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## JULY 3, 2016

## $14^{\text{th}}$ Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Read Me!





# Welcome

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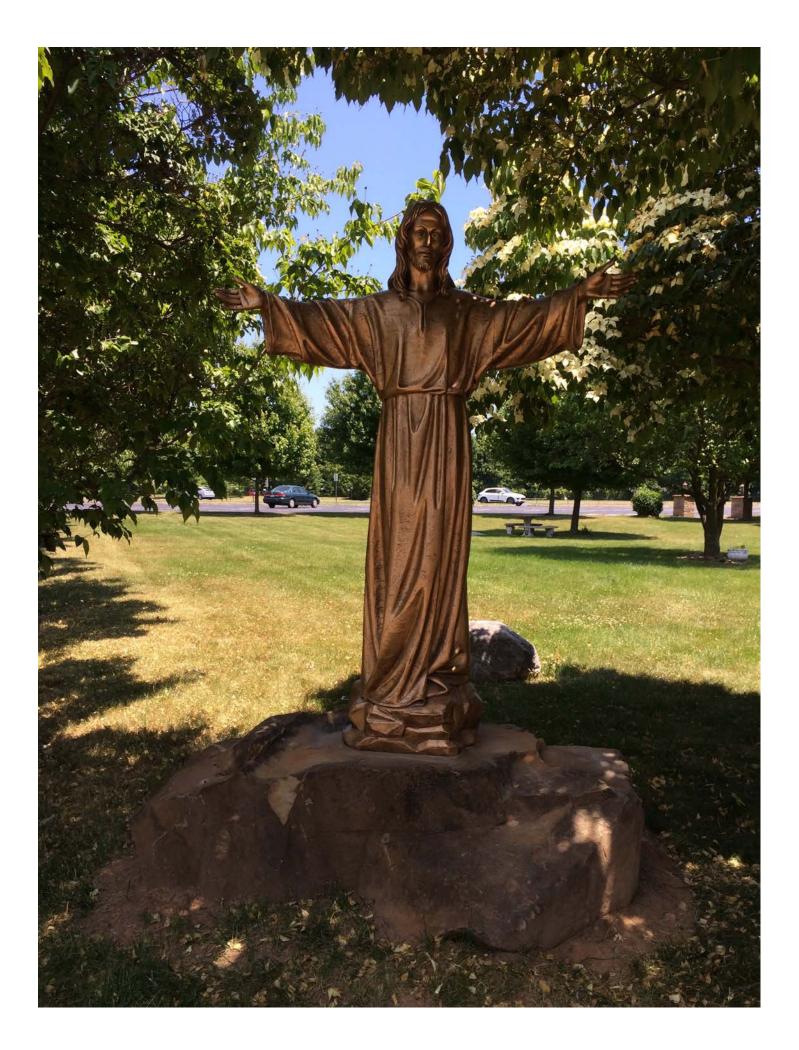
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#### Weekly Eucharists Saturday 5 pm Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am Reconciliation Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt. Holy Days 8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

Parish Office Hours Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

Other times & days, call to see if office is open.

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What's Happening? Sunday

Pound A Week

Next Sunday Clothing Collection

Every Sunday Pound A Week



Are you a regular parishioner of STM Parish?

Are you registered. This will help us to know our parishioners and assist our pastoral planning. Besides' we'd love to know your name. Registration forms are on the website or in the vestibule. If you're not sure, why not give the office a call or email us at info@stmnj.org. Thanks so much.

at info@stmnj.org. Thanks so much. Soon you will have the opportunity to check out your own membership information online. We are working on this right now. We don't have an accurate account of our membership. Some marked 'innactive' are here every week. Others marked 'active' have never been seen by Fr. Joe in the last seven years. We are especially hoping to update emails on our membership lists and looking into other avenues of communication other than printed copy. All part of getting ready for our 50th!

#### **Hospital Ministers**

The Chaplain's office at Morristown Hospital is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Pastoral visitors. Those who are interested, please contact Sr. Jo Mascera, S.S.C. at 973-971-5913 for more information.

#### **Welcoming Christ**

The front of our bulletin this week is our new statue at the entrance of our campus.

This Week's Question

For Adults:

Where do you see the message of Christian faith rejected in the world today? What is your response to that? For Children:

What can you do when you are generous with others, and they do not want what you give them?



## WELCOME

To all our visitors this weekend

Please remember the sick and homebound of our Parish.



We are all called to prayer. As a faith community, let us keep in mind all those who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God

Peter An, Phil Barrett, Elaine Bellock, Eric Braham, Pat Brennan, Ronald & Maureen Brodeur, Dominic Cantarella, Jim Cavanaugh, Kay Cavanaugh, Michael Cavaliere, Cheryl, John Dolan, Dan Doyle, Frank Falcone, Joe & Peg Farrell, Mike Faul, Mary Finlay, John Flaherty, Hayley Kuhn, Maria Ludwig, Joseph Montgomery, Adalcina Antao Moreira, Fr. Charles Parr, Michael Papalos, John Pra, Christopher Raiola, Josephine Rapp, Tom Warren, Diane Zadrozny.

