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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.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - June 22, 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)
**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body
 and Blood of Christ**
June 22, 2025

Give them some food yourselves...

Nothing distinguishes Catholics more than the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, foreshadowed today in the Miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish. I call this the Grand Slam Miracle, because the story appears in all four Gospels (Honest to goodness, I just thought of that now. It came from my brain! Wow, creativity is exhausting. I have to sit down for a moment and sip on one of those power drinks I found in the fridge. Okay, so it may have been on my housemate's shelf. Don't judge! I'm sure he wanted me to have it.). I'm back, with confusion at Jesus's words to the Disciples. *Feed them?* It's well-known that the Disciples would have taken on the project, but they faced a logistical nightmare: how do you feed 5,000 men on such short notice? There are no Dashers in the area and Domino's said it will be a two-hour wait. Jesus says, 'Enough!' He skips the logistics we tend to worry so much about. With His patented move: *take, bless, break and give away*, He transforms the little we have into a superabundance!! And as Christians we are active participants in Christ's Miracles, especially the Eucharist. You are leaven for the world; give them some food yourselves! Happy Corpus Christi!

God Bless you!!!!!!

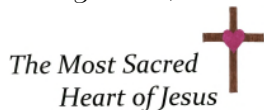


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Weekly Collection for 6/7-6/8: \$ 4,940.89

"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)



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This coming Friday, and throughout the month of June, we honor the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus...

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

Amen.

Source: www.jesuitresource.org



Monday, June 23: Saint John Fisher

Sal and Anthony Davino

Tuesday, June 24: Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Eleanor and Tony Tola

Wednesday, June 25: Blessed Jutta of Thuringia

Madison Torres

Thursday, June 26: Blessed Raymond Lull

Margaret O'Kane

Daniel Jeffrey Carey

Friday, June 27: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

People of the Parish

Saturday, June 28: Saint Irenaeus

Dr. Charles Dooley

Sunday, June 29: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00 am: Elaine Murphy

11:00 am: Ellen Cerchione



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, Phil Barrett, Claire Brady, Ron Brodeur, Fred Donikowski, 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.



Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, please be on the lookout for a Flocknote link via email or text to sign up to serve at July and August Masses. You can click on the links in the Flocknote at any time to confirm at which Mass(es) you have registered to serve, which Masses are still available and also to make any changes. We're always happy to welcome new members, so if you'd like to join either of these vital ministries, please reach out to the Parish Office. Thank you!



Celebrating the Feast Day of our Patron, Saint Thomas More

June 22 is the Feast Day of our Patron, Saint Thomas More. Since this year June 22 falls on a Sunday, the celebration of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ supersedes his feast. But, it's still important to honor and remember him on this day. Here are a few basic facts:

Birthday: February 7, 1478 in London, England

Date of Death: July 6, 1535 in London, England

Feast Day: June 22

Education: St. Anthony's School and Oxford University

Famous Last Words: "The King's good servant -- but God's first."

Known as Patron Saint of: Attorneys, Civil Servants, Court Clerks, Politicians, Public Servants, Statesmen, Difficult Marriages, Adopted Children, Widowers

Saint Thomas More was born in London in 1478, and after years of studying, and even considering priesthood, lived out his vocation a lawyer, as well as a theologian and writer. He rose through the ranks of Parliament and was named Lord Chancellor in 1529. He was highly regarded by those who knew him, including those in power. While he was extremely devoted to his king, he was even more devoted to God. In a great test of his faith, St. Thomas More was challenged to publicly endorse King Henry VIII's divorce, remarriage and claim to being head of the English Church. Even his daughter begged him to support the king in order to avoid punishment as a traitor. Unable to do so, St. Thomas More resigned his position, staying true to his beliefs despite the consequences. This earned him a conviction for treason, and he was cruelly beheaded in 1535. Yet throughout this time he managed to retain his cheerful nature and gratitude to God. May we draw inspiration from his holy example.

*Saint Thomas More, Our Patron,
Pray for Us!*



A Moment of Prayer for the Week....

In honor of the feast day of our patron saint, St. Thomas More, we offer one of his prayers, below:

Give me the grace, Good Lord:

To set the world at naught. To set the mind firmly on You and not to hang upon the words of men's mouths.

To be content to be solitary. Not to long for worldly pleasures. Little by little utterly to cast off the world and rid my mind of all its business.

Not to long to hear of earthly things, but that the hearing of worldly fancies may be displeasing to me.

Gladly to be thinking of God, piteously to call for His help. To lean into the comfort of God. Busily to labour to love Him.

To know my own vileness and wretchedness. To humble myself under the mighty hand of God. To bewail my sins and, for the purging of them, patiently to suffer adversity.

Gladly to bear my purgatory here. To be joyful in tribulations. To walk the narrow way that leads to life.

To have the last thing in remembrance. To have ever before my eyes my death that is ever at hand. To make death no stranger to me. To foresee and consider the everlasting fire of Hell. To pray for pardon before the judge comes.

To have continually in mind the passion that Christ suffered for me. For His benefits unceasingly to give Him thanks.

To buy the time again that I have lost. To abstain from vain conversations. To shun foolish mirth and gladness. To cut off unnecessary recreations.

Of worldly substance, friends, liberty, life and all, to set the loss at naught, for the winning of Christ.

To think my worst enemies my best friends, for the brethren of Joseph could never have done him so much good with their love and favour as they did him with their malice and hatred.

These minds are more to be desired of every man than all the treasures of all the princes and kings, Christian and heathen, were it gathered and laid together all in one heap.

Amen.



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 **THIS WEEKEND, 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



"If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNeil at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers Rev. Msgr. T. Mark Condon JCD, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, SSC, Chancellor / Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 247. The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site: www.patersondiocese.org.



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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