

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 21, 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

...I am ashamed to beg...

The long Parable of the Unjust Steward never disappoints to perplex and vex us to this very day. Interestingly, ‘I ain’t too proud to beg...’ I know, right? People often wonder: is there any way to get Motown references to apply to a Parable of Jesus? Well, you’ve come to the right place. If you want Temptations lyrics in your Gospel lesson, I’m your guy. I got you covered. You’re welcome. Just leave a little free-will donation. The story of the Unjust Steward is about the person who regrets the possibility of losing what they have. So, they make prudent arrangements for securing the same. We don’t want to lose what we cherish most. In the Parable, of course, such is our relationship with God. To *make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth* attributes the sacred virtue of prudence that is rudimentary to everyday living! Careful action is a constant requirement of existence. We don’t want to squander what is closest to our hearts. The steward reminds us of just that, as he thinks on his feet to protect the same!

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 9/6-9/7: \$ 5,274.38

“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)



Floor Project Update

Thank you to all who have expressed their enthusiastic support of our floor project. This new floor will continue the tradition of those who have cared for our church during its almost 60-year history, ensuring our community has a beautiful space that inspires us to lift our hearts and minds to our Lord. As you can see, things are well underway! The carpet is being removed all around the church. Our musical instruments have been moved and protected. The next step will be for the wood to be installed in the Sanctuary area. Again, we appreciate your patience during this work. It is a long, careful process but will be well worth it when we are able to gather in our new and improved worship space!



Monday, September 22: Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions

Marie Zimmerli and John McKinney

Tuesday, September 23: Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

Fred and Joan Gensicke

Wednesday, September 24: Saint John Henry Newman

Roland Cote

Thursday, September 25: Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guerin

Bill McGuire

Friday, September 26: Saint Paul VI

Father Rafael Ciro

Saturday, September 27: Saint Vincent DePaul

Mary Murphy

Sunday, September 28: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Peggy Farrell

11:00 am: Clyde Imagna, Mary Ann Granello and Gerard Eick

7:00 pm: Father Arthur Colaiacovo



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.

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NEW JERSEY AREA



Potential Parish Choir

Thank you to everyone who's expressed interested in the parish choir! A meeting to discuss more details will be scheduled on a Sunday before 11 am Mass within the next couple of weeks. For more information, please see Veronica after Mass or email her at musicdirector@stmnj.org.



Parish Picnic - Thank you!

Thank you to Kay Kiernan and her entire committee for their hard work in bringing back our parish picnic last weekend. And thank you to the many people who came out to join in the fun and fellowship! It was a great day for our parish community. Hope to see you again next year!

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Let us pray . . .

O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness,
no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or
concern ignored.

You have proven that blessings abound
when we fall on our knees in prayer,
and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and
cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is
required . . .

*"Only to do justice and to love goodness,
and to walk humbly with your God"* (Mi 6:8).

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be
merciful to others.

Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism
so that we may seek peace and justice in our
communities.

Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the
rhythm of your holy will.

Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly
toward a future

filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the
prompting of your grace

can we progress toward virtue.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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."

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Saturday, November 1, 2025 - 9am

Saturday, November 22, 2025 - 9am

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October 15, 2025 | 6PM - 8PM

October 26, 2025 | 2PM - 4PM



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NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

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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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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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Únase con los defensores de la vida de todo el estado de Nueva Jersey para reunirnos y marchar pacíficamente por la dignidad de la persona humana.

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/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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