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## *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14, 2025*

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**Blast from the Past(or)**  
**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
**September 14, 2025**

*Christ Jesus...did not regard equality with God something to be grasped...*

Indeed, on this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we recall that Christ *emptied* Himself. We don't 'grasp' at the love of God. Rather, we say 'Amen' to welcome such. While the wood of the Cross is an instrument of torture, we must look at such daily to remind ourselves of how much God loves us. I once found this old oar at an antique place. Feeling especially handy, I decided to restore it. I sanded it down (It's true! I even wore a mask and everything; I totally DIY'd it. Thank you, YouTube). I was amazed at how receptive the oar was to the stain; it just soaked it up. (Are there any woodworkers out there? If so, please keep my secret that I have no idea what I'm doing...) My oar assumed my task without argument. The Cross is not my oar, to be sure. But the Cross accepts the stain of all of us, without patch or repair. Our Exaltation of the Cross proclaims not only our victory over sin, but over death itself. Thank you, God, for Your Son, Jesus Christ!  
 God Bless you!!!!!!



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**Weekly Collection for 8/30-8/31: \$ 4,337.38**

*"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 15: Our Lady of Sorrows**

Alice Gallagher

**Tuesday, September 16: Saint Cornelius**

Louis Rich

**Wednesday, September 17: Saint Robert Bellarmine**

Anselmo and Rayna Dias

**Thursday, September 18: Saint Joseph of Cupertino**

Fred Gensicke

**Friday, September 19: Saint Januarius**

Sal Esposito

**Saturday, September 20: Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasan, and Companions**

Jim Kelly

**Sunday, September 21: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

8:00 am: Theresa Gallagher

11:00 am: Patrick Joseph Cutaneo  
 Michael Alfano

7:00 pm: Michael Kane



**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.



# Message

from your **Pastor**

## *To the good People of God in the Community of St. Thomas More:*

*As we approach the fall season, we have some exciting developments in our midst! After months of careful research, planning and preparation, we are about to begin our first major capital improvement to the church property in several years. In order to improve the aesthetics, acoustics and overall condition of our worship space, we will be replacing the well-worn carpet with fresh, wood flooring. Given the large scope of this project, we will be completing it in phases in order to minimize any disruptions to our Masses and other events. In the coming weeks, you will start to see signs of work, first in the Sanctuary area, then in sections of our seating area, as well as in the sacristies and other surrounding spaces. Your patience is appreciated as we undergo this much-needed improvement to our beautiful church. Thank you to our Parish Finance Council for their support in this endeavor, and to all of you for your generosity in making this project a reality, and your continued support of St. Thomas More.*

*In Him,*

*Fr. Tom Fallone*



### *Special Needs Sensory Mass* *St. Mary's Church, Pompton Lakes, NJ*



Please join us for our first  
**Special Needs Sensory Mass**  
on September 28th at 3:00 p.m.

What is a Sensory Mass?

A sensory friendly mass offers the opportunity for those individuals with auditory and visual processing sensitivities to celebrate mass along with their families. The mass is shorter in length, church lighting is dimmer and music is softer providing a warm, inclusive environment for all.

Masses will continue monthly on the following dates:

2025 - Oct. 26th, Nov. 23rd, Dec. 21st

2026 - Jan. 25th, Feb. 22nd, Mar. 22nd, Apr. 19th,

May 17th, Jun. 14th



## *Potential Parish Choir*

Our Music Director, Veronica, is exploring the possibility of forming a parish choir to sing at the 11 am Mass, beginning within the next month or so. 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](mailto:musicdirector@stmnj.org).



## *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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> 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!



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 TJ Scilleri  
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 Or email: [Info@ccpaterson.org](mailto:Info@ccpaterson.org)

**When:** Friday, September 19th, 2025  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Price:** \$80/pp (includes Beefsteak & Tricky Tray)  
**Where:** St. James of the Marches Parish Hall  
 400 Totowa Road  
 Totowa, NJ 07512

To buy tickets or donate online go to:  
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**Programa**

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 11:00 am - Rally/ Asamblea  
 12:00 pm - March/ Marcha

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**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/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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