

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.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 23, 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 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe**
November 23, 2025

If You are King of the Jews, save Yourself...

It is well-known that today's Solemnity was established to bolster the public proclamation of Jesus Christ as King of every aspect of our lives. Such pronouncements of Faith can make people uneasy. Thus, our religion is personal, but it is not private. Christ makes it clear that His Kingship is not about domination but about freedom for His subjects. This is why Pilate even asked Jesus, 'so You are a king?' (Jn 18:33-34) Pilate and Jesus had divergent understandings of the meaning of the word. Such is rampant to our very day. I can recall when another king died in 1977. I remember right where I was when I heard of the death of Elvis. He was 'king' at a time of a culture deeply divided. But, he did make a mean sandwich, dubbed 'the Elvis,' which consisted of peanut butter, bananas and bacon. Sign me up! If we could make a 'Tom' sandwich, it would of course also include bacon as the first ingredient, along with a hashbrown and lots of cheese. I think it would really take off. One thing I could never quite perfect was Elvis's 'snarl.' My upper lip just won't move that way. I assure you; I have spent countless hours trying. I've veered off again, it seems. The point is, Elvis's kingship came at a time of societal fracture. Yet throngs of screaming fans clamored for him, and honor him still. By way of poor analogy, Christ's Universal Kingship is to be professed boldly today by us baptized to a wounded world sorely in need of the Word Made Flesh. Jesus's Kingship rests not in suppression but in Truth. Before he was executed, St. Miguel Pro yelled out, 'Vivo Christo Rei!' May we do the same in the manner in which we are called.

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 11/8-9: \$ 4,007.38

"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.



Monday, November 24: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

James Murphy

Tuesday, November 25: Saint Catherine of Alexandria

John Abraham

Wednesday, November 26: Saint Columban

Leonard Bendzin

Thursday, November 27: Saint Francesco Antonio Fasani

Jim Kelly

Friday, November 28: Saint James of The Marche

Loretta Mary Critchley

John Carlin

Saturday, November 29: Saint Clement

Jim Kelly

Sunday, November 30: First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am: Richard and Kathleen Roche

Harold L. Zuber

11:00 am: Maureen Pace

Harry Doherty

7:00 pm: Tom Gibbons



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.



Happy Thanksgiving

In Gratitude

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family.

Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness.

Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives.

Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.

From *The Catholic Prayer Book*, compiled by
Msgr. Michael Buckley

Wishing all a happy, healthy and blessed Thanksgiving!



Christmas Blessings Project

Our parish is again participating in the Catholic Family & Community Services annual Christmas Blessings Project this year. Beginning next weekend, November 29-30, you will find gift tags representing the Christmas wishes of many adults, teens and children in our area who are in need on the tree in the church vestibule. Please consider taking one or more tags from the tree to help make someone's Christmas a little bit brighter. Please return all gifts to the vestibule no later than **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14** so there is time to distribute them before Christmas. Thank you, as always, for giving so generously to this wonderful cause!




MORRISTOWN
Christmas Market

Please join us to celebrate the season at the 15th Annual Christmas Market

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



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.



Little Books
of the Diocese of Saginaw, Inc.

Little Blue Advent Books

The Little Blue Advent Books are back, filled with 6-minute daily reflections to help guide your reflection and preparation this Advent and Christmas Season. Please feel free to take one from the church vestibule.



Faith Sharing Group Meeting

Genesis to Jesus Video Program

A New Beginning

Cain's sin. The deluge and new creation. The Tower of Babel and the righteous and wicked generations.

Wednesday, December 3rd at 3:00 pm
in the Parish Office Meeting Room

Loyola  **Jesuit Center**

*All Are Welcome to the
Loyola Jesuit Center*

Loyola Jesuit Center is located on over eleven acres of beautiful lawns, gardens and woodlands in a quiet section of Morristown. It is in this peaceful atmosphere that thousands of retreatants have come since 1927 to *Encounter God, Illuminate the Heart and Enjoy Peace*. Their ministry is inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is rooted in the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola. A journey in meditation, praying with Scripture and finding God in all things is the foundation of their weekend retreats, Days of Prayer, and other spiritual offerings. Loyola is dedicated to creating a rich variety of experiences and providing an atmosphere of quiet, peace and prayer in which men and women of all faiths, ages, cultures and from all walks of life are encouraged to discover and respond generously to God's personal invitation to *wholeness* and *holiness*. Please visit their website at www.loyola.org to learn more about them and view their schedule of retreats.

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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
 250 Speedwell Avenue
 Morris Plains

SAVE THE DATE

**JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE
 CLOSING LITURGY**
 with
BISHOP KEVIN J. SWEENEY
 3:00 P.M.
 28 December 2025
 Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

MORE INFO TO COME!

Please join us for the
**LOYOLA
 CHRISTMAS TEA**

Stocking Stuffer Vendors Basket Raffles

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21 December 2025
 2:00-4:00
 Loyola Jesuit Center
 161 James Street
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SPECIAL INVITATION!

Night of Solidarity and Hope for Our Brothers and Sisters

Immigrants

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH.

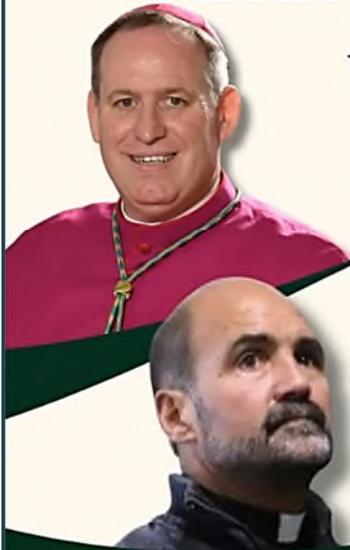
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ST. NICHOLAS

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HOLY MASS
PRESIDED BY:

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Homily delivered by

Father Gary Graf

Who is walking from Chicago to New York, thousands of steps, under sun and rain, for the rights and dignity of immigrants



This Mass will be a moment of unity, strength, and deep prayer for our immigrant brothers and sisters who are living in uncertainty, fear, and suffering.

You can learn more about Father Gary Graf's walk [here](#)



INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

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.

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, MPF

Email: hsanchez444@hotmail.com

ANGELS & DEMONS

DESCRIPTION

Aren't angels and demons just a myth?

Are angels the spirits of those who have died and gone to Heaven?

Should I fear the Devil and his demons?

For centuries, angels and demons have held a significant place in our Catholic faith. Join us as we explore what Holy Scripture and Church tradition teach us about their nature, their role in God's Divine Plan, and how they influence the lives of the faithful today.

WHEN

Tuesday, Dec 9, 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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