

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.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 16, 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)
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025

The day is coming...

All the Apocalyptic readings today suggest the great Sifting Operation which concludes Salvation history: some will be taken; others will be left. In what might be my poorest analogy ever (I know; that's really saying something), such reminds me of the snack mix I accidentally picked up at Whole Foods. You're wondering what on earth I was doing in Whole Foods—that makes two of us. In a misguided moment, I snatched up their healthy mix, thinking it would somehow be reminiscent of my beloved Utz Party Mix. For those who are unaware, Party Mix is basically the world's most perfect food. It combines cheese crunchies, tortilla chips, pretzel wheels and nachos. I know, right?? Let's just say my Whole Foods purchase fell short in comparison. Party Mix it was not. Determined to make the best of my error, I approached this mix systematically, beginning with the butter toasted peanuts (which I at least recognized), then the toasted corn snacks (no Fritos, but not terrible). But, alas, the rice croutons, sesame sticks and wasabi green peas were a no-go (I have a strict no green foods policy. You scoff, but just wait until my diet trend is sweeping the nation!). I just couldn't. Those leftovers found their way to that great recycle bin in the sky. Thankfully, God's Divine Sifting is not like mine! God does not view Salvation like my pub mix. There are no tasteless, wasted sesame sticks in His plan. God's Sifting is instead a perseverance in Hope. As the Gospel proclaims, when it all goes down, 'not a hair on your head will be destroyed...' God Himself speaks the Wisdom. The battle continues, but the War is won...

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 11/1-2: \$ 6,002.38

"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)



Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on November 20 and November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for your understanding.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 17: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
 Peter and Julia Rend

Tuesday, November 18: Dedication of Churches of Saints Peter And Paul

Todd Wharton and Carrie Wharton Priest

Wednesday, November 19: Saint Agnes of Assisi

John Carlin

Thursday, November 20: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

Joan Ricker

Friday, November 21: Presentation of The Blessed

Virgin Mary

Ray Meyers

Saturday, November 22: Saint Cecilia

Patricia and Eugene Moore

Sunday, November 23: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 am: The Souls of All Who Died Alone

11:00 am: John Cervone

7:00 pm: Hubie O'Toole



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, Patricia 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"

Each year, Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson serves tens of thousands of people who are in need of critical services. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal helps to ensure that these programs offered by Catholic Charities continue to welcome and serve all who seek help. Your gift is so important to this work. Share a message of gratitude this Thanksgiving by helping those in need. May God bless you for your support!

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.



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Saturday, December 6, 2025
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Live Auction Begins at 8:00 pm

\$40 Admission / \$30 if purchased before Dec. 6th
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265 West Mill Road (Rte. 513)
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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 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.



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.

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





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>.

**Thanksgiving
FOOD DRIVE**

SUNDAY, NOV. 23, 2025
7:30 A.M - 12:00 P.M.

Join us helping St. Agnes Church in Paterson

ITEMS NEEDED:
Frozen Turkeys and/or Hams, Beans, Rice,
Instant Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing
Mix, Canned Vegetables and Gravies

Drop-off location:
Clock Tower outside Gym
St. Vincent de Paul Church
Bebout Avenue, Stirling

For more info: Call St. Vincent's at 908-647-0118

*Come and spend time
with the Lord this
Advent,
discovering where the Lord
may be calling you...
and to discover
who we are!!!*

Who: young women ages 17-25
When: December 5-7, 2025
Where: Villa Walsh, 455 Western Ave. Morristown, NJ
Contact: Sr. Helen Sanchez, MPPF
Email: hsanchez444@hotmail.com

SISTERS OF CHARITY OF SAINT ELIZABETH

Christmas Concert

*Father Alphonse Stephenson
conducting the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea*

 Saturday, December 20, 2025 - 2 PM
 Holy Family Chapel
 Convent Station, NJ

Contact Stacy Post for any questions at
 973-290-5409 or spost@scnj.org

Taize

Join us for Taize - a candle-lit service that combines prayer, music, and periods of silence to help us focus on Christ's presence. Little by little, our being finds an inner unity in God, which continues in the silence of our hearts.

Friday, December 12, 2025
 7PM - 8PM

St. Virgil Parish
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WHEN: Saturday, December 6 (10AM-7PM)
 Sunday, December 7, 2025 (7AM-4PM)

WHERE: Rauscher Hall, Assumption Church,
 91 Maple Avenue, Morristown, NJ

All proceeds support two Morristown-based non-profits:
 Africa Surgery and The Village Angels of Tanzania.

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www.MorristownChristmasMarket.org

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025
9:00 AM

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