

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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 26, 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)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025

The one who humbles himself will be exalted...

The 'holier than thou' thing is never a good look. I think we all know folks who think of themselves as 'more Catholic than the Pope.' Heck, perhaps I have fallen into that mentality myself at times. Today, Jesus makes it plain that thinking you are holy is no way to go through life. We want to avoid the leaven of the Pharisee, who thinks he is above reproach and superior to the 'lesser than's' in the practice of the Faith. The truly Faithful hero in the Gospel turns out to be the universally-vilified tax collector who in humility would 'not even raise his eyes to heaven.' He's the tax man, yeah, the tax man. That's some Beatles lyrics for you. You're welcome. I never got into the Beatles, although I once wrote a high school paper on *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*. Mrs. Cahir graded it with a 'B,' which was totally unjust, because my paper was a work of sheer brilliance. It was Tolstoy, CS Lewis and Harper Lee combined. Genius, I tell you. Sorry, what were we talking about again? Ohhh, right, humility. Ahem. Back to the tax collector...he 'gets it,' by acknowledging his human frailty and his dependence on the mercy of God. Such is his justification in the eyes of God. *Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.* This is the hermeneutic key of our relationship with God and one another. Don't be the Pharisee. Don't be *that* guy. But in our daily prayer, simply recognize our utter dependence on God and the gifts He has lavished upon us. In humility is our justification.

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 10/11-10/12: \$11,285.73

"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 McNiel 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.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, October 27: Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza
 Special Intention for Jack Murphy

Tuesday, October 28: Saints Simon and Jude
 Eleanor and Tony Tola

Wednesday, October 29: Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem
 Leon Hebert, Sr.

Thursday, October 30: Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez
 Father Rafael Ciro

Friday, October 31: Saint Wolfgang of Regensburg
 Madeline McCloskey

Saturday, November 1: Solemnity of All Saints

8:15 am: Sam Piccolo

5 pm (Vigil for All Souls' Day): Nancy O'Rourke Vogel
 Kathleen Sanger

Sunday, November 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8:00 am: Norma Mortimer

11:00 am: Roland Cote

7:00 pm: Bob and Annabelle Neilly



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.



*October is
Respect Life Month*

As we celebrate the true miracle of all human life in a special way this October, we invite you to join in praying the below prayer for nine days, every day or however often you are able. What great gifts we have been given in each breath we take, and in the ability to show care, concern and compassion for all precious lives around us...

A PRAYER FOR HOPE

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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*Solemnity of All Saints and
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*

Since the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday this year, it is not considered a Holy Day “of obligation.” We will still be celebrating Mass for this great solemnity at 8:15 am on Saturday, November 1. There will be no 12:10 pm Mass, and no 7 pm Vigil the night before. The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) is Sunday, November 2. We will remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us in a special way at all Masses next weekend.

Ministry Schedule

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will receive a Flocknote message via email or text this week to sign up to serve at November and December Masses. You can click on the links in the Flocknote at any time to confirm at which Mass(es) you have registered to serve, which Masses are still available and also to make any changes. If you’d like to join either of these vital ministries, please reach out to the Parish Office. Thank you!



*Scripture Group Meeting
Genesis to Jesus Video Program
Covenant with Creation*

The two creation accounts of Humanity created in God’s image and likeness, with the Sabbath as a sign of God’s creation. Adam as the high priest of humanity and marriage as a sign of God’s covenantal love.

**Wednesday, November 5th at 3:00 pm
in the Parish Office Meeting Room**

CARITAS GALA 2025

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Discover God's call for your life

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in your

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- The Call of the Lally
- Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory Explained
- Role of the Holy Spirit
- Charisms
- Discernment Process
- Role of Charisms in Parish, Community and World

When you register for the workshop, you will be emailed instructions on how to go online and take the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory. To get the most benefit from the workshop, please complete the online inventory before you come.

St. Bernard's Fall Festival

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power of the holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

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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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October 26, 2025 | 2PM - 4PM



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The First Amendment Uncovers
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Wednesday, November 12 at 7 PM
at St. Paul Inside the Walls

Presented by: William Haun
Senior Counsel at the Becket Fund for Religious
Liberty and a Nonresident Fellow at the
American Enterprise Institute (AEI)



General Entry - \$10
Lawyers seeking CLE credits - \$25

If the expense for this event is too costly for a lawyer seeking CLE credits, please contact Brian Honsberger at bhonsberger@patersondiocese.org. He will speak with you about scholarships, waivers of course fees, reduced fees, or discounts.

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