## 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.

Pentecost Sunday – June 8, 2025

#### 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

<u>Baptism</u>: Please call the Parish Office or submit the Baptism Request Form at: <a href="https://stmnj.org/baptism-request-form">https://stmnj.org/baptism-request-form</a> for more information. Arrangements should be made at least 8 weeks in advance of the desired date.

<u>Funeral Rites</u>: Please contact Father Tom for more information and to make arrangements.

Marriage: Please call the Parish Office or submit the Marriage Request Form at <a href="https://stmnj.org/marriage-request-form">https://stmnj.org/marriage-request-form</a> 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 <a href="https://stmnj.org/membership-information">https://stmnj.org/membership-information</a> or call the Parish Office at 973-267-5330. We'd love to welcome you!!



#### Blast from the Past(or) Pentecost Sunday June 8, 2025

...He breathed on them and said to them, receive the Holy Spirit...

Happy Pentecost, all! The very breath of God is the joyful culmination of our Easter Observation. Quick who can name the fruits of the Holy Spirit? (You are automatically disqualified if you used the interwebs! Hint: kiwi, while a superfruit, is not one of them. And with apologies to my housemate, blueberries are not, either.) I remember kind Sister Joan, my Confirmation teacher, patiently trying to instill them into my thick head. Try as she might, I just would not focus. All I could think about was the pizza party after Confirmation. Would we go to Anthony's, or to Gencarelli's? This was the subject of much debate in the Rockaway community at the time. Get it wrong, and it could have lasting consequences. Families divided, friendships ruined, all over the wrong crust. Of course, as was the case with much of my Catholic school education, I learned years later that the sisters were right after all. Knowing the fruits is much more than some mindless memory contest. In the movie, My Big Fat Greek Wedding, the toastmaster wisely observed, 'hey, we're all different, but in the end, we're all fruit.' The fruit of the Spirit is who we are. In the words of St. Teresa of Avila, Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks Compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world. We have been given the Advocate to teach us how to be Christ in this world. As the Church celebrates her new year, we're mindful that God destines each of us for greatness. Thus today we inhale the very breath of God as we sigh 'come, Holy Spirit.' Each of us bears a share in this tongue of fire and so desires to stay close to the Flame. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, making all things new.

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 5/24-25:

\$3,741.38

"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 9: Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Mary Murphy

Tuesday, June 10: Saint Joachima

Irene Lawlor

Wednesday, June 11: Saint Barnabas

Norma Mortimer

Thursday, June 12: Blessed Jolenta of Poland Maria and Richard Jantas and Stanislav Trela

Friday, June 13: Saint Anthony of Padua

James Bradford English

Saturday, June 14: Saint Albert Chmielowski Roland Cote

Sunday, June 15: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am: Anthony Gervasio and Louis Rich

Edith and Eugene Farrell

11:00 am: Bissainthe Fleurinor



#### 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.



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.

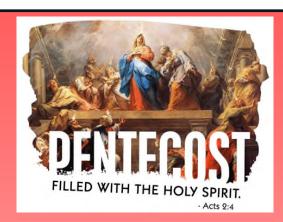


#### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Corpus Christi Food Drive

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:

> Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson Corpus Christi Food Drive 777 Valley Road Clifton, NJ 07013

To make a one-time or recurring, tax-deductible contribution, please go to <a href="https://ccpaterson.org/corpus">https://ccpaterson.org/corpus</a> or email: <a href="mailto:info@ccpaterson.org">info@ccpaterson.org</a> or call 973-279-7100 ext. 2038 for more information. Please join our parish and the entire Diocese in this great cause. Thank you for your generosity!



#### Pentecost Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit.

Open our hearts, minds and souls
That we may receive Your gifts.
May we approach each day with courage
and work to embody the fruits of the Spirit,
In love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
May we live in the Spirit,
and also follow the Spirit
All the days of our lives.

Amen.



#### Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their no-host monthly luncheon on Friday, June 20th at 12:30 pm at Angelina's Trattoria, 184 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park (Kings Parking Lot). Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-615-4715 for more information and/or to RSVP.



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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, 202524th 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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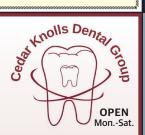
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