

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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.

August 12, 2018 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blast from the Past(or) **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **August 12, 2018**

'This is enough, O Lord! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers...'. Is this the language of a hero? Elijah is one of God's great instruments but he's giving up. He's tapping out. He's spent. His work for God made him extremely unpopular. Then, when King Ahab and Jezebel threatened Elijah's life, that was the last straw (Elijah was also extremely hurt by King Ahab's 'secret Santa' gift at the office Christmas party. What did Ahab not understand about a \$25.00 minimum? But that's a story for another time.). Elijah had had it. 'That's all I can stand, and I can't stand no more,' said Elijah. Yet Elijah reminds us that our humanity is God's preferred medium by which He unfolds salvation history and brings about the Kingdom! Folks like Moses, Job, Jonah, Jeremiah, Elijah, St. Peter, Mary Magdalene, Ruth, Esther et al all thought about throwing in the towel at times. Yet God's design is still stubbornly revealed in their weakness. When you feel spent, down in the dregs and like Elijah are tempted to ask, 'what's the point...?' Take courage, get up and eat what God puts before you. Otherwise, you'll have no strength to fulfill the journey and purpose for which you are made. And what is this fare lavishly set before all of us? It is nothing short of the Bread of Angels, 'the Bread that comes down from Heaven.' By the Grace of God your humanity is your means to sanctity. By the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, we are made strong in our weakness. Do not be afraid! Salvation is unfolding in you. You're a hero for God. You got this.

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



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Wednesday, August 15. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00 pm, and Masses will also be celebrated on Wednesday, August 15 at 8:15 am and 12:10 pm. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON WEDNESDAY. All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother and give thanks for the many gifts and blessings she gives to us each and every day.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings, compiled over a number of centuries. Next week, we will hear the author personifying Wisdom as a woman. She offers guidance on how to live a life pleasing to God. This is symbolized as a banquet at which she serves fine food.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Next week's passage from the letter to the Ephesians continues reflections on how to live as a Christian in everyday life. In the world in which the author lived, two things particularly kept people from living a dignified life: ignorance and addiction to alcohol. The first century author sets forth high expectations for Christians.

This Week's Questions

For Adults: When has the Bread of Life given you the strength you needed to face a difficult situation in your life?

For Children: What will you ask Jesus to help you with when you receive Holy Communion this week?

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Of Possible Interest:

Pet Loss Support Group

As pet owners know, our pets are our family. If you need support after experiencing the death of your beloved pet, you are welcome to come to the Companion Animal Loss Support Group at St. Hubert's at 575 Woodland Ave in Madison. Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month from 7:30-9:30pm and the 3rd Sunday of the month from 11am-12:30pm. Meetings are held in the community room in the first building on the right at the entrance. More information can be found at: <https://www.sthuberts.org/petloss/>.

Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, August 13: Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
8:15 am - Gloria LaTorre

Tuesday, August 14: Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe
8:15 am - Brian Marshall

7:00 pm (*Vigil for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*) - Anthony Cagno

Wednesday, August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am - Arlene Bartolomeo
12:10 pm - Madison Torres

Thursday, August 16: Saint Stephen of Hungary
8:15 am - Alice Gallagher

Friday, August 17: Saint Joan of the Cross
8:15 am - Marge Carambatos

Saturday, August 18: Saint Louis of Toulouse
5:00 pm - Special Intention for Bridget O'Brien

Sunday, August 19: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am - Donna Buckner
11:00 am - Donna Buckner
7:00 pm - Giovanni Yap

Thank You for Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure!

Weekly Collection for 8/4-8/5/18: \$7,933.25
Cool Air Fund for 8/4-8/5/18: \$435.00



Want to join the St. Thomas More family?

New parishioners can register at any time! Please call or stop by the Parish Office between 9 am - 2 pm, Monday through Wednesday, or send an email to info@stmnj.org. We'd love to welcome you!!

Mail: P.O. Box 286

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Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

(Note: 7pm Mass will not be held on holiday weekends)

Monday – Friday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days

Vigil - 7 pm, Holy Day 8:15 am and 12:10 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 am–2 pm

*Other times & days,
call to see if office
is open.*

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