If you know someone whose name should be removed, please keep us informed. To add a name, please fill out the form on the website or in the rectory.

**KIDSWORD** will be available from now on as four page brochures on the desk in the vestibule there is a regular KIDS version and a LittleKIDS version.

# Luke 9:51-62, What does it take to be a disciple?

lesus' listeners often got swept up by his charismatic manner and would blurt out their intention to follow him. That didn't necessarily mean they were ready to be true disciples of lesus', just that they were willing. In this Gospel story, an eager man wished to follow him but was deated when Jesus pointed the difculties with discipleship. Following him wouldn't always be comfortable. Many were turned off by that

For the second man in the story, the timing wasn't right He wanted to full his duty to his father before setting out with Jesus, but learned that Jesus sets the agenda. Our duty is to obey.

The third man wanted to say farewell to his family before leaving but discipleship takes focus. Jesus knew that

> looking back while plowing can ruin the job. He used that example to help the man understand that we need to have a singleness of purpose

to be his disciple.

Anyone who follows Jesus will make sacrices, but he promises us that the rewards will be worth much more than anything we leave behind.

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- Connie Militano 1 2 Jack Anderson
- 3 Robert Drozd
- 3 Valerie Selwyn
- 5 John Roche
- 5 Daisy Wary
- 6 Phil Nobile
- 7 Ed Heslin
- Alicia Sieckowski 7
- 8 Paul Critchley
- 9 Mike Murphy
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- 18 Lori & Vincent Carucci (51) 25 Jeanne &bBob Bass (52)

#### Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish

We are glad you decided to celebrate with our Parish Family. If you have recently moved into the parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please take a parish membership form at church or on our website. Hopefully we can set up an appointment to meet one another. Contact us at 973-267-5330 or info@stmnj.org.

#### SOME MINISTRIES and ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers
Bulletin
Finance Council
Lectors/Ministers of Communion
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Women's Guild

Bereavement Ministry **Collection Counters** Home/Sick Visits Youth Ministry Ushers/Greeters Pastoral Council



Whether you are new or a veteran, consider joining or helping in the various areas of parish life. If interested in something you don't see, don't be shy, talk to Fr. Joe.

Visit of Eucharist at Home. Communion may be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the confined, elderly and/ or shut-in at home or in the hospital, our parish ministers make calls to homes and hospitals. Fill out the form below..

**Moving In or Out?** If you are relocating either in or out of the parish area please takes a moment to help keep our records current. Contact the parish office or drop a note into the collection basket.

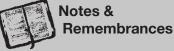
Pound A Week. Show how much we care! Bring a pound of goods when you come to church. Pasta, tuna, powdered milk or soup. Peanut butter or jelly or crackers. Even a pound of diapers. While shopping add a pound!

The following person(s) is presently receiving a visit and/or communion The following person(s) would like a regular visit and/or communion. Name:

You may call me with specifics (address, etc.):

Tel. or email:

#### **Saint Thomas More Parish**



#### **Remembering our Own**

Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations are made in honor of loved ones. Please join with them in prayer and remembrance at Eucharist. These intentions are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet. .

#### **Stewardship of Treasure**

Sunday Collection: \$5,289

#### Saturday Morning Mass

There will be no Saturday morning mass during the months of July and August.

#### **Rest in Peace**

Edward Davis and Frank Falcone entered eternal life last week. Edward is the son of Marian Davis. We offer our prayers, and our sympathy to Frank's family and to Marian and her family at this difficult time.

#### **Prayer of St. Thomas More**

O Lord.

give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable.

patient, and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

O Lord.

give us a lively faith, a firm hope.

- a fervent charity, a love of vou.
- Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation

and all dullness in prayer.

- Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you,
- your grace, and your tender compassion toward us.

Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.

-St. Thomas More died July 6, 1421

Please sign up for electronic giving. stthommore.weshareonline.org







## Parish on a Journey

Journey to the Past • Move to the Future

# The Spirit of Charity Gala

Our parish is sponsoring a gala to begin the celebration of 50 years as a parish. Since 1966, we have been fulfilling our mission by faithfully preaching the good news of the gospel and serving its' parishioners and Morris County community. With parish life rapidly expanding to meet the needs of the community, additional funding is necessary to increase our programs to better serve the parishioners and the community.

On October 29, 2016 our parish will sponsor The Spirit of Charity Gala, THE GREAT GATSBY to be held at The Villa at Mountain Lakes, Mountain Lakes, NJ. It promises to be an extraordinary event with all proceeds benefiting Saint Thomas More Parish. The Great Gatsby Gala will provide the added financial support needed to continue the mission of serving God's people.

Parishioners will receive a 'Reserve the Date" and Gala invitation in the near future. For additional information or to purchase table reservations please contact the following members of the Gala Committee: Sharon O'Neil - 973-889-1343 Julie Romano - 201-454-0161 Anne Kostyak - 973.714.3463.

### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 30.10-14

The events in this reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River, ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses makes it clear to the people that they are expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land.

#### Second Reading: Colossians 1.15-20

Today and for three more Sundays, the second reading will be from the letter to the Colossians. This letter responds to a widespread belief that God ruled the world through the mediation of angels who were given their own powers. The author quotes an early Christian hymn that emphasizes that Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and the world.

God's Grace is Young Enough

For the Young and Young At Heart Readings for this Sunday Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-20

#### A New Creation Suggested Reflection Questions

- As Catholic Christians, our tradition is filled with powerful images of God the Father. Today's reading from the Prophet Isaiah includes an image of God as a comforting mother. How can this image enrich our understanding of God?
- In his letter to the Galatians, Paul writes about the Christian as a "new creation." A follower of Jesus is no longer a Jew or Gentile, but a new creation. A follower of Jesus is no longer entangled by "the world," but is crucified to the world. What is Paul saying about what it means to be a Christian?
- Jesus sends 34 pairs of his followers ahead of him to every place he intends to visit They are sent without resources and will be dependent on the kindness of those they encounter. The pairs will heal the sick, cast out demons, and proclaim that the Kingdom of God is at hand. How does the Church continue to live out this mission every day? What does Jesus warn these "laborers" about? How do these warnings apply to us?



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# **One Minute** Meditations

#### St. Philip Neri

Born in Florence in 1515, St. Philip Neri was known for his

> impulsiveness and sense of humor from a young age. Although he was in line to become a successful businessman, he abandoned his career for a life of praver and study, spending much of his time giving spiritual direction to the youth. He later founded the Oratorians, where reading, singing, and charitable works were to be practiced. He is remembered for his humor and his joyful love of God.

### **True Charity**

True charity is challenging because it requires patience. St. Therese said, "True charity consists in putting up with all one's neighbor's faults, never being surprised by his weakness, and being inspired by the least of his virtues." Think positively about everyone - even those who irritate you.

"True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over." St. Alphonsus Ligouri Give your prayer life a boost

A rich prayer life is the key to happiness in this life and the next. Enriching our prayer is not always about the prayers we say, however. How we approach our time in

prayer can be as important. *"Be still, and* 

know that I am God" (Psalm 46:11). When we greet a dear friend, we may wave, hug, or say, "hello." When beginning prayer, start by placing yourself in God's presence and

greet him as a dearly loved one. Come as you are. God is the only one in our lives with whom we can be completely ourselves. We don't need to have special clothing, use flowery language, or fold our hands a certain way. For prayer to work, we just have

to bring our whole selves. You will be amazed by what he will do with that.

Take time out. "Silence is so lacking in this world which is often too noisy, which is not favorable to recollection and listening to the voice of God" (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI). Find fifteen minutes you can make silent and place God at the center of your attention.

Don't stop with prayer.

Prayer helps us to learn God's will for us. When we act in communion with his will, it is then that our whole life becomes a prayer in action.



The Trinity is one of the great, central mysteries of our faith. We believe it because Jesus, who is Truth, revealed it to us. "Go...make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy

# Why do Catholics believe in the Trinity?



Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). The Trinity is one God in three Persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (*Catechism* of the Catholic Church, # 253). The Three Persons are distinct from one another, yet each is God.

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## **MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

Pope Francis has declared 2016 to be a Year of Compassion and Mercy. What better way could there be for us to fully participate than to offer services to the homebound of St. Thomas More Parish?

In an effort to strengthen the program already in effect, we are asking for your help in the following ways:

1. Do you know of someone in your family or neighborhood, who would benefit from a visit by a volunteer parishioner to bring the Eucharist, to assist with transportation or shopping, or just to spend time with someone who is lonely?

NAME	_PHONE
ADDRESS	
SERVICES NEEDED	
REFERRED BY	_PHONE

- 2. Are you currently visiting a parishioner to provide any of the above services? VISITOR NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF PERSON VISITED\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SERVICES PROVIDED
- 3. Would you be willing to volunteer for this very rewarding ministry as little as one hour per week? Training will be provided, if needed. It is not limited to Eucharistic Ministers. A desire to serve those in need is all that is required VOLENTEER NAME\_\_\_\_\_PHONE\_\_\_\_\_ INTERESTED IN SERVING AS: FRIENDLY VISITOR\_\_\_\_\_ TAKE EUCHARIST TO HOME\_\_\_\_\_\_ SHOPPER\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Do you have any suggestions, recommendations, or advice concerning the implementation of this ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form, seal it, address it to Ministry to the Homebound and place it in the collection basket next Sunday, or call Nan O'Donnell at 201-826-8267. ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE BY MINISTERS WITH A NEED TO KNOW.

Completing this form will be greatly appreciated by those in need and their families, as well as the volunteers currently serving in the Ministry and those willing to join.

