

# *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.*

## *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 10, 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](mailto:tjurgaitis@stmnj.org) or call the Parish Office at 973-267-5330. We'd love to welcome you!!



***Blast from the Past(or)***  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 10, 2025**

*Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not yet seen...*

Huh? That is a mouthful. It sounds like wisdom Master Po would impart to his student Grasshopper in the series *Kung Fu* (No one? Really, guys? Well, your loss—it was a great show! David Carradine was brilliant.) But it is not. The language is from the Letter to the Hebrews, written roughly five to seven decades after the death of Jesus (the Scripture scholars can't agree on a date. C'mon, scholars, be better!). In it, the author (the scholars can't agree on authorship, either. See a pattern here? I mean, really, they had one job!) exhorts a despondent and persecuted people to keep the Faith! Hebrews' rally cry is that Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior, has assumed our frailty and redeemed it all. As we pray in one of the Prefaces at Mass, Jesus has 'made a remedy out of mortality itself.' Hebrews reminds us that while our earthly battles will continue, the War is already won in Christ Jesus. We should walk in this Faith, defined as the Purpose to our being in the great I Am. There's an old saying: 'When I walk by Faith and not by sight, I am tripping constantly.' I totally get that. And when we trip, we muster that Faith yet once more in the Jesus Who embodies the Purpose to our being. The late Richard John Neuhaus contextualized Faith this way: *People who follow Jesus will receive everything they want, if what they want is to follow Jesus.* Such is the realization of things hoped for...

God Bless you!!!!!!



***Thank You for Your Generous Contributions!***

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**Weekly Collection for 7/26-7/27                      \$3,727.95**

*“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)*



***Parish Office Closure***

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



**Monday, August 11: Saint Clare of Assisi**

Carrie Wharton Priest and Todd Wharton

**Tuesday, August 12: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**

Bill Davis

**Wednesday, August 13: Saints Pontian and Hippolytus**

Phyllis Durante

**Thursday, August 14: Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe**

8:15 am: Helen Marie Chajkowski

7 pm (Vigil for the Solemnity of the Assumption):

Kay Brewer

**Friday, August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15 am: Mary Murphy

12:10 pm: Carm Sautter

**Saturday, August 16:**

Irene and Thomas Walsh

**Sunday, August 17: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am: Carmella Gervasio and Florence Rich

Eleanor and Tony Tola

11:00 am: Jim Kelly



***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](mailto:tjurgaitis@stmnj.org) or call the Parish Office.



## The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Friday, August 15. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 pm, and Masses will also be celebrated on Friday, August 15 at 8:15 am and 12:10 pm. **AS A REMINDER, THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON AUGUST 15.** All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother and give thanks for the many gifts and blessings she gives to us each and every day.



### 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.



### Blessing of College Students

It's hard to believe, but the new school year is quickly approaching. At all Masses **next weekend, August 16-17**, we will be offering a special blessing for all college students— those attending the universities just down the street from us, as well as those who will be heading to other destinations. All students are most welcome to come and receive prayers and best wishes as you embark upon the upcoming school year.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:religioused@stmnj.org). No previous experience is required. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of helping to deepen the faith of our children!



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3. Code of conduct enforced
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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 McNeil 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](http://www.patersondiocese.org).

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Passaic County	11:00 am - Rally/ Asamblea
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**NJ BISHOPS' Mass for Life**  
Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption  
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**HOMILIST**  
Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D.,  
Diocese of Paterson



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For full information, visit: [insidethewalls.org/njmarchforlife](http://insidethewalls.org/njmarchforlife)



# 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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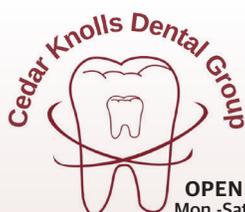
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