

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 5, 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025

...bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God...

It seems no small coincidence that St. Paul's urging not to be ashamed of our testimony to God should fall on this Respect Life Sunday 2025, a day on which the Church celebrates our obligations. It makes us stop, perhaps uncomfortably, amid the familiar 'strife and discord' mentioned in the first reading, to reflect on the definitive civil rights struggle of our time: Is it the absence of complimentary bags at the supermarket (seriously, a man can only juggle so many containers of boneless wings without begging for disaster)? Is it the threat of losing access to Sunday Night Football if YouTube TV and NBC can't make peace? No, we're to take up the unspoken plight of our unborn. They are often unprotected by law and even our highest-ranking Catholic legislators are unable or afraid to give them a platform. You can tell a lot about a people by how they consider their unborn. That's not to say it's easy—indeed, abortion has affected my family, and perhaps it has affected yours. This dialogue brings pain to our very core, knowing many of our sisters and brothers have suffered and continue to suffer over life-changing and life-ending decisions. And so we are called to speak, never in judgment or condemnation, but rather with compassion, understanding and the Love of God, relying on His strength for guidance. In this Respect Life Month, we're obliged to witness to those we can't yet hear or see. And after that, I can only say that I'm only giving what was given to me, an unprofitable servant...

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 (UPDATED): \$6,076.38

Weekly Collection for 9/20-21: \$7,566.38

"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)



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

Please join fellow single parishioners for their monthly luncheon on Friday, October 17th at 12:30 pm at The Firehouse Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 15 Central Avenue, Madison. Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-615-4715 for more information and/or to RSVP.



Monday, October 6: Saint Bruno

Ray Meyers

Tuesday, October 7: Our Lady Of The Rosary

Carm Sautter

Wednesday, October 8: Saint John Leonardi

Linda Granflor

Thursday, October 9: Saint Denis and Companions

Father Raphael Ciro

Friday, October 10: Saint Francis Borgia

Emil Gordon

Augustine J. Kelly, Jr., Esq.

Bissainthe Fleurinor

Saturday, October 11: Saint John XXIII

Leonard Bendzin

Sunday, October 12: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Carmella and Anthony Gervasio

11:00 am: Phil Barrett

7:00 pm: Bridget Quinn

Special Intention for all Victims of Political Violence, including Charlie Kirk

††The Sanctuary Candle is being lit this week in loving memory of Carmella and Anthony Gervasio.††



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, 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.



Scripture Group Meeting
Genesis to Jesus Video Program
Reading Scripture

Why and how we should study the Bible? The Mass as the key to understanding Scripture. Scripture as the inspired Word of God and Salvation history as a two-part story.

Wednesday, October 8th at 3:00 pm
in the Parish Office Meeting Room



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

Thanks to the generosity of all who support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, men, women and children throughout our Diocese are assisted. Last week, our bulletin listed some of the work in Sussex County that is supported with assistance from the Appeal. Below are ministries that your gift to the Diocesan Ministries helps support in Morris County:

Group residences for adults with disabilities in Parsippany, Oak Ridge and Succasunna; Fix-It and Chore programs for low-income homebound seniors and disabled veterans; Homelessness Prevention Program; Nazareth Village residence for diocesan senior priests, Chester; Mary’s Hands family assistance and ESL classes, Morristown; Services for veterans and their families; Assistance for people with HIV/AIDS; Food pantry, Dover; Gruenert Center Day Habilitation program for adults with disabilities, Lake Hopatcong; treatment services for individuals struggling with addiction; Catholic Religious Education for Adults with Disabilities, Oak Ridge.

Next week in our bulletin, the work of the Appeal in Passaic County will be highlighted.

When you give to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, your generosity is felt locally. You help your neighbor, your friend, perhaps a loved one. It’s good to know that all gifts to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal are used only for the causes described in the Appeal materials and for no other purpose.

Please consider a donation to the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code below or visit www.2025appeal.org to make a gift today.



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH
Raffle Tickets Available Next Weekend

Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses next weekend, October 11-12, with all proceeds benefitting New Jersey Right to Life, the state’s oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life, from conception to natural death. The prizes are:

1st prize: 2025 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV
 (Retail Value: \$44,595.00)

2nd Prize: \$1,000.00 ShopRite Gift Card

3rd Prize: \$750.00 ShopRite Gift Card

4th Prize: \$500.00 ShopRite Gift Card

Tickets are \$10 each, cash or check (made payable to *New Jersey Right to Life*) accepted. The winning ticket will be drawn on November 21 at Maggiano’s Little Italy in Bridgewater. Winner need not be present.



