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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 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - November 9, 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)
**The Feast of the Dedication of the
 Lateran Basilica**
November 9, 2025

Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise

it...

The people mocked Jesus for what seemed to be a statement of implausible and impossible nonsense. *That's just not humanly possible*, they said. Funny, I just watched a guy kick a 68-yard field goal, setting the NFL's all-time record. *That's impossible*, I thought, and yet the ball sailed through the uprights with room to spare. Crazy, that can't happen! But it did. Leaving aside for a moment my envy of those with athletic ability (it's okay—my mom says I'm special in other ways), the feat of Cam Little, that kicker, elicited awe from many in the sports world. Over and over you heard exclamations like, *You have got to be kidding me!* In a world where Sunday football viewership is ever-increasing while our Sunday church attendance cannot boast the same, we somehow find common ground: incredulosity over a seemingly impossible exploit. In today's Gospel, Jesus's words elicited similar shock and awe. *You can't be serious!* But Jesus was reminding us that the Temple is His Body, and in such is our healing and portal to Heaven. In His declaration, Jesus mocks evil. As our patron, St. Thomas More, once noted, 'the devil...the proud spirit... cannot endure to be mocked.' Today we call to mind God's triumph not only over sin, but over death itself. This is our Faith. Evil is ultimately empty of power. And the powers that be are enraged at such. When life's seemingly impossible trials, tribulations and travails arise, may we remember, '...for God all things are possible.' (Matthew 19:26)

God Bless you!!!!!!



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Weekly Collection for 10/18-10/19: \$5,877.88

Weekly Collection for 10/25-10/26: \$5,667.11

"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)



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 10: Saint Leo the Great
Ray Meyers

Tuesday, November 11: Saint Martin of Tours
Anne J. Morrison

Wednesday, November 12: Saint Josaphat
Todd Wharton and Carrie Wharton Priest

Thursday, November 13: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
Bill and Alma McAllister

Friday, November 14: Saint Gertrude the Great
Therese Dempsey

Saturday, November 15: Saint Albert the Great
Kay Brewer

Sunday, November 16: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Barbara D'Agostino

11:00 am: Bob and Bethann Panzer

7:00 pm: John Weeks



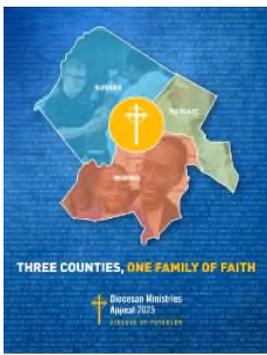
Mass Intentions/Mass Cards

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"

When you give to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, you should be confident in knowing that it supports the following causes: Catholic Charities' programs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties, Catholic urban education, seminarian education, Nazareth Village, our residence for retired diocesan priests, and retired priests' healthcare needs. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal also supports parishes, as 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to them directly for their own needs. Funds raised in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal stay in the Paterson Diocese and are used only for the purposes described above.

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



Faith Sharing Group Meeting Genesis to Jesus Video Program Fall from Grace

The temptation and sin of Adam and Eve, including the covenant curses after the Fall. Jesus as the New Adam and God's plan of mercy.

**Wednesday, November 19th 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.



Veteran's Day

We honor all who served

Thank you, Veterans and Active Military!

We give thanks to God each day, but especially this upcoming Veteran's Day, for all who have served and those who continue to serve in our military, sacrificing to keep our nation safe. We invite you to write the name of anyone in your life who is a retired or active military service member on the sign in the vestibule of the church. We will be praying for all those listed in a special way this month. God bless those who serve, and God bless America!



The Commemoration
of all the
Faithful Departed

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.



SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

Sisters of Christian Charity Prayer Service to Remember

All are invited to join the Sisters of Christian Charity at 350 Bernardsville Road in Mendham on Sunday, November 16 at 4 pm for a Prayer Service to Remember Our Loved Ones. It's a beautiful way to pray for the loved ones who have passed on before us during this month of November.

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.



THE CARMELITE MONASTERY OF MORRISTOWN

Discover the Hidden Life

Visiting opportunities are being offered for those who wish to learn more about the Carmelite way of life at the Carmelite Monastery located just down the street at 189 Madison Avenue. These group encounter visits provide insight into the contemplative vocation which is rooted in prayer, silence and sacrifice for the good of the Church and the world. Mother would like the guests to know how deeply God loves each person— so much so that He calls young women to the contemplative life, where they dedicate their lives in prayer for every individual and for the whole world.

During each encounter visit, Mother or Sisters will give a presentation, followed with a Q&A. At the conclusion of visits, guests will be invited to join the Sisters in the Chapel for the following prayers:

Sunday, November 16, 2025

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm (with Adoration and Benediction at 5:40 pm)

Monday, November 17, 2025

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (with Night Prayers and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:00 pm)

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

10:00 am - Noon (with Rosary at 12:00 pm)

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (with Exposition before Vespers at 4:00 pm)

Thursday, November 20, 2025

10:00 am - Noon (with Rosary at 12:00 pm)

Friday, November 21, 2025

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (with Night Prayers and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:00 pm)

Saturday, November 22, 2025

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm (with Exposition before Vespers at 5:00 pm)

Sunday, November 23, 2025

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm (with Adoration and Benediction at 5:40 pm)

Please call our Volunteer Office to reserve your spot at 973-538-0816. For more information, please go to <https://www.carmelnj.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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*"Come after me, and I will
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(Mt. 4:19)*

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Contact: Rev. Charlie Lana
Vocation Director
(973) 777-8818 x.711

vocations@patersondiocese.org
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THE GRATEFUL GATHERING
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Sunday, November 16th 2025

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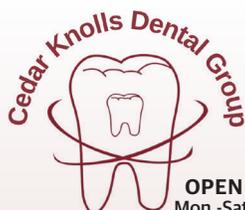
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