

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.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 7, 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)
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025

I didn't lose. I just took a motivational break.

Ha, ha! I tricked you Catholics who don't read your Bible! That quote is not from this week's Scripture. It is from my fortune cookie, which reflected on the wisdom exchanged between the tortoise and the hare. Ha! Fooled you all! But putting my own Labor Day-influenced thoughts aside, my cookie sheds light on Jesus's New School Year curriculum: that is, check yourself, and prepare for the long haul. Salvation is indeed a marathon and not a sprint (with apologies to Rose Ruiz). It is kind of neat when your fortune cookie reminds you of the Gospel and the calculation of the cost of discipleship. (Was that analogy too much of a stretch? Hey, c'mon, I tried!) Loving Jesus will take everything from us. And that investment will blow away the crypto. In prudence, the tortoise knows he is over-matched. But he keeps at it. May we all calculate for the long haul that is life. In Christ Jesus. As the Venerable Catherine McAuley remarked: *There are more saints in heaven that never did anything extraordinary, and who have perhaps attained a far greater degree of glory than those whose lives were remarkable for greater actions (Magnificat, September 2025).*

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 8/23-8/24: \$ 4,564.38

"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.



Monday, September 8: Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Roland Cote

Tuesday, September 9: Saint Peter Claver

Pat Schell

Wednesday, September 10: Saint Thomas of Villanova

Ellie DelRosario

Thursday, September 11: Saint Cyprian

Robert Kennedy and the Souls of all others Lost on September 11, 2001

Friday, September 12: Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Larry Roscoe

Saturday, September 13: Saint John Chrysostom

Father Rafael Ciro

Sunday, September 14: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Trudy Lipke, Bill Lipke and Mary Juliano

11:00 am: Bob Bass

7:00 pm: Larry Roscoe



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 or call the Parish Office.



**September 11, 2001 –
We Pray as We Remember**

On this day of solemn remembrance:
May we honor the lives that were lost in this tragic act.
May we give thanks for those who served and saved,
rendered aid and assistance.
May we give comfort to those who live with loss.
May we seek justice and peace where it is within our
ability,
And rely on You when the ability escapes us.
On this day of solemn remembrance:
May we build what has been torn down.
May we mend what has been broken.
May we live Your love when hate seems to reign.
May we bear witness to the cause of peace.
Amen.

By Derek Weber

Excerpt from “On the Twentieth Anniversary” by Derek Weber,
[https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-
index/patriot-day](https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/patriot-day)

Adoration as We Remember

As we once again mark the anniversary of September 11,
2001, we will be having Eucharistic Adoration this
Thursday beginning at 8:30 am in the church and
concluding with Benediction at 3 pm. Please feel free to
stop by for some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed
Sacrament in remembrance of all those lives lost, those
who bravely served on that day and the days to follow, all
who continue to mourn and our Great Nation.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 359
MORRISTOWN, NJ**

Knights of Columbus Raffle Tickets

Brothers from the Knights of Columbus Council 359 in
Morristown will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses
during the weekends of September 13-14 and September
27-28 in support of their 11th Annual Mass and Dinner of
Appreciation on Saturday, October 11. The cost is \$10
per ticket (\$100 for a book of 10). The focus this year is
to recognize and raise funds for exceptional area
organizations assisting individuals coping with food
insecurity, homelessness and addiction. David Scott,
recently retired CEO/Executive Director of Market Street
Mission, will be honored for his 35 years of outstanding
leadership. Visit www.koc359.org for more information.



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

Please join fellow single parishioners for their monthly
luncheon on Friday, September 19th at 12:30 pm at The
Black Horse Pub & Inn, 1 W Main Street, Mendham.
Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-615-4715 for more
information and/or to RSVP.



Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 2000, 1975 or 1965? The
Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th, 50th
or 60th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be
offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson.
Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful
occasion to be held on Sunday, November 16 at 3:00 pm.
Arrangements can be made by calling or emailing Tina in
the Parish Office. Please note there is a limit of 5 guests
per couple. **The deadline to register is October 17, 2025.**
You will receive additional information from the Office of
Family Life once your registration has been processed.
Congratulations on this very special occasion!

**family
FUN DAY**

Come for a day of games and activities with the
Sisters of Christian Charity at our Motherhouse
in Mendham, NJ.
Cost: \$20 per child
Adults and children under 3 are free!
The proceeds of the event will go to support the
education of the Sisters in formation.

- ✓ Activities and Prizes
- ✓ Facepainting
- ✓ Bounce House
- ✓ Picnicking
- ✓ Field Games

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
20TH
11:00-3:00 PM**

Sisters of Christian Charity
350 Bernardsville Road
Mendham, New Jersey

NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

with every woman, for every child

Join Pro Life advocates all around the state of New Jersey to peacefully rally and march for the dignity of the human person.

**Trenton, New Jersey
September 25th, 2025**

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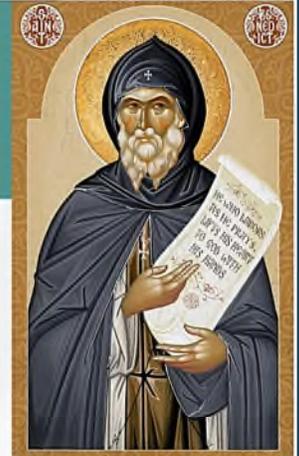
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| Morris County | 9:30 am - Mass /Misa |
| Passaic County | 11:00 am - Rally/ Asamblea |
| Sussex County | 12:00 pm - March/ Marcha |

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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)

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NJ BISHOPS' Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



CELEBRANT

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D.,
Archdiocese of Newark



HOMILIST

Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D.,
Diocese of Paterson



NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral



For full information, visit: insidethewalls.org/nj/marchforlife

Catholic Evangelization and Leadership Series Presents



LEADING THOSE WHO SERVE THE LEAST OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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 SPNM 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

Saturday, September 20, 2025

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

205 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ

\$20 Entry | Free for CCE students, Deacons, and Religious





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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