

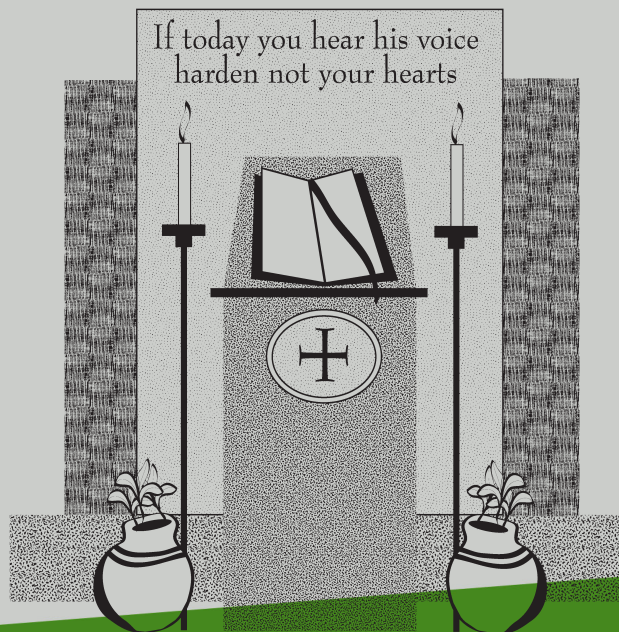
St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

Convent Station, NJ
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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.



January 28, 2017 • Day of the Lord

Women's Cornerstone Retreat

Feb. 16-17 at Loyola Retreat Center, run by Assumption Parish. A peer spiritual weekend to grow in the knowledge and love of God. Contact Chrissy West at 973-809-1646, costa1112@yahoo.com. Cornerstone is a great opportunity.

Mardi Gras?

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14. Should we have a Mardi Gras in the rectory basement?. If you are interested, respond to info@stmnj.org, call the rectory or sign up this week.

HomeTouch


HomeTouch is a weekly inspirational bulletin to bring to a homebound friend, relative or neighbor, to help them feel valued and appreciated. An article and activity page can help fill those long, quiet times of the day in a meaningful way. They are in the vestibule at the church entrance.

Flu Season

The medical world states that in normal circumstances a common cup with wine and wiping does not pose a threat. At the same time, we urge those who are sick to refrain from communion from the cup.

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as part of *our* flock

Permanent Deacons

The diocese is beginning another Permanent Deacon class this spring for men between the ages of 35 and 59. A deacon is not a mini-priest. Diaconate is an ancient order and ministry of its own. In fact diaconal ministry existed in the church before there were priests. Deacons are called to embody the image of Christ the servant; they represent the church in the community, and at liturgy they bring the needs of the community to the attention of the church. The ministry of the deacon shows the servant's heart of the church. Anyone who wishes to learn more about the ministry of deacon should contact Fr. Joe.

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.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The Book of Job is a long parable which grapples with why bad things happen to good people. This was especially crucial to people then because they didn't believe in life after death, and so one received reward or punishment in this life. Job lost his children, property and health, and lives at the city dump. Here, he gives an understandably pessimistic evaluation of life.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 9: 16-23

Paul's enemies often criticized him for the least little thing. At When most teachers received compensation from those they instructed, Paul was criticized because he refused support from the community. So, they discredited him as not being a legitimate apostle. Here is his response.

This Week's Question

For Adults:

What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

For Children:

What is the most important thing you would like others to know about Jesus? How will you show or tell them?

Catholic School Open Houses

Catholic Schools Week is this week. All our local schools are showing their pride in catholic education and are interested in speaking with interested parents. These are St. Vincent, Madison, St. Patrick, Chatham and Assumption, Morristown. Our parish subsidizes the "out of parish" tuition of any student that attends a catholic grade school.

Roll Call Connect - Try It!

Log onto your membership site to obtain your contribution report, to update birthdays, anniversaries, and email addresses. Add pictures and other info. The software allows you to insert your own pictures and help compile an online pictorial and a printed directory.

This is another opportunity for us to communicate better and have constant updated information.

To access your information, go to <<https://stmnj.bythebook.us/co/>>

Enter your email address and last name. You will receive a confirmation email in order to log on.

If you must fill out much info and have no contribution record, do not fill out the information. Instead call the office or write to info@stmnj.org and give us your name and email address. We will enter that address and send you a note back to try again. Your email address needs to be in the database in order for you to log in. If not, you will be entering a second membership account which may confuse all of us.

What's Happening This Week?

This Sunday
Rel. Ed.
Next Sunday
Rel. Ed.
Every Sunday
Pound A Week



Stewardship
of Treasure
Last week's
Collection: \$ 5002



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Or go to the top of the parish website.

WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT STORMS ON THE RADIO, IT'S JUST THE NEWS



WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT FLOODING IT'S ALWAYS SOMEWHERE ELSE



BUT WHEN THE POLICE POUND ON YOUR DOOR AND ORDER YOU TO EVACUATE RIGHT NOW, YOU PAY ATTENTION!



THINK OF JESUS' WORDS AS GOD POUNDING ON YOUR DOOR...



Giving Tree Thank You

Catholic Family & Community Services of the diocese thanked our parish with our generous participation in this year's Christmas Blessing Project.

Over 4200 families and individuals were served. For some it was the only gift they received.

CFCS serves nearly 30,000 people each year, helping them to enhance their quality of life. Much of this work is possible because of generous people throughout the diocese and dedicated workers of CFCS.



NO CLOTHING COLLECTION IN FEBRUARY

Perhaps due to lack of space at Fr. English Center after the fire

I believe that appreciation is a holy thing — that when we look for what's best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something sacred.
—Mr. Rogers (Rev. Fred Rogers)

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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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