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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.*

## *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 21, 2024*

### **Parish Staff**

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### **Parish Office Hours**

Wednesday - Thursday  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

### ***Celebration of the Eucharist***

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm [No 7 pm Mass from the weekend before Memorial Day through the weekend of Labor Day, or on 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, concluding with Benediction at Noon

### ***Additional Sacraments***

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 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 call the Parish Office 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)*** **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** **January 21, 2024**

*'This is the time of fulfillment ...'*

In this still-neophyte calendar year, we hear from the Prophet Jonah that time is running out, and the same from Saint Paul. Finally, the Gospel proclaims that this is the time of fulfillment. It appears true, since Taylor Swift and her beau, Travis, are seemingly prepared to get engaged to each other this coming summer! How do I know this? Let's just say I'm on the inside. And with this early head's up, it gave me a chance to shop already for the perfect wedding gift, a monogrammed rock with their faces on it. And for that personal touch, I included an image of my own likeness as well! Bonus! I know they'll get emotional looking at me forever. Proof once again that you can find anything online! I mean, sure, I could've shopped off of their registry for things they actually requested, but really, what is more useful as you go through life, a fancy toaster, or a permanent reminder of me?? I haven't technically been invited to their wedding just yet, but I've already booked my room at the Hampton Inn (because Hilton has told me—it matters where I stay!) near their rumored venue in anticipation of such. I am still debating, do I get the filet mignon or the chicken marsala? I just know I will be a nice surprise for them. What could be better—fulfillment of a wish the couple doesn't even know they have! Okay, so maybe, in fact, my gift is not quite the fulfillment proclaimed in the readings. It is possible they have an even higher one in mind. Indeed, you and I will face God Who is in our midst. Paradise once lost is here. I recently told a young friend who had stopped going to Mass, to just start slow. Just pray in recognition that the Happiness you are seeking is here. Start today, in this new year: pray. God loves you. The fulfillment is here, and the time is now. God Bless you!!!!!!



### ***Thank You for Your Generous Contributions!***

We are very grateful for all who contribute to the financial support of our parish and who take stewardship seriously.

**Weekly Collection for 1/6-7: \$6,946.38**

*"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)*



### **January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

All Unborn Children

### **January 23 – Saint Marianne Cope**

Brian Murray

### **January 24 – Saint Francis de Sales**

Agnes VanDenBergh

### **January 25 – Conversion of Saint Paul**

Kathleen Grouss

### **January 26 – Saints Timothy and Titus**

Mary Alice Ruckel

### **January 27 – Saint Angela Merici**

Laurence Bobbin

### **January 28 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am: Robert and Gemma Ricciardi

11 am: Peter Iorlano

7 pm: Colleen and Brendan O'Reilly



### ***Mass Intentions/Mass Cards***

If you would like to request a Mass to be said for a loved one, please complete our online Mass request form at <https://stmnj.org/request-a-mass-card>, click on the link on our home page or call the Parish Office. To make sure your request is received in a timely manner, please do not place requests in the collection. In your request, please let us know if you would like us to mail the card directly to the recipient or leave it for you to pick it up (or if you do not want a card). If you do not want a card mailed directly to the recipient but would like one with a blank envelope, it will be left for you to pick up in the parish vestibule. Our Mass intentions are finalized two weeks in advance, so please understand we unfortunately may not always be able to accommodate last-minute requests.

### ***Prayers for the Sick***

Please join us in praying for all who are ill in our community, and in a particular way, for Joan Allen, Chris Auger, Phil Barrett, Brendan Briscoe, Ron Brodeur, Fred Donikowski, Caitlyn Gara, Barbara Kline, Gina Lazaro, Vincent Lazaro, Elizabeth Napoli, John O'Neil, Bethann and Bob Panzer, Bobby Polidore, Christopher Popp, Father Ed Rama, Eileen Scheibner, Bishop Emeritus Arthur Serratelli, Gloria Souchuk and Flynn Sullivan. 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 [info@stmnj.org](mailto:info@stmnj.org) or call the Parish Office.





### ***Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children***

All dioceses in the United States are called to observe a *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children* this Monday, January 22. In honor of this very important day, **we will be offering Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 am to Noon on Monday, January 22.** If you are unable to attend, you can also check out the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/abortion> for a wealth of resources to prayerfully consider this very emotional and vital topic in our culture and in our world. May we continue to pray for those whose lives and beings are touched by the painful reality of abortion, and for the protection of all.



### ***Women's Cornerstone Retreat – February 2-3***

Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church in Cedar Knolls will be holding their Women's Cornerstone Weekend on February 2-3. Cornerstone is a 24-hour experience that begins on Friday evening at 6:15 pm and ends with the 5 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening (the Friday session ends at 9:30 pm and the Saturday session begins at 7 am; there is no overnight stay at the church). It allows participants (25 years and older) to find gratitude in their lives. As a result, participants--candidates--revitalize and deepen their spiritual well-being. While prayer and quiet reflection are components of the weekend, so, too, are faith-sharing and fellowship. Faith-sharing reveals where Christ, the Cornerstone, has played a significant role in candidates' journeys. Candidates consider what has happened, what is happening, and what will happen in their lives. Fellowship leads to spiritual mentorship, which lasts long after the 24 hours have ended. Please note there is a \$60\* donation per participant. \*Please do not allow financial concerns to prevent you from attending this retreat, but contact Christina Folan at [commsupport@ndcarmel.com](mailto:commsupport@ndcarmel.com) or 973-538-1358, ext. 105 for discreet financial assistance information if needed. For more information or to register, please go to <https://ndcarmel.com/womens-cornerstone-retreat>.



### ***Scripture Study Group Meeting The Indispensable Men – Part 1***

**Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure**

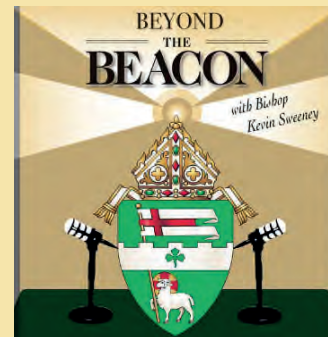
Presenting the Church's missionary endeavor which begins with the adventures of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. From Ephesus, Corinth, Athens, and Rome to the far reaches of the world, Bishop Barron traces the influence of these two great apostles and their enduring legacies in the life of the Church.

**Presented by the STM Scripture Group  
January 24th at 3:00 pm in the church.**



### ***Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers***

Attention all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers— please be on the lookout this coming week for a Flocknote containing the sign-ups for February Masses. As a reminder, the most up-to-date schedule is posted in both Sacristies before each weekend for reference. We are always happy to welcome new ministers— no prior experience is needed! If you feel you may be called to this ministry, please reach out to the Tina in Parish Office.



### **BEYOND THE BEACON PODCAST WITH BISHOP KEVIN SWEENEY**

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