

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

Convent Station, NJ

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28th 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.*

THE LORD OF HOSTS  
WILL PREPARE  
A RICH FEAST  
FOR ALL PEOPLE



October 15, 2017 • Day of the Lord

## Religious Education

Rel. Ed. begins Oct. 22. Registration on the front of the parish website.

We can still use volunteers for programming or instruction.

## Open Houses

Morris Catholic H.S., Sun. Oct. 15, 2-4 pm, Oct. 25, 7-9 pm. Register at <[www.morriscatholic.org/OpenHouse/](http://www.morriscatholic.org/OpenHouse/)>

Oak Knoll (gr. 7-12, girls), Sat. Nov. 4, 9:30-11:15 am., Wed. Dec. 6, 4:30 p.m. 908-522-8109 or [www.oakknoll.org](http://www.oakknoll.org).

## Oktoberfest - Women Style

The Women's Guild will hold its "Oktoberfest" on Oct 24, 7 pm. Games and fun are planned. All women of the parish are welcome .

## Cornerstone Retreat

N.D. of Mt. Carmel, Cedar Knolls invites women to their retreat Oct. 27-28, 6:30 pm Friday to 7:30 pm Saturday. An excellent opportunity to start our own Cornerstone. Contact Denise Panyik-Dale, 973-267-2479 or Mary Fick, [Ficke44@aol.com](mailto:Ficke44@aol.com), 973-476-4843.

## Holy Hour for Peace

Holy Family Chapel, Sisters of Charity, Tues., 6:30 pm, and every 3rd Tuesday.

## "Elvis...The Legend Lives"

St. Peter Parish, Parsippany. Sat. Oct. 28, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$25. BYOB & BYOFood. Tickets: <[saintpetertheapostle.org](http://saintpetertheapostle.org)>. Info: Lorraine, 973-887-4538 or Florence, 973-263-7167.

## Right to Life Raffle

Raffle sales will take place next weekend. Proceeds help the staff and volunteers of NJ Right To Life which provides a strong voice in NJ defending the right to life of the preborn, and assist women with a pregnancy.

The prize is a 2018 Volvo. Three other prizes are generous Shop-Rite gift cards. Tickets are \$10 . Please help.

## Caregivers Support

United Way Caregivers Coalition invites you to a special evening, Mon, Nov. 13, Frelinghuysen Arboretum. 353 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown. 5:30 pm dinner. 6 pm presentation addressing supportive housing options. Register: [Stephanie.Howland@UnitedWayNNJ.org](mailto:Stephanie.Howland@UnitedWayNNJ.org) or call 973-993-1160, x534. Registration required to ensure enough space and food.

*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

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First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1-6

When today's passage was written, the Jewish people were exiled by Babylon more than 40 years. Cyrus, king of neighboring Persia, was preparing to invade Babylon. The prophet sees Cyrus, a pagan king, as an instrument of God. Through this military victory, God will free his people and allow them to return home.

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 1: 1-5

This Paul's earliest of all New Testament writings, about 20 years after Jesus' Resurrection. In just five verses of the letter's opening, we hear reference to God the Father, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, to faith, hope and love. It indicates how quickly these essentials of our faith became part of our Christian tradition.

**This Week's Question  
For Adults:**  
How do you translate your faith into the work of the Reign of God?

**For Children:**  
What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

## Rest in Peace

Isabel Rich entered eternal life in her 98th year. Full of life to the end, the words of the Gospel, "Good and faithful servant, enter the kingdom" were offered to her this week.

We were able to celebrate a belated birthday with Isabel at our parish picnic last month. She now celebrates a new birth in eternity.

Jack Liddy, the father of Anne Liddy (Gamerdinger) entered eternal life a couple of weeks ago. Also in his 90s he begins his eternal day.

We offer our prayers, and our sympathy to Mary (Isabel) and Anne and their families at such difficult time.

## Thanksgiving is 7 weeks away

Help Ginny Macko organize a parish Thanksgiving food collection this year.

The Interfaith Food Pantry is preparing 1600 Thanksgiving baskets and they need help with turkeys, turkey breast, ham or large chicken; stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, pasta, corn, soups, juices, cranberry sauce. Fresh fruit, potatoes, onions and yams are good, too.

The easiest way is to work Ginny to set up our own drive or go directly to the food pantry, Mondays to Thursdays, 9:30-4:30 and by appointment on Fridays. They will be open until 7:45 on Nov. 8 & 15.

## Diocesan Pro-Life Mass

Sat. Nov. 18, 10 am at St. John's Cathedral, Paterson.

## What's Happening This Week?



### This Sunday

Bishop's Annual  
Appeal Commitment Weekend  
Parent's Rel. Ed. Mtg.

Oct. 21 - Pastoral Council Mtg. 9:30

Oct. 22 - Religious Education

Oct. 24 - Women's Guild Octoberfest

### Every Sunday

Pound A Week

Stewardship  
of Treasure



Last week's  
Collection: \$ 4879  
monthly collection \$ 2228

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GOOD THING  
READY AND  
WAITING FOR US!



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IS THAT  
"GOOD" AS  
IN ICE  
CREAM,  
OR "GOOD"  
AS IN  
BROCCOLI?



## An Ecological Spirituality

*There are many forms of spirituality. In this month of St. Francis, perhaps we need a dose of "Ecological Spirituality."* Ecological spirituality begins in the acknowledgment, grateful and joyful, that all creatures owe their existence to God. We humans are not somehow separate from the rest of creation. We share it intimately with all other creatures and acknowledge God as Creator of us all.

For centuries, Christians viewed God's action in the world in terms of sin and redemption. First we sinned and then God redeemed us. The pattern was holy and helpful. A new awareness of the whole of creation expands this view, and we now tend to think of God's action in the world this way: God creates and, when we reject grace, saves us from our sin. By understanding creation as part of God's plan for our salvation, we more readily understand that God remains first, Creator and Lord at every moment of history. God is Creator of all things, but it is not true that God's creating is just in the past. To realize that God is making me in the present is a transforming spiritual insight. *Want to know more? How about a parish environment committee?*

**From the smallest cell to the largest creature, you are the origin and creator of all life. May we be so in awe of your wondrous power that we never take for granted the wonder of life, the beauty of creation or the potential of every person.**

**— Fr. James Gaffney**

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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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