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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 of Easter - May 4, 2025

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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 of Easter
May 4, 2025

Simon, son of John, do you love Me?

Chubby Checker is being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Well-deserved, I suppose. His version of the song ‘The Twist’ promulgated one of the greatest contortions in history. As you may have guessed from my graceful movements, I am really good at doing The Twist. I often invite Father Daniel to practice the dance with me in the rectory, but he always politely declines. Well, more accurately, he politely declined the first few times. After that, between you and me, he seemed a little annoyed. I think he’s just worried that in contrast to our experiences on the golf course, this time it is I who will embarrass him on the dance floor. Well, that was a long and irrelevant segue to the contortions of Saint Peter on this Third Sunday of Easter (yeah, even I have to admit that one was a bit of a stretch...but I was excited about Chubby Checker and felt he deserved his moment in the Blast. C’mon, tell me ‘The Twist’ isn’t running through your head right now! You’re welcome...). Saint Peter feels as empty as his fishing nets due to the denial of his friend, Jesus. He knows he messed up and has trouble admitting such. He can’t face the music or the bed he made. A glance from Jesus at that charcoal fire would’ve seared Saint Peter. Pun intended. Our human condition shares in Saint Peter’s denials and subsequent contortions concerning the foibles of our lives. But there is hope. Despite his denials, mistakes and the past moments he likely wanted to forget, even Saint Peter was not immune to God’s mercy. And neither are we. There *is* hope. Hope in this imperfect man’s identity as ‘*Saint Peter*,’ since in the words of Oscar Wilde: *every saint has a past and every sinner has a future*. With Saint Peter we reiterate today, ‘Lord, You know everything. You know that I love You.’ Thus, the denier is today a symbol of hope for us all. Saint Peter’s proclamation is our Salvation.

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.

Easter Collection (to date): \$ 18,379.00

“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)



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, May 5: Saint Hilary of Arles

Mary Murphy

Tuesday, May 6: Saints Marian and James

Robert Bass

Wednesday, May 7: Saint Rose Venerini

Bill and Alma McAllister

Thursday, May 8: Saint Peter of Tarentaise

Helen Marie Chajkowski

Friday, May 9: Saint John of Avila

Anthony Cagno

Saturday, May 10: Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka’i

Phyllis and Vincent Marella

Frances Schembri

Sunday, May 11: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am: Carmella Gervasio and Florence Rich

11:00 am: Lizbeth Hernandez

7:00 pm: Kiernan Foley



Mass Intentions/Mass Cards

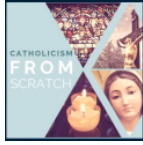
If you would like to request a Mass to be said for a loved one, please complete our online Mass request form at <https://stmnj.org/request-a-mass-card>, click on the link on our home page or call the Parish Office. Please do not place requests in the collection. In your request, please let us know if 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. 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, Claire Brady, Ron Brodeur, Fred Donikowski, Jackie Dooley, Caitlyn Gara, Barbara Kline, Gina Lazaro, Vincent Lazaro, Elizabeth Napoli, Iwona Nowak, John O’Neil, Bethann Panzer, Christopher Popp, Eileen Scheibner, Michael Schieber, Gloria Souchuk, Flynn Sullivan and Celia Zelinsky. 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 tjurgaitis@stmnj.org or call the Parish Office.



**UPCOMING AT
ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS**
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Catholicism from Scratch

Each Saturday in this series at St. Paul Inside the Walls consists of a self-contained session on a specific topic, focusing on the basics of Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. The next session on Saturday, May 10 will be from 10 am to 12 pm and explore the topic "Any Questions?" To register, go to <https://insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch>.



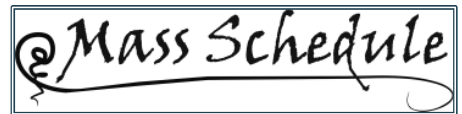
***St. Paul Inside the Walls -
Fourth Annual Garden Party***

You are cordially invited to the 2025 Garden Party at St. Paul Inside the Walls. They are excited to join together for what is sure to be a beautiful event on Friday, June 6, starting at 7 pm. When purchased before May 5, tickets are \$175 each. From May 5 - May 30th, tickets are \$200 per person. All tickets must be purchased by May 30th. Each ticket includes catered dinner and an open bar. There will also be opportunities to walk away with a bottle of wine from the wine pull. Please register in advance at <https://insidethewalls.org/gardenparty> to purchase tickets, sponsorship or make a donation. To donate a bottle of wine to the 2025 Wine Pull, please visit: <https://cambridgewinesnj.com/collections/wine-pull-st-paul-inside-the-wall>. For wine donations, there is no need to worry about a delivery. A St. Paul Inside the Walls staff member will pick up the order before the Garden Party. Your support and presence will help sustain the mission of the Evangelization Office at St. Paul Inside the Walls and the many fulfilling programs and events that are run there.



***Eucharistic Exposition as we
Pray for our New Pope***

We pray as a Church for our Cardinals, who will soon be gathering to elect our next pope. Beginning immediately after the 8:15 am Mass on Wednesday, May 7 (the first day of the Conclave), we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. This will continue (outside of Mass) until the new pope is elected. All are welcome to spend some time with Jesus in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit— upon the electors, upon our Church and upon our new pope to come.



