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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.*

## *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 31, 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)**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 31, 2025**

*My child, conduct your affairs with humility...*

As we prepare for the 'end of summer,' the readings proffer some life lessons. Sirach, we're told, was written about 200 years before Jesus gave His parable at the dinner of the house of the Pharisee. What a dinner that must have been! Sirach is not included in the Bible of our Protestant friends and is often disregarded. Yet its message about humility is an important one, as humility is a requirement of Christianity. As a virtue, humility is one of the practical applications of our Faith to daily life. I am very proud of my humility. In fact, I am so super-duper good at humility that I don't want to turn people away from my Ghandi-like embodiment of this principal Christian virtue. Getting back to the point, Sirach puts us on point for living life freely. Sirach gives good advice: be humble. I went to seminary with a guy who refused to brush his teeth in order to fend off the lady-folk who might possible accost him. Hygiene is not pride, folks. Someone just gave me this quote from CS Lewis: *humility is not thinking less of yourself. Humility is thinking of yourself less.* Wow. I am going to try to do that this week, hoping to one day count myself in the Resurrection of the Righteous.

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.

**Weekly Collection for 8/9-8/10: \$ 6,917.38**

**Weekly Collection for 8/16-8/17: \$ 6,783.38**

*"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)*

**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 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).



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Monday, September 1: Saint Giles**

Carm Sautter

**Tuesday, September 2: Blessed John Francis Burté and Companions**

Brendan Briscoe

**Wednesday, September 3: Saint Gregory the Great**

Father Greg Green

**Thursday, September 4: Saint Rose of Viterbo**

Helen Theresa Clark

**Friday, September 5: Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

Christine Ann Barzano

**Saturday, September 6: Blessed Claudio Granzotto**

Michele Halley

**Sunday, September 7: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am: Leonard Bendzin

11:00 am: Thomas Landwehrle

7:00 pm: Tyler Rodimer



**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, 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.



**Reminder - 7 pm Mass Resumes next Sunday!**

The 7 pm Sunday Mass resumes next Sunday, September 7. It will continue (except on holiday weekends) until Memorial Day Weekend. Please spread the word!



**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

We hope you'll join us on Friday, September 5 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.



**First Saturday Vocation Day of Discernment**

Come and join our First Saturday Day of Discernment on September 6 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](mailto:vocations@patersondiocese.org).



**Last Chance to Sign up for the Parish Picnic!**

The parish picnic is Saturday, September 13, from 1-4 pm. Price of admission is simply a dessert or side dish! **THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP**, so if you'd like to attend, please be sure to sign the sheet in the vestibule **before September 1**. Hope to see you there!



**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers**

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will receive a Flocknote message via email or text this week to sign up to serve at September and October 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. If you'd like to join either of these vital ministries, please reach out to the Parish Office. Thank you!



**Prayer Before Work to St. Joseph the Worker**

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor,  
obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins;  
to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations;  
to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God;  
to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials;  
to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death.

Amen.

(Composed by Pope St. Pius X)

<https://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/prayers/>

**FIRST SATURDAY DAY OF DISCERNMENT FOR YOUNG MEN**



A day of special graces to help young men, college age & older, discern their call in life.

**DISCOVER GOD'S CALL**

- + Holy Mass
- + Adoration
- + Rosary
- + Lunch & Social Time



Scan code to RSVP  
RSVP Requested

**Rev. Charlie Lana, Vocation Director**  
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**FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM**

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## Mass of Consolation



September 6th  
10AM  
St. Paul Inside the Walls  
205 Madison Ave. Madison, NJ



Join us for a special mass to remember and celebrate the lives of our beloved children we have lost too soon.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."  
Matthew 5:4



Office of Family Life

- Support and Healing
- Miscarriage Resources
- Post Abortive Resources
- Infertility Resources
- Community Building



September 12-14

A Weekend Retreat for Men & Women led by Judy Schiavo

### EMOTIONS: OUR UNLIKELY ALLIES

In his introduction to the Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius encourages anyone who is contemplating a deeper relationship with God to understand one's own history and reasoning. He encourages us to first understand our humanity. To be human is to be aroused emotionally in anger, shame, grief, fear and loneliness. We will spend this weekend understanding the positive aspects of these emotions and how they can deepen our relationship with God."



To register, please go to:

<https://loyola.org/weekend-retreats>

## ONE STEP CLOSER

### BENEDICTINE HUMILITY: WITHOUT THE MONASTERY

#### DESCRIPTION

Why should I be humble when everyone around me is filled with pride?

Besides, I'm already the most humble person I know, so what else can I do?

And what can I learn from a monk who lived 1,500 years ago anyway?

Come to this informative and engaging presentation where we will learn the extraordinary importance of humility and how to improve in this area.

#### WHEN

Tuesday, Sept 16, 7-8:30 PM

#### WHERE

Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel  
75 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ  
The Parish Hall (downstairs)

#### ONE STEP CLOSER

is an ongoing series breaking open the richness of our beautiful Catholic faith, bringing disciples one step closer to Christ.



DAN BALOGH

Adjunct Instructor  
Office of Evangelization at  
St. Paul Inside the Walls



# 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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