlanta Braves' pitcher Charlie Morton get hit with a line drive that broke his leg. Incredibly, he kept pitching to a few more batters at a time when he had nothing left but the throes of pain! (I totally relate to Charlie, for when I was not picking the dandelions of right field in little league, I would often get distracted by the ice-cream man who would swing his truck by our games. Yet I played on. What was the ice cream that had the gumball at the bottom? Obviously, Charlie Morton and I are cut from the same mold.) But I digress. The widow had nothing to give and God asked her for it. Charlie had nothing left in his body, but he kept going and his team won the game. The lesson here is not to be imprudent with your resources or to purposefully injure yourself, but the widows in the readings, and even baseball pitchers, can show us that we may be summoned at times to give someone our peace, joy, life, time or treasure even when we are 'tapped out....' When we feel incapable, remember the widows. Remember Charlie. God will not be outdone and the jar will not run empty!

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



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!



Monday, November 8 - Blessed John Duns Scotus

E. Hugh Marriott

Tuesday, November 9 - Dedication of Saint John Lateran Basilica

Tucker Helstrom

Wednesday, November 10 - Saint Leo the Great

Rev. Patrick Rice

Thursday, November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours

Anne Morrison

Hugh Thomas

Friday, November 12 - Saint Josaphat

Pat Schell

Saturday, November 13 - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Angelo and Isabel Rich

Sunday, November 14 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Mildred and Benedict Giordano

11 am - Theresa Gallagher

7 pm - Hubie O'Toole



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.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

Amen.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Amen.

As we remember the souls of all of the Faithful Departed in a special way during this month of November, we invite you to inscribe the name of any of your loved ones who have passed on in our Book of Remembrance. This book can be found on the table next to the statue of our Blessed Mother at the front of the church. You are also most welcome to leave a photo or prayer card to pay special tribute to those who have gone before us.



2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

With the help of funding from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, Nazareth Village has been a home over the years for a number of our retired priests. Perhaps a priest who lovingly served your own parish now calls Nazareth Village home. The Appeal also helps in providing financial support for the extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests. Your gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal is a concrete way to recognize the wonderful pastoral work of those priests who have dedicated many years of faithful service to you, your family and our Church. Please make a gift to the Appeal today as a way of showing thanks.

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



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.



Get Your Free Gifts

These are the absolutely best gifts that you will ever receive. To find out how you may obtain these Free Gifts, just attend our next Scripture Group meeting. We will be showing the next Segment of the "Wild Goose" video, that will explain what these gifts are and how to receive them. All are welcome to join us in the church at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, November 16th. For further information or questions, call Frank Miles at 973-538-6554 or email him at lexan@ix.netcom.com.



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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 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.svmnsj.org to register to attend the session.



A Moment of Prayer for the Week...

As we celebrate this month of All Souls, below is a beautiful way to pray for those who have gone before us:

Chaplet for the Dead

(from the book, *My Favorite Catholic Chaplets*)

This chaplet consists of a crucifix, followed by five introductory beads, and four groups of 10 beads, each separated by one bead. The 40 beads are in memory of the 40 hours that Our Lord is thought to have spent when He descended to the dead, to preach the Gospel, and to deliver the souls of the just who had died before Him.

On the large beads, pray:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

On the small beads, pray:

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation!

At the end of the four decades, pray:

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your departed servants the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless us and console us and gently wipe away every tear from our eyes. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Conclude the chaplet with the De Profundis, below:

Psalm 129: De Profundis

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord: Lord hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive, to the voice of my supplication. If

You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that you may be revered. My soul is waiting for the Lord; my soul has relied on His word. My soul is longing for the Lord, more than sentinels wait for the dawn. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord. For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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)