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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.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - November 2, 2025

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Blast from the Past(or)
The Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
November 2, 2025

The souls of the just are in the hand of God...

The first reading from Wisdom is often proclaimed at funeral Masses where we commemorate the souls of our dearly beloved who have passed from this earth. This beautiful custom intuitively a bedrock belief of our even more beautiful Catholic Faith. After celebrating a recent funeral Mass, I said the burial prayers at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. All of my grandparents and even my sister are buried there. I made a stop to my sister's grave, where I gave her a stern talking-to and perhaps even raised my fist. But in order that you not think me a complete ogre; I did in fact say prayers for her as well. As we celebrate All Souls, we recall memories of our loved ones. If we are able to visit their final resting place, All Souls' Day is a reminder that 'grief is not a linear process,' as one writer put it. All Souls' Day declares that we make time for the lives that are a part of our story. Our departed remind us that we must not lose sight of our roots. This month, recall that remembering is an essential act of our humanity. This 'remembrance' takes place at every Mass, where we make Present the Life that is our Salvation. Such is the power of human memory. My cousin, Joanne, always goes to the cemetery to decorate the stones of our aunts, cousins, uncles, grandparents, and yes, my sister. What a beautiful custom. (Contrasted with me, as the one easily distracted, who said, 'Ooops, see ya', sis!' and went running when I saw Yogi Berra's grave was only a few rows from where my sister lay...yes, even as a Mets fan!) All Souls' is a necessary and tangible act of memory. For all whom we have lost, let us remember them whom we shall see again...

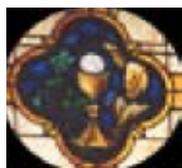
God Bless you!!!!!!



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Our Weekly Collection for 10/18-10/19
will be reported next week.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

We hope you'll join us on Friday, November 7 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.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 3: Saint Martin de Porres

Bob and Bethann Panzer

Tuesday, November 4: Saint Charles Borromeo

Dr. Charles Dooley

Wednesday, November 5: Saint Peter Chrysologus

Ellen Cerchione

Thursday, November 6: Saint Nicholas Tavelic And Companions

Shaun Loftus

Friday, November 7: Saint Didacus

Frank and Delia Griffin

Saturday, November 8: Blessed John Duns Scotus

Leon Hebert, Sr.

Sunday, November 9: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

8:00 am: Patrick and Imelda Roche

11:00 am: Nick Mangold

7:00 pm: Bob and Annabelle Neilly



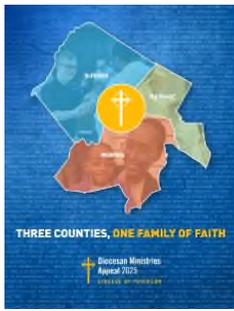
Mass Intentions/Mass Cards

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, Elizabeth Crepeau, Fred Donikowski, Caitlyn Gara, Barbara Kline, Gina Lazaro, Vincent Lazaro, Elizabeth Napoli, Iwona Nowak, John O'Neil, 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.



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

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal helps fund senior priest healthcare needs, including Nazareth Village, our home for retired diocesan priests. The priests who live at Nazareth Village have faithfully served our diocese for many years, and many continue to celebrate Mass at parishes. The Appeal also helps fund the formation of our seminarians as they prepare for service to our parishioners now and for generations to come. Your gift to the Appeal acknowledges those priests who have dedicated years of service to our families and those who will begin their service to the Lord in our Diocese.

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



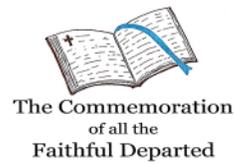
All Souls' Day

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

Amen.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*

Amen.



Remembering All Souls

As we remember the souls of all of the Faithful Departed in a special way during this month of November, we invite you to inscribe the name of any of your loved ones who have passed on in our Book of Remembrance. This book can be found near the Baptismal font. You are also most welcome to leave a photo or prayer card to pay special tribute to those who have gone before us.