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!

**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.

PROJECT ANDREW

AN EVENING TO DISCOVER
THE MYSTERY OF THE PRIESTHOOD

**OPEN TO YOUNG MEN,
HIGH SCHOOL AGE
AND OLDER**

- An evening of prayer and dinner with Bishop Sweeney.
- Vocation talks given by priests and seminarians.
- Great opportunity to ask questions about the life of a priest.
- Meet other young men trying to discover God's call in their lives.



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4:19)

St. Philip the Apostle - Clifton
Oct. 17, 2025 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Sponsored by Paterson Diocese Office of Vocations



Registration
requested

No fee

Contact: Rev. Charlie Lana
Vocation Director
(973) 777-8818 x.711
vocations@patersondiocese.org
patersonvocations.org

OCTOBER MASS & PROCESSION FOR LIFE

Date Change!
October's Mass and Procession will be held on Saturday, October 11 at 8 AM

Join Bishop Sweeney for a prayerful and peaceful public witness on behalf of life and families in crisis pregnancies.

Procession to follow to Planned Parenthood after Mass.



St. Margaret Church
6 Sussex Ave. Morristown, NJ



OPEN HOUSE

October 15, 2025 | 6PM - 8PM
October 26, 2025 | 2PM - 4PM



www.morriscatholic.org/openhouse

RSVP TODAY

2025 Catechetical Convocation

**Anchored in the Catechumenate:
A Vision for Forming Disciples**

Come discover how the Church's foundational model for initiation can renew every form of catechesis in your parish

Saturday, October 18

Who Should Attend?
Priests, Permanent Deacons, Catechetical Leaders,
Catechists, Parish Ministry Teams, Parents,
All who accompany others in faith!

- ⚡ 8:00 Doors open for Refreshments & Showcase
- ⚡ 9:00 English session
- ⚡ 12:30 Mass w/ Bishop Sweeney
- ⚡ 2:00 Spanish session



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1000 Strong Rosary for Life

Live via conference call

Monday, October 13, 2025*
at 7:00 pm Eastern Time

* October 13 is the 108th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima

Our goal is 1,000+ people praying in Reparation for the Sin of Abortion and for Equal Rights for Babies in the Womb.

Rosary will be led by priests
from all over New Jersey

Please register at:



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Join us for a night of fun
and fantastic prizes!



ST. JUDE



TRICKY TRAY

Saturday, October 11, 2025

St. Jude Parish Center

17 Mt. Olive Road, Budd Lake

Doors Open: 6:00pm Prize Drawing Starts: 7:30pm

Proceeds benefit St. Jude Church, Budd Lake

ADMISSION

\$15 Pre-Sale
\$20 at the Door

Prize Tiers:

Tier 1: \$25 - \$75
Tier 2: \$76 - \$150
Tier 3: \$151 - \$299
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For info call 973-219-8559

ONE STEP CLOSER

FOR HEAVEN'S
SAKE, WHAT THE
HELL IS
PURGATORY?

DESCRIPTION

Is purgatory actually in the Bible?

If Jesus's sacrifice is enough, why is it necessary? And how can a loving God allow suffering after death?

What can I do now to make the dead become perfect?

Join us for this fascinating exploration of purgatory, and why Catholics believe in it. Should we fear it? Can we avoid it? Is it proof of a vindictive God, or actually proof of a merciful God?



WHEN

Tuesday, October 21, 7-8:30 PM

WHERE

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

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Jubilee of
YOUNG ADULTS

Jubileo de
JOVENES ADULTOS

SUNDAY/DOMINGO
OCT. 26, 2025

1:30 P.M.: TALK BY/CHARLA POR FR. STARLI CASTANOS
3:00 P.M.: MASS WITH/MISA CON BISHOP KEVIN J. SWEENEY
DINNER TO FOLLOW/SEGUIDO POR CENA

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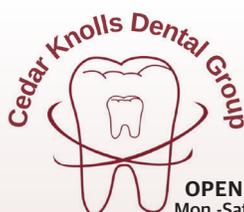
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