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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.*

## *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 28, 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)***  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 28, 2024**

*'Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties...'*

St. Paul's plea to the Corinthians is helpful in our own postmodern culture which, I think we can all stipulate, is saturated by anxieties. One might wonder, why is a culture with every material comfort still somehow so anxious? Were our Depression-era forbearers this anxious? Discuss. So often our internal thoughts are foisted on others, to be accepted as reality. From the mere children who command vast social media platforms to the grown adults consumed with posting the minutiae of their lives online, we are surrounded by offerings of purported authenticities. Sometimes, though, what we wish to be real is simply not the case. And this is where angst and even despair can arise. It's a problem. For example, I have for years desired to get my chance on *Dancing with the Stars*. The long hallway in the rectory provides the perfect runway for me to practice my moves, and Father Daniel provides good critique. However, when he told me that I was unlikely to get the call from the producers, being neither a professional dancer nor a 'celebrity,' I grew quite anxious, despondent and even frustrated with him. There was a painful chasm between my thoughts and my reality. A long time ago, a guy proposed, *I think, therefore I am*. Such ushered years of anxieties, to which St. John Paul II offered a corrective centuries later: *It is more proper to say, 'I am, therefore I think'* (St. John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*). As we absorb the Gospel of Mark, we see the man with the unclean spirit who kind of exemplifies our own worry. His question, *have you come to destroy us* reveals hope in his own self-sufficiency. I do this All. The. Time. And it always leads to despair. The man's question shows anxiety even in the Presence of God Himself! I've been there, too! Our true reality is our identity as the Image and Likeness of God. In a world of anxiety, let us cast aside our delusions of self-sufficiency and our constructed realities. Let us instead proclaim, 'I know Who You Are, Jesus of Nazareth. You are my Portion and my Cup, my Life, my Love and my deepest Desire!' Have no anxiety at all. May we be freed of such in Christ Jesus amongst the unknown.

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 1/13-14: \$5,652.38**



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

**January 29 – Servant of God Brother Juniper**

Timoteo Granflor

**January 30 – Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska**

Special Intention for Steve and Laura Smith on their 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**January 31 – Saint John Bosco**

V. John Pappalardo

**February 1 – Saint Ansgar**

Mary Tyne

**February 2 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Mike Murphy

**February 3 – Saint Blaise**

Dr. Lorraine Martin

**February 4 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 am: Deacon Tony Chiocco

11 am: Claire Carras

7 pm: Duncan Sinclair



***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.





### ***First Friday Eucharistic Adoration***

We hope you'll join us this Friday, February 2 for Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. It's a great way to start preparing for the Lenten season, which, hard as it is to believe, is just around the corner. Whether you can come for hours or even just 10 minutes, all are invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus.



### ***Scripture Study Group Meeting***

#### ***The Indispensable Men - Part 2***

*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**

**February 7th at 3:00 pm in the church.**



### ***2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal***

#### ***"I Have Called You By Name"***

There is still time to support the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal! Perhaps you have received a final request from Bishop Sweeney asking for your support or have seen information on our website or social media, and just haven't gotten around to contributing. Every gift is important and is a blessing for thousands throughout the Diocese of Paterson. Please help support over 70 Catholic Charities' programs, Nazareth Village and retired priests' needs, Catholic education, and seminarian formation as well as the renovation of the Father English Food Pantry in Paterson, where over 20,000 people are helped each month. The 2023 Appeal supports this vital work through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2024. May God bless you for your support!

Please consider a donation to the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code below or visit [www.2023appeal.org](http://www.2023appeal.org) to make a gift today.



### ***Memorial of Saint Blaise***

Next Saturday, February 3, is the Memorial of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. At all weekend Masses on February 3-4, our priests will impart the blessing of throats over the people in a general way. The traditional, individual blessing of throats will also be offered after each Mass for those who would like to receive it.



### ***Project Andrew Dinner - Friday, February 2***

All young men, high school age and older, are invited to an evening to discover the mystery of the priesthood at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 294 Sparta Avenue in Sparta, on Friday, February 2 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. You will enjoy dinner with Bishop Sweeney, vocation talks given by priests and seminarians, great opportunities to ask questions about the life of a priest and to meet other young men trying to discover God's call in their lives, and an evening of prayer together. Registration is suggested, but there is no fee. To register or for more information, please go to <https://patersonvocations.org> or contact Fr. Ed Rama at 973-777-8818, x715 or [vocations@patersondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@patersondiocese.org).

### ***Day of Discernment - Saturday, February 3***

Come and join us for our First Saturday Day of Discernment on February 3 at 10 am at St. Paul Inside the Walls. The day includes Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praying of the Rosary, Social Time and Lunch. All young men discerning the priesthood are most welcome. Please contact the Vocations Office or Fr. Edward Rama, Vocation Director, at 973-777-8818, x715 or [vocations@patersondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@patersondiocese.org) for more information or if you would like to participate.



### ***Marriage Conference - Joyful Ever After***

We all start our marriage journey with such hope, joy, friendship and confidence in our future life together. But the everyday weight of life can bring doubt, fear, frustration, and loneliness. We need constant renewal and refreshment in order to get the marriage we want from the marriage we have! The conference will take place on Saturday, February 10 from 10 am to 3:30 pm at St. Paul Inside the Walls. This renewal begins first with you individually, then as a couple, and finally in community with other couples. You can restore your wedding day joy, and as we are discovering, grow it into something even greater than you can imagine. Let us enrich, strengthen, and encourage each other, learning together how to live joyfully ever after! For more information or to register, go to: <https://insidethewalls.org/marriage-conference>.

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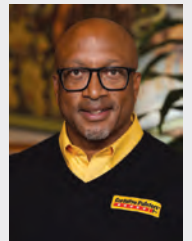
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