

# *Habemus Papam!*

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***Blast from the Past(or)***  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 18, 2025**

*Paul and Barnabas made a considerable number of disciples...*

As we get to this juncture of the Acts of the Apostles, we know that we are getting close to the time when Saint Barnabas was martyred. The early Christians died, defiant to the state, holding fast to their Faith. It can be easy to forget in our world of comforts and complacency, but we, too, are asked to follow in their footsteps. Although, for my part, I kind of vote for a less painful outcome for my own proclamation of the Faith. How about locked away not in a cell but perhaps a private spa suite, subjected to a deep-tissue massage, followed by a non-intrusive death, maybe caused by an overindulgence in cucumber water? Sounds like a good plan to me. Yeah, I am a wimp. Barnabas died because he spoke a Faith that enraged authorities. In Saint Barnabas, religion and politics meet yet again. I think about Saint Barnabas as I watch the trailer for the new *Mission Impossible, Final Reckoning*. I can't wait to see it. Tom Cruise is slightly older than me, but he looks so much better. I need to find out what exfoliant he uses. That's what we call petty jealousy. Anywho, there's this quote in the trailer: *everything you've done has come down to this; our lives are the sum of our choices*. Saint Barnabas's life and death were the sum of his choices. So, too, for Cardinal Robert Prevost. His choices and the Holy Spirit brought about a death of his old life, and a proclamation of Faith in his new life as Pope Leo XIV. Habemus Papam! Viva il Papa! Let us seek to choose wisely, too...

God Bless you!!!!!!



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*"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 SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THE  
 SUMMER!!**

Our Sunday evening Mass will be taking a hiatus for the summer. This Sunday, May 18 will be our last 7 pm Sunday Mass until after Labor Day. See you in September!



**MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, May 19: Saint Theophilus Of Corte**

Robert Bass

**Tuesday, May 20: Saint Bernardine Of Siena**

Kathleen Wrieden

**Wednesday, May 21: Saint Cristóbal Magallanes and Companions**

James Stewart

**Thursday, May 22: Saint Rita Of Cascia**

Marlyn and Lauren Reinhardt

**Friday, May 23: Saint Gregory VII**

Andrew Gallagher

**Saturday, May 24: Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi**

Claire Occhiogrosso

**Sunday, May 25: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am: Theresa Gallagher

11:00 am: Maureen Brodeur



***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](mailto:tjurgaitis@stmnj.org) or call the Parish Office.



***Habemus Papam! We Have a Pope!!***

### A Prayer for the Pope

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give  
to your shepherd a spirit of courage and  
right judgment,  
a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted  
to his care, may he, as successor to the  
Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build  
your Church into a sacrament of unity,  
love and peace for all the world.

**Amen.**

(<https://www.ncregister.com/features/a-prayer-for-the-new-pope>)



### ***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. From May 5 – May 30<sup>th</sup>, tickets are \$200 per person. All tickets must be purchased by May 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 their many fulfilling programs and events.



### ***Jubilee 2025 Prayer***

Father in heaven,  
May the faith You have given us  
in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and  
the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise forever.

**Amen.**



## *Evening in the Gardens*

**Wednesday, June 18th, 2025  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**



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# Jubilee of Christian Unity



## Ecumenical Prayer Celebration

Celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea and the Nicene Creed with Bishop Kevin Sweeney and other leaders of various Christian denominations. Leaders include The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, Rev. Jeff Markay, Sister Rosemary Moynihan, SC, and Rev. Elizabeth Ivell.

Sunday, June 22, 2025  
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# Diocese of Paterson

## 2025 Jubilee Year Celebrations

### Opening Mass – Cathedral

December 29, 2024 at 3pm

Feast of the Holy Family

### Jubilee of Consecrated Life

February 1, 2025, at 11am

Mass and Luncheon at St. Phillip, Clifton

### Jubilee of People with Disabilities

February 16, 2025 at 6pm

Murray House Dinner

### Christian Unity Roundtable

March 16, 23 & 30, 2025 at 4pm

Wayne, Parsippany, Sparta

### Jubilee of Artists

April 3 – 6, 2025

24th Annual Festival of the Arts

### Jubilee of Workers

May 1, 2025 at 12pm

Mass at St. Joseph's Hospital

### Jubilee of Law Enforcement

May 3, 2025 at 10:30am

Blue Mass at Cathedral

### Jubilee of Marian Spirituality and Educators

May 13, 2025 at 10am

Diocesan School Mass at Cathedral

### Jubilee of Teenagers

May 18, 2025

NJ Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags

### Jubilee of Families, Grandparents, and Elderly

May 31, 2025, at 1pm (12pm pilgrimage)

Family Day at St. Joseph Shrine

### Jubilee of Priests

June 2, 2025

Priest Jubilarians Mass

### Jubilee of Christian Unity

June 22, 2025 at 3pm

Ecumenical Prayer Celebration at Cathedral

### Jubilee of Deacons

August 9, 2025

Deacons Convocation

### Jubilee Pilgrimage (Bishop Sweeney)

September 26 – October 4, 2025

9-day pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

### Jubilee of Catechists

October 18, 2025, at 9am

Catechists Convocation at St. Elizabeth University

### Jubilee of Missionaries

October 19, 2025

World Mission Sunday

### Jubilee of Young Adults

October 26, 2025 at 5pm

Mass and Dinner at St. Anthony of Padua, Passaic

### Closing Mass – Cathedral

December 28, 2025 at 3pm

Feast of the Holy Family

### Local Pilgrimages

#### The Cathedral | East

December 29, 2024, Paterson

Jubilee Year Opening Mass

#### Shrine of St. Joseph | South

May 31, 2025, Stirling

Jubilee of Families, Grandparents, and Elderly

#### St. Luke | West

June 29, 2025, Long Valley

Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul

#### St. James | North

July 25, 2025, Montague

Feast of St. James

#### St. Bernard | Center

August 17, 2025, Wharton

Feast of St. Bernard



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