Bereavement Groups in our Diocese

As we pray for all those who have passed during this month of November, we also pray for those who are grieving their loss. Please know there are many resources in our Diocese to help support you during this time. Below is a listing of local bereavement support groups which provide informational sessions, mutual sharing, and support, in a spiritual, caring, and strictly confidential setting.

Resurrection Parish (Randolph)

651 Millbrook Ave, Randolph (in Resource Room)
Contact: Cindy Novak 973-895-4224 ext. 106
(All calls are confidential)

St. Cecilia's Parish (Rockaway)

90 Church Street, Rockaway
Contact: Joan Landry Haltigan at 973-586-0185 or
Tom Haltigan at 973-900-0661
Pre-registration is required (All calls are confidential)

St. Joseph's Parish (West Milford)

454 Germantown Rd, West Milford (in Nazareth room)
Contact: Nancy Faulch 973-728-3189
Pre-registration is required through the Rectory at 973-697-6100 (All calls are confidential)

St. Matthew the Apostle Parish (Randolph)

335 Dover-Chester Rd, Randolph (in Resource Room)
Contact: Geraldine Kerr, gerikerr@yahoo.com or
908-813-8232 (All calls are confidential)

The Compassionate Friends - Parsippany Chapter (Denville)

A Self-Help group for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents. ALL meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at 427 Franklin Road in Denville at the Union Hill Presbyterian Church/School-Recreation Room (Back Entrance). Contact Lily Capriglione for details at Lilycap1972@gmail.com or 973-568-4164. *This is not a faith based group.*



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



Food and Fellowship for Single Parishioners

Please join fellow single parishioners for their monthly luncheon on Friday, November 21st at 12:30 pm at Angelina's, 184 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park (King's parking lot). Please contact Monika Mangan at 973-615-4715 for more information and/or to RSVP.

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4. Open **COMMUNICATION** between parents and staff/staff and children/children and parents
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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/Delgate 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.



November 14-16
A Weekend Retreat for Women led by Fr. Ken Gavin, S.J.

DILEXIT NOS HE LOVED US

Encountering Jesus: An Ignatian Retreat

In his last encyclical, Dilexit Nos (He Loved Us), Pope Francis wrote: "The heart of Christ, as the symbol of the deepest and most personal source of his love for us, is the very core of the initial preaching of the Gospel. It stands at the origin of our faith, as the wellspring that refreshes and enlivens our Christian beliefs." These inspiring words will serve as the core of this Ignatian retreat with its invitation to encounter the heart of Jesus in the Scriptures and help us to embrace his loving presence in our everyday lives of prayer and service.



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With Guest Speaker: Katie Weiss

Katie Weiss is the founder of Behold Visio Divina, a ministry devoted to helping others know of their dignity in light of Christ through prayer and sacred art.

NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025

From 10 Am - 12 PM | Entry \$20

205 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ 07940



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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 you!

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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

- The Call of the Laity
- 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.

CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION AND LEADERSHIP SERIES



Leadership and Spirituality Go 'Hand in Hand'



SPEAKER

Deacon Lawrence Duffy

Deacon Duffy will explore leadership that includes the ministries of presence, listening, and compassion when dealing with interfaith situations and human suffering.

Deacon Lawrence Duffy is the Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care for St. Joseph's Health in Paterson. He oversees the work of mission and pastoral care at the three campuses of the system. Deacon Duffy exercises leadership of his area of responsibility with care and spiritual presence. He is especially involved in bringing the Spirit to the patients at the hospital. He oversees a Ministry Internship Program for the Seminarians of the Immaculate Conception Seminary and has provided guidance and information regarding Pastoral Care to the diaconate candidates from the Diocese of Paterson. Deacon Duffy is a Fourth-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, and was designated a Fellow and Chief Chaplain Resident of Atlantic Health's Morristown Medical Center. Deacon Duffy and his wife, Denise, received the Vivere Christus Award in 2022 for their outstanding volunteer work. Deacon Duffy is assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Bernardsville in the Diocese of Metuchen.

November 15, 2025
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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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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Peter and Caesar

The First Amendment Uncovers
Legal Pluralism with the Church

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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