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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.

First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 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)
First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

...Salvation is closer now than when we first believed...

St. Paul gives the Church of Rome, and us, a little ‘hint’ there. It seems his word to the wise involves Someone Whom we must prepare to receive. That’s Advent’s anticipation! Anticipation is making me wait. You can almost hear Carly Simon. I do not enjoy waiting. As a kid, there were beloved shows that only came out once a year. You know, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, to name a few. We waited all year and planned our whole month around them. These films were events you could not afford to miss! If you did, you had to wait a whole year for another chance— no streaming, On Demand or DVR to rely on. Now, objectively, *National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation* is clearly the greatest of these anticipatory *peliculas* (that’s how you say ‘movie’ in Spanish...yes, we aim not just to entertain but to educate here at the *Blast*—you’re welcome!). There, the legendary Clark W. Griswold anticipates like nobody’s business, so excited is he. He wants the biggest tree and desperately wants to cover his house in so many lights you can see them from space. Despite his good heart and pure intentions, he runs into a problem: his eagerness gets in the way of his own preparations. So much so that his decorations are an utter failure. That can be a danger for us, too. We can become so focused on the logistics that we forget the *Logos*, that is, the ‘Word’ made flesh. In our anticipation, we must always remember to *choose the better part* (Lk 10:42). That means our giddy expectancy still requires *stillness*. The Good Clark Griswold forgot that. And I do, too, all the time. The Salvation inching closer requires us only to ‘put on Christ.’ May our souls in stillness wait. Happy Advent!!!!

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.

Due to the early bulletin deadline, reporting of weekly collections will resume next weekend.

“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)



Monday, December 1: Saint Charles de Foucauld

Special Intention for Deacon James de Poortere

Tuesday, December 2: Blessed Rafal Chylnski

Helen Marie Chajkowski

Wednesday, December 3: Saint Francis Xavier

Brendan and Colleen O’Reilly

Thursday, December 4: Saint John Damascene

Lexi Faye

Friday, December 5: Saint Sabas

Madison Torres

Saturday, December 6: Saint Nicholas

Tom Griffin

Ed Berg

Sunday, December 7: Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am: Gene Smith

Benedict and Mildred Giordano

11:00 am: Helen Marie Chajkowski

7:00 pm: Irene and Tom Cuccurulo



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.



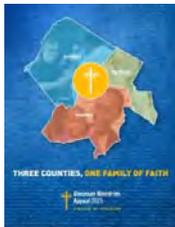
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

We hope you'll join us this Friday, December 5 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. It's a beautiful way to find some moments of reflective silence this Advent amidst all of the noise that can surround us this time of year.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Monday, December 8. Masses will be celebrated on at 8:15 am and 12:10 pm. Since the Solemnity is falls on a Monday, there will be no Vigil Mass at 7 pm. All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother and give thanks for the many gifts and blessings she gives to us each and every day, especially during this Advent Season.



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

As the year comes to a close in the next few weeks, please consider making a year-end charitable contribution to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, which serves so many people in great need. Every gift to the Appeal is a blessing both to the contributor and the recipient. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit card or online, as well as through gifts of securities and IRA distributions. May God bless you for your support!

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



Christmas Blessings Project

Our parish is again participating in the Catholic Family & Community Services annual Christmas Blessings Project. On the tree in the church vestibule you'll find gift tags representing the Christmas wishes of many area children, veterans and seniors who are in need. 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!

A Little More About the Christmas Blessings Project...

The Christmas gifts and gift cards donated to Catholic Charities provide meaningful support to veterans, food pantry clients, and children who often face significant financial strain which becomes more of a hardship during the Christmas season. For many, these gifts do more than simply offer a moment of joy— they help uphold each person's dignity by allowing them to participate in holiday traditions without sacrificing their limited resources needed for essentials like rent, heat, electricity, food and other daily necessities. Veterans who are rebuilding their lives, families who rely on food pantries for basic nourishment, and children who often go without are able to experience a sense of hope, normalcy, inclusion and joy. These gifts remind recipients that they are valued members of the community regardless of their circumstances, that people truly care, and this brings them warmth and encouragement at a time when it is most deeply needed.



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**

FIRST SATURDAY DAY OF DISCERNMENT FOR YOUNG MEN



A day of special graces to help young men, college age & older, discern their call in life.

DISCOVER GOD'S CALL

- + Holy Mass
- + Adoration
- + Rosary
- + Lunch & Social Time



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MASS EVERY FIRST SATURDAY
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PROCESSION TO FOLLOW
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AFTER MASS.



PRAY FOR
TO END EL FINDEL
ABORTION ABORTO

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,
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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.

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

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*discovering where the Lord
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*and to discover
who we are!!!*

*Who: young women ages 17-25
When: December 5-7, 2025
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