

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 19, 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed...

Staid advice from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy. In a world unmoored, as it ever was, a solid foundation is lifesaving. To Love God and to Love Neighbor comprise the essence of what we have learned and what we believe. On this World Mission Sunday, we're reminded of the 'missionary' vocation in all of us, putting our belief into practice. In a sense, mission territory is wherever we find ourselves at the moment. The late Pope Francis expressed his insight on World Mission Sunday this way: *the fundamental calling of the Christian is to be bearers and builders of hope among all peoples...to share in the concrete life situations of those whom they meet...* (Pope Francis Exhortation, January 2025). Not with just some people, or only those who agree with us, but *all* people. Even Phillies fans, if you can believe that. We indeed share in the Mission spirit when we remain faithful to what we have believed and put these beliefs into practice among those around us. In the final dialogue of the Mass, the dismissal prompts the Faithful to 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord...' Amen. The Mass summons us to Mission. So let's get going! 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 10/4-10/5: \$6,717.38

"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)

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- SAINT JOHN PAUL II



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, October 20: Saint Paul of the Cross

Walter Wary

Madison Torres

Tuesday, October 21: Saint Hilarion

Fred and Joan Gensicke

Wednesday, October 22: Saint John Paul II

Anselmo and Rayna Dias

Thursday, October 23: Saint John of Capistrano

Mary Alice Parker

Friday, October 24: Saint Anthony Mary Claret

Janis Murphy

Saturday, October 25: Saint Antônio De Sant'Anna Galvão

Richard Fiolek

Jim Kelly

Roberta and John McKinney

Sunday, October 26: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Helen Bass

11:00 am: Rita and Larry Roscoe

7:00 pm: Cindy Perucci

John and Jean Kerr



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

RESPECT LIFE CONVOCATION 2025 IVF & HEALTHCARE ETHICS

Diocese of Paterson
Sponsored by The
Respect Life Office



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.

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.



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

CARITAS GALA 2025

Proudly Honoring:

Diocese of Paterson Bishop's Award:
Paul and Anne Krump

Fr. Jack Wehrlen Award:
Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart

Msgr. Mark Giordani Award:
Rev. Owen B. Moran

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Harpreet S. Peleg

Thursday, November 13th, 2025 • 6:00pm - 9:00pm
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St. Bernard's Fall Festival

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Sunday, October 26, 1—3 pm

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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)

ONE STEP CLOSER

is an ongoing series breaking open the richness of our beautiful Catholic faith, bringing disciples one step closer to Christ.



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Ministry Leader at St. Cecilia
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Saturday, November 1st

7:00 – 9:00 pm

The Commons

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For tickets and more information, contact Kay Kiernan or call the Treasurer at 973-957-0188 x101, or go to www.acs350.org.

Teach a Sister... Touch the World!

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



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 be held 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

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Office of Youth Ministry
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World Mission Sunday 2025
October 19th

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The Pilgrim Rosary Of Our Lady of Medjugorje



The Pilgrim Rosary, made of stones from Apparition Hill in Medjugorje will be present at Queen of Peace Church, Branchville Monday, October 20, 25 6:30PM.

Regina Harty will speak at 6:30. Rosary will be prayed before Adoration begins at 7:30 PM. Come for part or all of this special evening.

Richard Bingold picked up stones from Apparition Hill on his first pilgrimage to Medjugorje in April 1993. He returned with a completed Rosary in 1994. It was blessed by Father Jozo Zovko and presented to and blessed by Our Lady during Vicka's daily apparition. Richard began his healing ministry mission, bringing the Pilgrim Rosary to thousands. Following Richard's death on June 24, 2019, the Rosary is under the temporary guardianship of the CNY Marian Center, North Syracuse NY. Regina Harty will share the story of Richard's conversion of heart and his inspiration to make this beautiful Rosary.

Please bring religious objects to touch to the Pilgrim Rosary. There will be opportunity to pray before it, sending your intentions to Jesus through Mary.

Medjugorje received a Nihil Obstat decree from the Vatican in September 2024.



OPEN HOUSE

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



RSVP TODAY

www.morriscatholic.org/openhouse

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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- Explore Campus
- Meet Faculty
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- Engage in Q&A



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