

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 12, 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025

Where are the other nine?

The interrogatory ‘where’ is used in all grammatical tenses, conveying a request for location information. As in, ‘Where’s Waldo?’ ‘Where’s the Beef?’ and even, ‘Where are my car keys?!’ (I do confess to adding some colorful language to that last one at times.) Heck, my computer even asks if ‘this device can use your current location.’ In the same vein, ‘Where are the other nine?’ exudes a request for a current status. Location, location, location. The ‘other nine’ have experienced a Miracle and yet simply continue on their same route as if nothing happened. Sometimes I, too, am oblivious to what God has done for me. But the Samaritan proclaims gratitude to God, turning around and returning to Christ. This simple act is what we recognize as ‘conversion.’ Unlike the other nine, he realizes that his life will never be the same; his business will never continue ‘as usual.’ He ‘gets it’ with regard to what happened to him. In his autobiography, Johnny Cash tells of his raucous, drug-fueled life and how God saved him from the ultimate self-harm. The Man in Black turned around. He writes, ‘the greatest joy in my life was that I no longer felt separated from Him.’ We don’t want to be in the thankless ‘gang of nine.’ Instead, like the Samaritan, let us turn back to God and ‘glorify in a loud voice’ all He has done for us! 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 9/27-28: \$6,681.38

“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)



Scripture Group Meeting
Genesis to Jesus Video Program
The Old & The New

Scripture as a Gift from God. The role of the Holy Spirit in relation to Scripture. The Use of “typology” in Scripture and Salvation history as covenant history.

Wednesday, October 22nd at 3:00 pm
in the Parish Office Meeting Room



Monday, October 13: Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
 Norma Mortimer

Tuesday, October 14: Saint Carlo Acutis
 Andrés Lopez Del Rio

Wednesday, October 15: Saint Teresa of Avila
 William Rynne

Thursday, October 16: Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
 Marge O’Kane

Friday, October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch
 Mike Murphy
 Paul Giordano

Saturday, October 18: Saint Luke
 Samuel Piccolo, Jr.

Sunday, October 19: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Patrick and Imelda Roche

11:00 am: John Abraham

7:00 pm: Jane Glynn and Beth Cucurullo



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.



Respect Life

OCTOBER IS
RESPECT LIFE MONTH



Raffle Tickets Available THIS Weekend

Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend, 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.

**JOHN PAUL II RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY'S
TENTH BIENNIAL
EDUCATION EVENING
DEATH WITH DIGNITY: THE CATHOLIC VERSION**



Comparing two perspectives on the notion of human dignity and the ethics of dying.

**October 17, 2025
7 pm - 9 pm**

**St. Cecilia's, Hayes Hall
90 Church Street, Rockaway
FREE EVENT +
Light Refreshments!**

**REV. PAWEL
TOMCZYK,
PH.D.**

Director of Pastoral Formation and Assistant Professor of Moral Theology Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology

Diocese of Paterson
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**RESPECT LIFE
CONVOCATION 2025
IVF & HEALTHCARE ETHICS**



SPECIAL GUESTS

- Fr. Pawel Tomczyk
- Dr. Monika Potocki
- Karla Semen FCP

Did you know that 1 in 6 couples experience infertility and chances are, someone you know has been impacted by IVF? Join us for a powerful day of faith, learning, and honest conversation as we explore the Church's teaching on in vitro fertilization (IVF) and Catholic healthcare ethics. Gain the tools to navigate these sensitive topics with compassion and clarity in your own families and communities. Event held in English & Spanish. All are welcome!

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 25**

9 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Peter the Apostle Church
179 Baldwin Rd., Parsippany, NJ 07504



Scan the QR code to register

*This event is free but please consider making a good will offering. Thank you.

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:



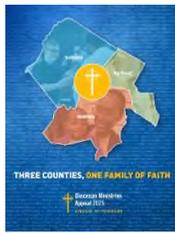
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Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2025 - "Three Counties, One Family of Faith"

Over the past two weeks, our bulletin highlighted the work that the Diocesan Ministries Appeal helps support in Sussex and Morris Counties. This week, we are highlighting Passaic County:

Group residences for adults with disabilities in Pompton Lakes, Clifton, West Milford and Wayne; Early intervention programs; Early learning programs, Paterson; Teen and youth programs, Passaic and Paterson; Senior activities program and day center, Paterson; Transportation services for seniors, Paterson; Father English Food Pantry, Paterson; Services for veterans and their families; Straight and Narrow substance abuse programs, including residential services for men, women, women with children, medical detox and halfway house programs and outpatient treatment services, Paterson; Straight & Narrow adult medical daycare, Paterson; Straight and Narrow permanent supportive housing apartments, Paterson; Family Success Center, Paterson.

Your gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal is a blessing to people in great need! 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.



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.



Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

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



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. Congratulations on this very special occasion!



Fun-Raising for Scholarships!

Sip and Pray: Wine & Bourbon Tasting

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Saturday, November 1st

7:00 - 9:00 PM

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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

SCAN



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requested

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**OCT 26 12:00PM-2:00PM
NOV 12 6:00PM- 8:00PM**

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60th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Lecture

Presented by: Bishop Arthur Serratelli

NOVEMBER 5 AT
7:30 PM

Join Bishop Serratelli as he describes his own experience attending the final session of the Second Vatican Council. Listen as Bishop describes fulfilling the call of the Council and his own special roles in liturgical translations and ecumenism. He will also share his reflection on Pope Leo's statements on the Council, and explain how our new pope continues to fulfill the call of Vatican II today.

ENTRY: \$10

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Keynote Presenters

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10:00-5:00 pm
Grades 8-12

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