

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 25, 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)
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid...

I type this on a beautiful Monday in a parish where I am blessed to be assigned. I am burning scrap wood in the chiminea and strumming the guitar. Not a bad way to spend a day. Well, except for the neighbors who are throwing rocks to get me to stop singing. They think I don't see them, but I know who they are. Listen, I get it. I am not to everyone's taste. Many great artists suffered similar fates before being acknowledged as legends: Elvis, The Beatles, U2. My time will come! And then won't they be sorry. Anywho, back to the Gospel. We live in a world permeated by trouble and fear. But as we reach this Sixth Sunday of Easter (or Seventh...or both...I confess, I find the changes in the celebration of the Ascension very confusing!), in response to all of this, Jesus offers Himself, which is to say, God. Do you think God could come close to you? Well, He has. That knowledge is what makes you a Christian. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, *Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.* This weekend we honor those who lay down their lives for our great nation. There is no greater love, and no greater courage. Do not be afraid. God is in Love with you. And thank God for that.

God Bless you, and God Bless America!!!!!!



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 5/10-11: \$5,544.38

"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)



Monday, May 26: Saint Philip Neri

All Military Veterans

Tuesday, May 27: Saint Augustine of Canterbury

Thomas Briscoe

Wednesday, May 28: Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Joe Venito

Thursday, May 29: Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

Eileen O'Brien

Friday, May 30: Saint Joan of Arc

Helen McCarthy Enright

Oscar Granflor

Saturday, May 31: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Robert and Maureen Kennedy

Sunday, June 1: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am: Helen McCarthy Enright

11:00 am: Thomas Briscoe and Brendan Briscoe



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.



Reminder: Celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

In 2022, the Latin-rite diocesan Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Newark (which includes the Diocese of Paterson) transferred the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This year's celebration will be next Sunday, June 1 (not Thursday).




Would You Like to Have a Parish Picnic?

We would!! But we need your help to make it happen. We're aiming to schedule a picnic early this fall, but we need volunteers to plan, organize and orchestrate this event. If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Kay Kiernan at religioused@stmnj.org or by calling the Parish Office.



St. Paul Inside the Walls - Fourth Annual Garden Party LAST CHANCE!!!

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 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 their many fulfilling programs and events.



Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
You destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
That we may all deserve to be called
Your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
Who have died in the cause of freedom
And bring them safely
Into Your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
(From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)



2025-6 Religious Education Program

Although we're only at the unofficial start of summer, we are starting to prepare for our 2025-6 Religious Education Program. Details regarding class registration will be coming soon, but to make next year's program as successful as possible, we really need volunteers to serve as catechists and classroom aides. If you are interested in this vital ministry, please email Kay Kiernan at religioused@stmnj.org. No previous experience is required. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of helping to deepen the faith of our children!

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

From 3PM - 4PM

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
381 Grand St. Paterson, NJ 07505

Free parking is available in the
garage across from the Cathedral



Jubilee Family Fest

At The Shrine of St. Joseph
1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ 07980

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST
1:30 – 4:00 PM (MASS AT 4 PM)

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE PILGRIMAGE IN ROME? JOIN THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE FOR AN EXCITING DAY CELEBRATING THE JOY AND GIFT OF FAMILIES. FAMILIES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO ON A PILGRIMAGE AND RECEIVE A PLENARY INDULGENCE, WHILE CREATING LASTING MEMORIES. GATHER THE KIDS, GRANDPARENTS, AND FRIENDS FOR A DAY FILLED WITH FAITH, FUN AND FAMILY TIME.

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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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