

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.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - June 1, 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) **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** **June 1, 2025**

It is not for you to know the times and seasons that the Father has established by His own authority...

Well there you have it, folks: we are on a 'need-to-know' basis in God's unfolding plan of Salvation. That can be a tough pill to swallow in this culture of instant access and need to know. While the signs of God's Presence and Promise are all around us, the Ascension reminds us that Faith is Trust, not certainty. Such is the core of the Christian pilgrimage marked by ups and downs. Christ goes 'up' to Jerusalem and is later lifted 'up' high on the Cross. He is ultimately taken 'up' into Heaven, Ascending to His Heavenly Father, as the Apostles, agape, look 'up' into the sky. Conversely, the Holy Spirit descends 'down' to the Apostles following the manner in which Gabriel descends 'down' to Mary in the Annunciation. Jesus, too, descends into Hell, as we recall. That's a lot of ups and downs. It reminds me of a flight I was once on where the plane was making far too many up and down motions for my taste. I do not like turbulence. I clasped my rosary beads, closed my eyes and summarily fell asleep. One particularly violent bump jolted me awake, sending my rosary beads up into the air and ungraciously down upon my row mate. Let's just say she was not pleased. Thankfully she did return my beads, along with a very scornful look. I spent the rest of the flight immersed in my SkyMall Magazine, avoiding all eye contact. (On a more *up*-lifting note [see what I did there?], tell me where else you can find a Hot Dog scented t-shirt, Tex, the Armadillo Beverage Holder and Bigfoot, the Garden Yeti Statue all in one stunning publication! Seriously, do people know about this?!?) On this Ascension, we remember that all this 'up and down' does not require Dramamine, but Faith. This Jesus Who has been taken up from you into Heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven....

God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!



Thank You for Your Generous Contributions!

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Weekly Collection for 5/17-18: \$5,614.38

"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, June 2: Saints Marcellinus and Peter

Anthony and Carmella Gervasio

Tuesday, June 3: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions

Florence and Louis Rich

Wednesday, June 4: Blessed Angelina of Marsciano

Arlene Bartolomeo

Thursday, June 5: Saint Boniface

Leonard Bendzin

Friday, June 6: Saint Norbert

Frank Bevacqua

Saturday, June 7: Blessed Franz Jägerstätter

Carmen Liuzza, Jr.

Sunday, June 8: Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am: Edith Farrell

Gina Ricciardi

11:00 am: Mary Grace DeLorenzo



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.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Join us on Friday, June 6 for Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. Whether you can come for hours or even just 10 minutes, all are invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus as we mark the last few days of the Easter season.



First Saturday Vocation Day of Discernment

Come and join our First Saturday Day of Discernment on June 7 at 10 am at St. Bernard's Church, 22 St. Bernard Road, Wharton. 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, but an RSVP is requested. Please contact the Vocations Office or Rev. Charles Lana, Vocation Director, at 973-777-8818, Ext 715 or vocations@patersondiocese.org.



Bishop's Monthly Bilingual Pro-Life Mass and Procession for Life

Bishop Kevin will be celebrating his monthly bilingual Mass and Procession for Life on Saturday, June 7 at 8 am at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 6 Sussex Avenue in Morristown. After Mass there will be a Rosary procession towards Planned Parenthood. All are welcome.

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2025-6 Religious Education Program

Details regarding class registration for our 2025-6 Religious Education Program 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!



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.



Potential Parish Choir

As the well-known saying goes, *To Sing is to Pray Twice!* Our Music Director, Veronica, is exploring the possibility of forming a parish choir. She'd love to include your talents in this ministry! For more information, please see Veronica after Mass or email her at musicdirector@stmnj.org.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Are you interested in having your child Baptized at St. Thomas More? We're excited to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament with you! To begin, please check out the Baptism page on our website, and then complete the Baptism request form at <https://stmnj.org/baptism-request-form>. Please either email the completed form along with all other required paperwork to info@stmnj.org or drop it at the Parish Office. Please make sure to include 3 possible dates in your request and kindly note we are unable to schedule a Baptism until all paperwork is received, including verification letters for the Godparents. Still have questions? Please call or email the Parish Office and we'll be happy to help.



12th Annual Corpus Christi Food Drive

Catholic Charities Food Pantries help more people today than they ever have in their 80+ year history, approximately 20,000 people each month. During the summer months, this need becomes even more critical, as children are out of school and miss out on the two daily meals they typically receive during the academic year. While the holiday season brings generous support from many, the summer months present a great challenge. With many families on vacation, the needs of the food insecure often fade from public attention. Last year's Corpus Christi Food Drive resulted in the collection of over 15,000 pounds of food for the 3 Catholic Charities food pantries: Fr. English in Paterson, Hope House in Dover and Partnership for Social Services in Franklin. Your generosity helped keep their shelves stocked. But a new season is upon us and the great need continues. Due to the ongoing, unprecedented food pantry requests from the local poor, Bishop Sweeney has again authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes on the weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Each parish has been asked to collect specific food and household items to keep these pantries full again this summer. **St. Thomas More has been asked to provide Canned Meals such as beef stew, chili and Chef Boyardee.** We would appreciate it if you could please bring only these items so we can help meet the specific needs of these pantries. The collection will take place **during the weekend of June 21-22 only.** Due to storage limitations, please do not bring items before that time. If you prefer, you may also make a monetary donation at the website below or mail a donation to:

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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
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



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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