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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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 28, 2025*

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***Blast from the Past(or)***  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 28, 2025**

*Send Lazarus...cool my tongue...*

In yet another harrowing parable from Our Lord, we hear of the terrible sufferings of the rich man in the afterlife. Even then, he doesn't seem to get it. He doesn't understand that my gifts and your gifts are just that, gifts of God. This parable resonates with someone like me, who had to repeat nursery school. I just didn't 'get it' the first time around. (Although, let's be honest, clearly Mrs. Dux did not possess the training to harness my latent genius. It's not her fault.) Anyway, the Parable of the rich man who suffers reminds us of the necessity of gratitude. Thanksgiving is the lifeblood of our being. That's what the Eucharist means. This Parable reminds us of just that: be grateful to God and utilize His gifts accordingly! 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 9/13-14: \$ 5,261.38**

*"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).



**Monday, September 29: Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael**

Walter Wary

**Tuesday, September 30: Saint Jerome**

Linda Granflor

**Wednesday, October 1: Memorial of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux**

Al Olivier

**Thursday, October 2: Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**

Tony Tola

Frank Griffin

**Friday, October 3: Saint Theodora Guérin**

Michalina Cutaneo

**Saturday, October 4: Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi**

Gerard Scully

Special Intention

**Sunday, October 5: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am: John Macko

11:00 am: Bissainthe Fleurinor

7:00 pm: George Burylo



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.



### *First Friday Eucharistic Adoration*

We hope you'll join us on Friday, October 3 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 October 4 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).



### *Blessing of the Animals - October 4th at 11 am*

In celebration of the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, we invite everyone to bring their furry, feathered and scaled family members for a Blessing of the Animals on the parish lawn at 11 am on Saturday, October 4 (rain or shine!). It's a wonderful chance to show our pets how much we love them and to take a moment to give thanks to God for entrusting them to our care. Hope to see you there!



### *Potential Parish Choir*

Thank you to everyone who's expressed interested in the parish choir- the response has been wonderful! A meeting to discuss more details will be held on Sunday, October 5 at 10:15 am in the church. For more information, please see Veronica after Mass or email her at [musicdirector@stmnj.org](mailto:musicdirector@stmnj.org).



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 this weekend 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.



### *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!

## 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.

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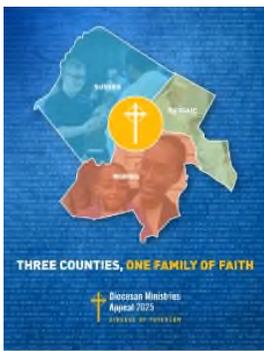
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***Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2025 -  
“Three Counties, One Family of Faith”***

As mentioned last weekend, the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal has officially begun with the theme, “Three Counties, One Family of Faith.” When we all come together for a common cause, great things can be accomplished. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal supports the work of dozens of Catholic Charities programs and ministries throughout our Diocese, priests’ healthcare needs, Nazareth Village (our diocesan priests’ retirement residence), urban Catholic education and seminarian formation. These are all vital ministries that transform lives for the better. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

The impact of the Appeal can be felt in every corner of our Diocese. For instance, the Appeal helps support the following ministries and programs in Sussex County:

Group home for adults with disabilities, Sparta; Meals on Wheels program for seniors; Partnership for Social Services in Franklin, which includes a food pantry, clothing thrift shop, friendly visitors program for seniors, community education and referral services; treatment services for individuals struggling with addiction; aging services; services for veterans and their families; veterans clothing closet; family referral and information for loved ones with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and case management for over 200 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you to all who support this important work! Lives are transformed through your generosity. Next week in our bulletin, the work of the Appeal in Morris County will be highlighted.

Please consider a donation to the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code below or visit [www.2025appeal.org](http://www.2025appeal.org) to make a gift today.



***Pray the Rosary Coast to Coast***

On Sunday, October 5 at 3 pm, the New Jersey Area of the Order of Malta, in coordination with Rosary Coast to Coast, invites you to join with Catholics nationwide and Bishop Kevin Sweeney in Eucharistic Procession, Adoration and praying the Rosary for the protection and healing of our Nation, at St. Vincent Martyr Church, 26 Green Village Road in Madison. The event will take place rain or shine. Faithful who cannot join the procession can meet at St. Vincent’s at 3:30 pm. Please bring a folding chair.



7:00am - Departure - St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
427 Stanhope Rd., Sparta, NJ 07871

8:30pm - Arrival - St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Price: \$185 per adult \$135 per child (3-12)  
CASH OR CHECK (payable to St. Kateri Parish, memo "Noah")

**Deadline to register is September 28th!!**

Price includes: bus, stop at Kitchen Kettle Village, lunch at Miller’s Smorgasbord, & show ticket

Have any questions? Call Dawn at 973-729-0489

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Saturday, October 25, 2025 - 9am

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Saturday, November 22, 2025 - 9am

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## IN THE BEGINNING

A Special Theology of the Body Seminar

### WHO IS THIS FOR?

This seminar is for young adults, college students, and people of all ages who are interested in learning more about Theology of the Body and how to navigate the questions and current climate of human identity and sexuality.

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Christ takes us back to God's Plan "in the beginning" for a proper understanding of man and answers the questions, who am I and what was I made for? This session provides clear answers to modern confusion about sexuality and gender through the words of Christ.



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