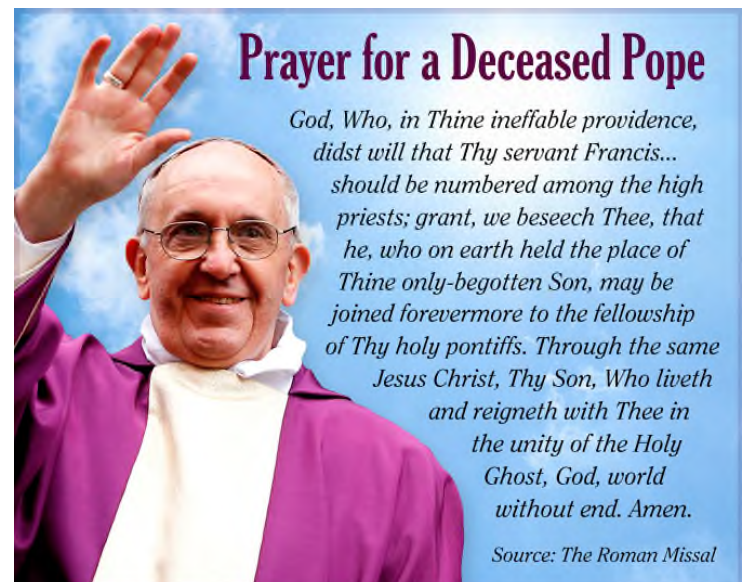
***MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THE
SUMMER!!***

Our Sunday evening Mass will be taking a hiatus for the summer. Sunday, May 25, will be our last 7 pm Sunday Mass until after Labor Day. See you in September!



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their no-host monthly luncheon on Friday, May 16th at 12:30 pm at Mangiano Pizza Restaurant, 102 E. Hanover Avenue, Cedar Knolls (TJ Maxx and Home Goods Parking Lot). Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-615-4715 for more information and/or to RSVP.



The Conclave Commences...

For the first time in 13 years, the Cardinals of our Church will gather in Rome this week to select a new pope. It will be the first time in 20 years that a pope will be elected upon the passing of the prior pontiff.

When will the conclave begin?

The conclave will begin this Wednesday, May 7.

Where will it take place?

The conclave will take place in the Sistine Chapel, with its famous frescos painted by Michelangelo surrounding the Cardinals. Every papal election since 1878 has occurred there. All doors and windows are closed and locked, and everyone, including all of the Cardinals, will be checked to make sure there are no electronic devices. As the conclave begins, the Master of Ceremonies will shout, "Extra omnes!" a Latin phrase meaning, "Everyone else out!" A Swiss guard is posted outside. The participants are not allowed any outside communications. During the conclave, the Cardinals will stay at the Domus Sanctae Marthae, a guesthouse on the edge of Vatican City. It is a short bus ride or walk from the Sistine Chapel.

Who gets to vote?

Not all Cardinals are eligible to vote for Pope Francis's successor. Only Cardinals who were under the age of 80 at the time of Pope Francis's passing may cast a ballot. Of the current 252 Cardinals, 135 are eligible to vote.

How are the ballots cast and counted?

Each Cardinal will place a hand on the Gospels and swear to uphold the rules and secrecy of the conclave. At the time of each vote, the Cardinals will handwrite their choice for the next pope on a ballot that reads, "Eligo in Summum Pontificem" which means, "I elect as the Supreme Pontiff..." Each ballot is cast individually into special urns and then counted by hand by 3 scrutineers whose work is checked by 3 revisers, all of whom are selected by lot at the start of the conclave. Each ballot is read

aloud (without the name of the elector). The last scrutineer pokes a needle through each ballot at the word "Eligo" and places it on a thread so they are all secured.

How many votes will there be?

Typically there is one vote on the first day. If subsequent votes are needed, there are usually 2 in the morning and 2 in the evening each of the following days until there is a successful vote. A 2/3 majority is required for the election of a new pope. If no one has been elected after 13 days, voting is suspended and the Cardinals will spend a day in additional prayer and discourse before voting resumes. There is then a runoff between the 2 Cardinals who received the most votes on the previous ballots (and those Cardinals do not vote).

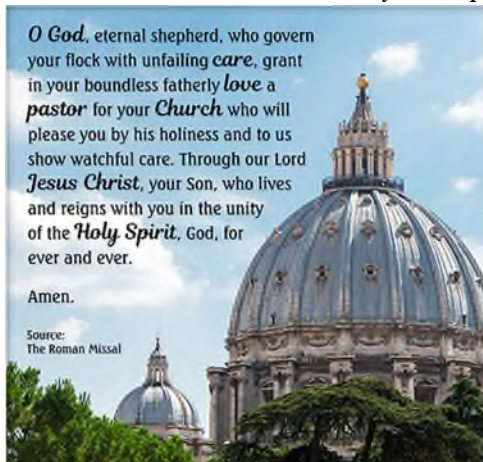
How will we know the results?

A chimney is installed on the roof of the Sistine Chapel before the conclave. After each vote, the ballots and all related notes, etc. are placed into a stove in the back corner of the chapel and burned in the morning and in the evening. If the vote has not reached the required majority, the resulting smoke will appear black, with the help of a special chemical. If the 2/3 majority has been met, the smoke will appear white, also through addition of a special chemical. If the chosen individual accepts this election, he will choose the name he will take as pope, and the senior cardinal deacon will then proclaim from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, "Habemus Papam!" that is, "We have a pope!" After this announcement, the pope's name will be announced, and he will appear on the balcony to impart his first Papal blessing.

*O God, eternal shepherd, who govern
your flock with unfailing **care**, grant
in your boundless fatherly **love** a
pastor for your **Church** who will
please you by his holiness and to us
show watchful care. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity
of the **Holy Spirit**. God, for
ever and ever.*

Amen.

Source:
The Roman Missal





Easter Flower Memorials

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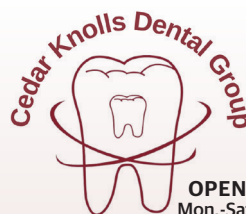
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