

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 28, 2018

Parish Staff

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm *(Please note there will be no 7 pm Mass on holiday weekends.)*

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 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 call or email the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least 8 weeks in advance of the desired date.

Marriage: Please call or email the Parish Office. 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 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!!



**Blast From the Past(or)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 28, 2018**

The tale of the blind beggar Bartimaeus is a story of someone receiving some very bad advice. His famous meeting with Jesus brings him that which we all desire, namely, physical/emotional healing and communion with God. Prior to this encounter however, Bartimaeus was given poor counsel. We've all experienced the effects of shady recommendations that go against our intuition and gut feelings. Examples? I'm always disappointed every time people assure me that the McRib is coming back. Once I bought a used car in Parsippany for what I was told was a 'really good value.' Years ago someone told me this whole 'internet thing' would 'blow over.' Is William Davane's financial guidance to me as solid as his undeniable brilliance in Knots Landing (honorable mention shout-out to Joan Van Ark)? I keep hearing that these next elections are 'the most important in our lifetime.' Really? I have been told that on at least a dozen occasions in my time on this earth. Yet stubbornly, the world has not ended. So it is with specious recommendations. Sometimes, you just have to go with your gut instead. Today, Bartimaeus needs to talk to God, but he is told to keep quiet. Thankfully the Blind Beggar ignores the bad advice of the 'experts' and instead goes with his gut. The crowds try to keep him away from Jesus, but he shouts all the louder. If anyone tries to keep you from speaking to Jesus, you are receiving shoddy counsel. In this Respect Life Month, Bartimaeus is a good reminder that Catholics might have to shout all the louder to speak for those yet unborn. Bartimaeus may be blind, but he is a solid guide. Rise above the noise and acrimony. Lord Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me. That's quality advice. In this is our healing and deepest desire. Sometimes in life, a blind guide will not steer you wrong.

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



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

Weekly Collection for October 20-21: \$6,567.25

Online Collection for September: \$2,737.50

*"Love God, serve God;
everything is in that."*

-St. Clare of Assisi

Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, October 29: Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem
8:15 am- David Dec

Tuesday, October 30: Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez
8:15 am- Helen Bass

Wednesday, October 31: Saint Wolfgang of Regensburg
8:15 am- Aggie Alksninus
7:00 pm (Vigil for All Saints)- Carm and Bud Sautter

Thursday, November 1: Solemnity of All Saints
8:15 am- Kay Brewer
12:10 pm- Louis Augustini

**Friday, November 2: Commemoration of All the Faithful
Departed**
8:15 am- Kathleen Sanger

Saturday, November 3: Saint Martin de Porres
8:15 am- Howard Finlay
5:00 pm- Lee Sember

**Sunday, November 4: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

9:00 am- Jack Anderson
11:00 am- Bill Austin
7:00 pm- John Robert Cozens

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for Special Intentions.



Mass Cards

Having a Mass offered is a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or for any special intention you may have. It is an especially beautiful way to honor someone during the upcoming month of November, the Month of the Holy Souls. Mass Cards can be obtained by visiting the Parish Office Monday - Wednesday between 9:00AM and 2:00PM.



Online Donations

If you're traveling or would just like the convenience of not having to remember an envelope each week, we can help! You can contribute to our weekly Sunday Collection, monthly Second Collection or the Cool Air Fund online at: <https://stthommore.weshareonline.org/> or by clicking on the "Online Donations" link on the St. Thomas More home page. Please call or email the Parish Office with any questions.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

We hope you'll join us on Friday, November 2 for Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. Whether you can come for hours or even just 10 minutes, all are invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus.



Opus Dei - Evenings of Reflection

The next Opus Dei Evening of Recollection for Women at St. Thomas More will be held on Monday, November 5 from 7 - 9 pm. All women are invited to join us for a meditation preached by a priest of the Work who will offer a talk, Exposition and Benediction and an opportunity for Confession.



Become a Hospice Volunteer

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey hospice volunteers provide terminally ill patients and their families with invaluable practical and emotional support. What an incredible way to put our faith into action. VNA offers a free comprehensive training program where volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice and become prepared for this rewarding work. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license and auto insurance and pass a criminal background screening. For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at 973-451-4128 or renderle@vnamnj.org.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

Calling all single parishioners! Please join us for our second monthly gathering on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30 pm at Nonna's Pizza and Restaurant, 176 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park (in the Trader Joe's Shopping Mall). It will again be a no-host (i.e. each attendee will pay for his/her meal) dinner and fellowship gathering. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-451-1499 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Women's Cornerstone Retreat

A 26-hour retreat will be held at St. Vincent Martyr Parish in Madison from 6:30 pm on Friday evening, November 2, through 8:30 pm on Saturday, November 3. Registration is open now - space is limited. Details can be found at www.svmnj.org/womens-cornerstone or by calling Valarie Friedman at 973-610-3855.



Boy Scout Wreath Sale

It's never too early to start preparing for those Christmas celebrations! Members of Boy Scout Troop 228 will be taking orders for a variety of wreaths as we approach the Christmas season. You can also support them by placing an order online at www.mickmanholidaygifts.com and entering Fundraising Code TR228NJ001.



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Our Diocese is blessed to have had an increase in the number of seminarians over the years. Let's continue to pray for these men (including our very own John Vargas!) as they concentrate on their studies and reflect on how they will one day serve our parishes. They deserve all of our support, and one way to show this is by giving to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

The Appeal helps fund the significant financial costs associated with years of room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your gift today helps prepare our seminarians for the future. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org. May God bless you for your support!