

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 3, 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 send an email to tjurgaitis@stmnj.org or call the Parish Office at 973-267-5330. We'd love to welcome you!!



Blast from the Past(or)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025

...Tell my brother to share the inheritance with me...

‘On today’s episode of *As Luke Turns...*’ Sometimes the Gospels describe scenes redolent of a soap opera. No Susan Lucci necessary; we’ve got your drama right here. It can be shocking when we reflect on Jesus absorbing the barrage of people’s demands. It’s a wonderment that people presume to speak to God like that. This reflection might also lead us to nervously examine ourselves (as in, ‘Oh gosh, I’m not like that, am I??!’). In Matthew, James and John’s mom *tells* Jesus to ‘command that my two sons sit one at Your right and the other at Your left (Matt 20:21). Just two weeks ago, in Luke, we heard Martha *tell* Jesus to ‘tell my sister to help me!’ And from the crowd today, we hear someone *tell* Jesus to settle a disagreement over an inheritance. ‘Oy vey!’ Jesus sighed (although that part has been redacted from the Gospel). It’s hard to fathom barking orders at Christ. But unfortunately Jesus is used to our self-centeredness. He even suffered and died to heal us from such tendencies. After that latest demand, many of us would be scrolling on our phone, looking at getaways for some R&R, perhaps a nice Airbnb up in the Finger Lakes or something. But Jesus does not respond like that. Instead, He again parlays someone’s demand into a lesson. Touching on the theme of our first reading, Jesus indicates that one’s life does not consist of possessions, that ‘having’ is not the same thing as ‘being.’ Yet the rich man in the Gospel can’t even enjoy his possessions due to the energy it takes to be so self-centered. In sum, turning to our first reading again, *all things are vanity...* every person must leave property behind at some point. As a wise sage once said, ‘you can’t take it with ya!’ Jesus shines a light on greed, defined as an unhealthy desire or obsession with having more than is needed. Sometimes we can suffer from that cataract of greed, which creates a blind spot concerning the overarching Divine Plan. Wealth is not a bad thing; it is a product of prudent planning. But Christ reminds us that our ultimate security is in God. Perhaps we can usher August in with the help of the words of St. Ignatius of Antioch: *Give me only Your love and Your grace and I will be rich enough to ask for nothing more...*

God Bless you!!!!!!



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Monday, August 4: Saint John Vianney

Thomas Briscoe and Brendan Briscoe

Tuesday, August 5: Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica

Lucy Paoella

Wednesday, August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Patrick Joseph Cutaneo

Thursday, August 7: Saint Cajetan

Mary-Alice Shortall

Friday, August 8: Saint Dominic

Priscilla Stafford

Saturday, August 9: Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Mary Alice O'Donnell

Sunday, August 10: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Marge O’Kane

11:00 am: Joseph Andretti

Thomas Briscoe and Brendan Briscoe

††The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in loving memory of Thomas Briscoe and Brendan Briscoe. ††



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.



Welcome to Father Mark Obeten!

Please welcome Father Mark Obeten, a priest of the Archdiocese of Abuja, Nigeria. He will be preaching a mission appeal this weekend on behalf of the archdiocese to help support rural evangelization. Thank you for your time in listening to Father Obeten and your generosity in response.



Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed the week of August 11-15. Regular office hours will resume on August 20. Thank you for your understanding.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

Please join fellow single parishioners for their monthly luncheon on Friday, August 15th at 12:30 pm at The Grain House, 225 Route 202 (Mt. Kemble Avenue), Basking Ridge. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-615-4715 for more information and/or to RSVP.



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.



2025-26 Religious Education Program

Registration for this year's religious education program is now open for all children from Kindergarten through 8th grade. Basic details are below. For more information, or to volunteer as a catechist, please email Kay Kiernan at religioused@stmnj.org or call the Parish Office.

Who can register? Our program is open to all children who do not attend Catholic school and whose families are registered with St. Thomas More.

What ages are included? We welcome students from Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

How do I register? Please register and pay online at: <https://stmnj.org/2025-26-registration>. If you encounter any issues with the registration, please contact Kay Kiernan at religioused@stmnj.org or call or email Tina in the Parish Office.

When are the Sacraments received? The Diocese of Paterson permits students to receive their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion after they have completed 2 years of religious education, so this typically occurs in 2nd Grade. Similarly, the Diocese requires each student to complete 2 years of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which typically occurs at St. Thomas More in 8th grade or later.

We still 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!

Homeschool Family Summer Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, JULY 13 & AUGUST 10 AT 5PM

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63 East Main Street, Rockaway NJ

FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW
Your family may bring a picnic dinner or we will be able to order pizza for your family. The parish will provide water and smores. Please RSVP to Jennifer at 973-476-2568 with number of pies by the Friday PRIOR to event. You can pay \$20 (per pie) that day or pay via Venmo @just1soul.





TEN SIGNS OF A SAFE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

1. SCREENING of staff/volunteers
2. Adults trained in safe environment strategies and signs of abuse
3. Code of conduct enforced
4. Open COMMUNICATION between parents and staff/staff and children/children and parents
5. PARENTS always WELCOME
6. Children educated in right relationships and what to do if a relationship isn't right
7. All children treated with DIGNITY and RESPECT
8. Clear RULES and EXPECTATIONS
9. Adequate supervision of youth (team approach - accountability - no 1:1 isolation)
10. All abuse is reported.

"If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office at the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Monsignor T. Mark Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 ext. 205 or Sister Theresa Lee, FMA, Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 ext. 248."

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan website: www.patersondiocese.org.



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This certificate is for those who are having a hard time navigating the questions and the current climate of human identity and sexuality. The topics of sexual orientation, identity and love boil down to three fundamental questions written on every human heart: *who am I, what was I made for and where am I going?*

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 2025
FROM 7:30 - 9:30 PM**

Session 1: September 2
Philosophical Foundations of
the Theology of the Body

Session 2: September 30
Christ Appeals to the Beginning

Session 3: November 4
Christ Appeals to the Human Heart

Session 4: December 2
Christ Appeals to the Resurrection

Session 5: January 6
The Sacrament: Part I

Session 6: February 3
The Sacrament: Part 2

Session 7: March 3
Pastoral Support and Reflection

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Presenter: Scott Milliken



Scott Milliken has been with Catholic Charities since 1992. He became the Executive Director of the Department for Persons with Disabilities in 2010. In 2018, Scott was appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson. Scott earned a BA degree from Syracuse University, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Seton Hall, a Graduate Certificate in Non-profit Management from Seton Hall and an SPHR at Harvard University Business School. Scott has been a Board member of Visiting Health Services of New Jersey, Saint Joseph's Hospital, and the Health Coalition of Passaic County and the Paterson Alliance. He is a Past Grand Knight and active member of the Joseph F. Lamb Council #5510 Knights of Columbus and a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Scott is also a member of Governor Murphy's Third Sector Advisory Council for Housing and Homelessness Task Force. In 2021, Scott was honored by the Mary Queen of All Nations Missionary Alliance with the Advocate for the Poor and Disabled Award.

This workshop will cover several
aspects of leadership such as:

- ✓ Leading a team of certified professionals
- ✓ Leading a team providing diverse services
- ✓ Providing services for drug and alcohol abuse, adults with developmental disabilities, family services, veteran services and immigration services

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SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2025

"HOW CAN THERE BE TOO MANY CHILDREN? THAT'S LIKE SAYING THERE ARE TOO
MANY FLOWERS".
-MOTHER TERESA





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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