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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 6, 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) Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 6, 2025

The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few...

Smartphones, robotic vacuums. moving walkways...our world is filled with devices created to make our lives easier, to lighten the load. Who doesn't love these conveniences? Well, okay, sometimes Siri and I find ourselves on the outs when she insists on telling me the Mets are losing. Why is there no app to fix that?! But today's Gospel reminds us there is no shortcut along the path to the Heavenly Kingdom. We need only look up at the beautiful Crucifix in our church to be reminded of that great truth— Christianity is hard. In the words of G.K. Chesterton, 'The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult, and left untried.' As our Country just celebrated her 249th iteration of 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,' we solemnize a collective pause of gratitude for the blessing of being a part of this 'almost chosen Nation.' We think of the scores of men and women who have put their hand to the plow in the furtherance of the Grand Vision that is the United States of America. Despite obstacles, the Country's nameless laborers guide her Great Commission forward. Though curiously maligned even by throngs who stream toward her, the United States' revelation unfolds to this day, 249 years after its proclamation. Our debt is owed to the myriad who sacrificed themselves, often going without money or provisions. In a more ancient way, Christians trudge the footsteps of the seventytwo laborers sent out by Christ, two-by-two. Though oftmaligned, people still stream toward the Church, clamoring for her 2,000 year-old Revelation of who they are. The 72 were called to the apprenticeship we share. They gave their sandals, money, provisions, as well as their lives, in order that we may rejoice because our names are written in heaven. Such is the reason for our rejoicing! So let's get to work!

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 6/14-6/15: Weekly Collection for 6/21-6/22:

\$ 7,153.04 \$ 6.879.65

"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, July 7: Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz and Companions

Bob Bass

Tuesday, July 8: Saint Gregory Grassi and Companions Larry and Janet Bobbin

Wednesday, July 9: Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Mike Murphy

Thursday, July 10: Saint Veronica Giuliani

Mary Murphy

Friday, July 11: Saint Benedict

Marie Sherry

Saturday, July 12: Saints John Jones and John Wall

Joseph Kostyak

Sunday, July 13: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Eugene Farrell 11:00 am: Clyde Imagna



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.



Jubilee 2025 Prayer

Father in heaven,
May the faith You have given us
in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

Amen.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

You are invited to join fellow single parishioners for their no-host monthly luncheon on Friday, July 18th at 12:30 pm at Firehouse Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, 15 Central Avenue, Madison. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-615-4715 for more information and/or to RSVP.



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.



Jubilee Indulgence

On May 13, 2024, Pope Francis issued a "Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence During the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025." In this Decree, Pope Francis granted to "[a]ll the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin (cf. Enchiridion Indulgentiarum, IV ed., norm. 20, § 1), who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory," through pilgrimages, pious visits to sacred places, works of mercy and penance, as further described in his Decree, found at: https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/ pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html.

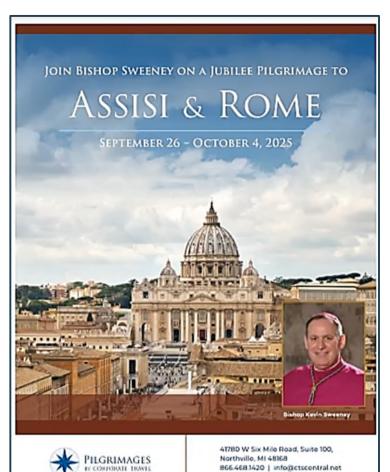
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Day 1 Friday, September 26 Depart USA

Depart on overnight flights to Rome, Italy.

Day 2 Saturday, September 27 🛕 Arrival in Rome

Benvenuti a Rumal Begin your journey with a warm welcome from your professional Italian tour manager, then board a provate motor coach to Assis. Celebrate Mass at the historic Portziuncola and enjoy quiet time for preyer at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angela Cather for a delightful welcome dinner and overright in Assai.

Day 3 Sunday, September 28

Begin your day with Mass at the Besides of St. Clare. Sillowed by a guided waking tour of Assis's historic sites. Vali the Basiliza of St. Francis, and the Church of Santa. Maria Maggiore where Bleased Carlo Acuts currently assis. The afternoon is free all your leisure, with dinner. on your own.

Day 4 Monday, September 29 🛎 🛦 Depart for Rome | Orvieto

Depart Assai this morning for Rome, the Eternal City. En route, step in Orviete for Mass at the sturning Duomo with time to pray at the Chapet of the Euchanistic Meracle. Enjoy banch on your own before continuing to Rome. Check into your hotel and gather for a group dinner.

Day 5 Tuesday, September 30 🚐

The Holy Doors | Evening Walking Tour

Calebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, then emberk on a tour of the remaining major basilicas. Spend the afternoon at your leasure before taking an evening walking tour to see the Trevi Fountain, Pantheor, Spanish Steps, and Piazza Navona Devner on your own and overnight in Rome

Day 6 Wednesday, October 1 🗷 🕏

Papal Audience | St. Priscilla Catacombs

www.pigrimagesbycts.com

Attend the weekly Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square and see the Holy Father preach. Step away for an intimat pizza making class and lunch before taking a tour of the St Principa Calacomba Rumander of the evening a at your leaure with dinner on your own Overnight in Rome

Day 7 Trureday, October 2 # 5

Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel

Join the North American College for their Ordination to the Transitional Disconsteat the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Essitica Afterwords, gather for a group banch, followed by a guided four of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel Dinner on your own and overnight

Day 8 Friday, October 3 Scavi Tour

Start your day with a leisurely morning and mass at a local church Embark on a Sceni four and maiss at a local church Embark on a Sceni four and see the tomb of St. Peter before spending your last afternoon in Rome at your lessure. Farewell group dinner and overnight in Rome

Day 9 Saturday, October 4 Return to the USA

Depart Rome on your return flights to USA







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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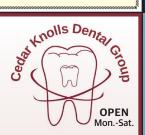
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