

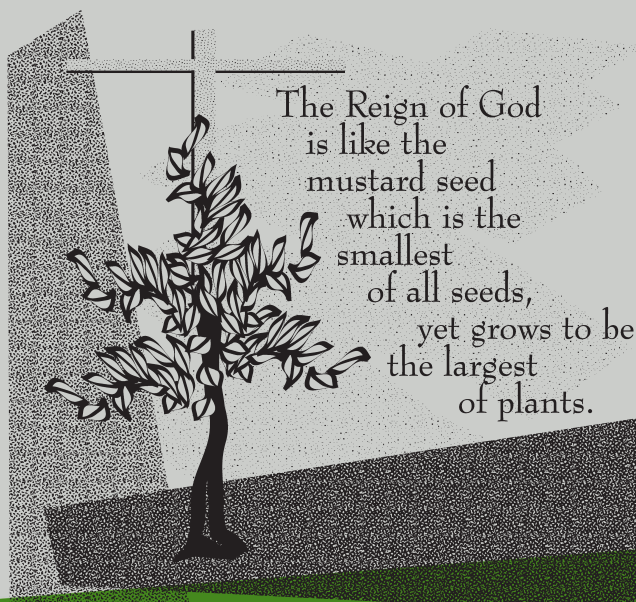
# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

Convent Station, NJ

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*As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God. Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.*



## July 23, 2014 • Two Week Bulletin

### Mission Coop Collection-Aug. 6

Fr. Antony Lopez OCD will be joining our liturgies on the weekend of August 6,, representing the Discalced Carmelite Missionaries working in the Missions of India, Africa and Indonesia. Discalced Carmelites through their missionary activities they provide, education, faith formation, health care, housing, training in jobs etc., to the poor they serve in this mission. Be generous to support the Missionary work of Discalced Carmelites. The second collection of that weekend will be for the Missions.

### Alzheimer's Caregiver Conf.

Saturday, July 29. 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Morristown Medical Center Health Pavilion, next to Rockaway Mall. Practical information for families who have a loved one with any form of dementia. Register in advance. Info: 888-280-6055 or [www.alznj.org](http://www.alznj.org).

### Diocesan Pilgrimage

Last chance to sign up for the Pilgrimage this October. Please contact the parish office, at to sign up for the one day, or overnight trip directly at 973-728-8162 or [secretary@olqpnj.org](mailto:secretary@olqpnj.org).

### Religious Education

It's time to prepare for Rel. Education for next year. Please register your children by clicking on the link on the front of the parish website.

We are also looking for volunteers in the parish to help with coordinating or teaching in the program.

### Preparing for the Future

With housing on Park Avenue expanding by Danforth Road and Columbia Tpke, we need to prepare. We should be contacting realtors and design marketing materials. For this reason we would like to put together a group to investigate the best way to market ourselves for new residents and to welcome them when they arrive. Help us prepare.

### Scriptures during the Week

Meditate on the scriptures during the week. **Take Five for Faith** is located on the website. Pull down "Faith Formation" and find it at the bottom.

### Not as Frightened

Thanks to increased giving, we're not as frightened about our recent repair expenses. Thank you.

### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12  
King Solomon ruled about 950 years before Christ. His wisdom was legendary. Today's reading describes an event from early in Solomon's rule that tells how he became a wise person.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30  
As we continue our readings from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, we will today hear Paul use the word predestined. This word does not mean that individuals are locked into a destiny over which they have no control. Rather, it means that in Christ, God provides abundant grace for everyone.

#### This Week's Question

*For Adults:*  
What would you be willing to do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

*For Children:*  
What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it? your faith grow each day?

## Preparing for July 30

*First Reading: Daniel 7:9-14*

The book of Daniel was written 150 years before Christ, during a time when the Jews were experiencing fierce persecution. It is meant to encourage the people by telling heroic stories of a person named Daniel who lived many centuries earlier. Today's reading describes his vision of heaven, and is written in symbolic language similar to the book of Revelation. The term "Son of Man" meant a human chosen by God for a special purpose. Christians have applied this vision to Jesus.

*Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19*

The second letter of Peter was written approximately 100 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. It was written in Peter's name, a practice common at that time. Because, after all these years, Jesus had not yet returned in glory, some people lost faith that he would ever return. Today's passage describes the Transfiguration, to which Peter was an eyewitness. The author wants to reassure the people that what they believe about Jesus is true.

### What's Happening This Week? **July**

Today

Every Sunday  
Pound A Week



### Stewardship of Treasure

Last week's Collection:  
\$ 4883

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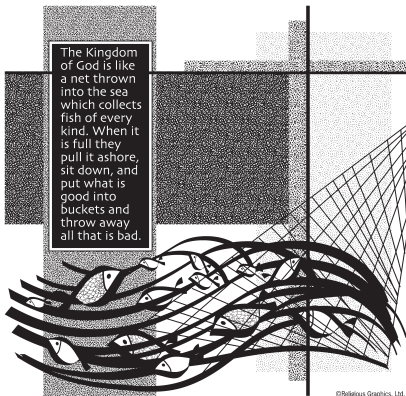
## Strength for life's bites

The day was fresh, and I jumped into my work with a happy attitude. Then those bothersome mosquito bites started itching again. I rubbed lotion on them and tried to cope with the pain and distraction.

Most days are like that. We intend to honor God in all things, but irritating itches or overwhelming problems develop. Worry leads our minds away from God's love and promises.

We can't avoid life's little — or big — "bites." Yet we look to Jesus as our salve and salvation. He covers us and empowers us for each day's tasks. As Isaiah 40:29 says, "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."

—MaryAnn Sundby



**"Summer night — even the stars are whispering to each other."**

**—Kobayashi Issa**

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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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