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 Saints Peter and Paul – June 29, 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: https://stmnj.org/baptism-request-form 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 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 Saints Peter and Paul June 29, 2025

I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk...

Big Paulie just wrote me from prison. 'Who is Big Paulie?' you might ask. In priesthood, you get to meet lots of folks from all walks and manners of life. Paul is in prison because he did a bad thing in a fit of anger, to which he eventually admitted and recounted. I reflect on his letter, which arrived just as we are about to celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. These two saints had a dodgy past—one persecuted the Church and even took part in the execution of Saint Stephen. The other denied that he even knew Jesus! Yet letters penned by the former are a vital part of the New Testament. And the latter became our first pope and is buried beneath the Altar of the Vatican. In contemplating these saints with the letter of Big Paulie in hand, I think of the ancient aphorism, 'every saint has a past.' I am all for proper and firm strictures and punishments for people who violate human mores. But I am also for conversion, penance and hope. Saint Peter and Saint Paul and even Big Paulie remind us that while every saint has a past, every sinner has a future. Through God's great grace, we all have the opportunity to rise and walk again. Saint Peter and Saint Paul, pray for us!

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.

Due to the parish office closure, the weekly collection for 6/14-6/15 will be reported next week.

"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)



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!



Monday, June 30: First Martyrs of the Church of Rome Bill Austin

Tuesday, July 1: Saint Junipero Serra

Madeline McCloskey

Wednesday, July 2: Saint Oliver Plunkett

Special Intention

Thursday, July 3: Saint Thomas the Apostle

Tucker Helstrom

Friday, July 4: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Theresa Gallagher

Special Intention

Saturday, July 5: Saint Anthony Zaccaria

Mary Wall

Sunday, July 6: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Jack Anderson

11:00 am: Gabrielle Zeianne Chua



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.



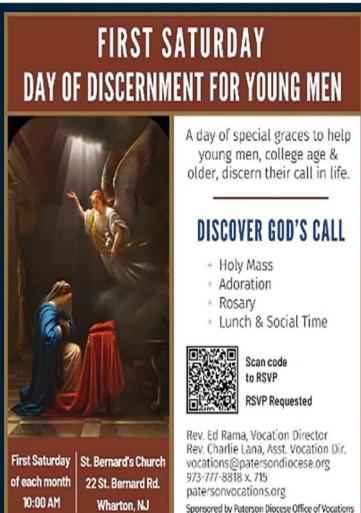
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Join us on Friday, July 4 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 and give thanks for our Great Nation on Independence Day.



First Saturday Vocation Day of Discernment

Come and join our First Saturday Day of Discernment on July 5 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, July 5 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.



Find Mass Times Throughout the U.S.

Traveling this summer? An easy way to find Mass wherever you may be in the U.S. is to check out www.masstimes.org or use their handy app. Parishes can be sorted by location or time of Mass. It's a good idea to always check an individual parish's website, too, to make sure there have been no last-minute changes, but this website/app is a great resource for Catholics on the road.



A Prayer on Independence Day

(From *The Roman Missal*, Opening Prayer for Mass on July 4^{th} , ©2020, ICEL)

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations;

for what has been achieved we give You thanks, for the work that still remains we ask Your help, and as You have called us from many peoples to be one nation.

grant that, under Your providence, our country may share Your blessings with all the peoples of the earth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday!





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"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, 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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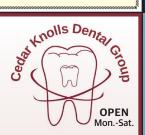
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