

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

Convent Station, NJ

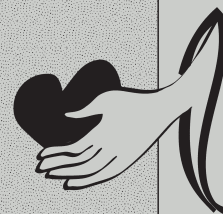
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar



and to GOD what belongs to GOD

October 22, 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/>

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.

Oktoberfest - Women Style

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

Did you Know?

Recycling a six-pack of aluminum cans every week saves enough energy to power a TV for 936 hours. The recycling process uses about 75% less energy than using materials for the first time. Recycled aluminum is used in new cars, bikes, appliances and cookware.

Give to the LORD the



glory due his name

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In Giving, We Receive

This year our diocese had the largest number of men ordained to the priesthood in the country. Over 50 men are currently enrolled in seminaries to prepare for priestly life in the Paterson Diocese. It is a tremendous blessing that comes with a significant cost for room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your support of the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** helps meet the annual expenses for seminarian education. It is a gift that will enhance the faith life of our Diocese for years to come. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org. Thank you!

Caregivers Support

A special evening for Caregivers, Mon, Nov. 13, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, E. Hanover Ave., Morristown. 5:30 pm dinner. 6 pm presentation on supportive housing options. Register: Stephanie. Howland@UnitedWayNNJ.org or call 973-993-1160, x534. Registration required.

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26
Exodus recounts how the Jews escaped from slavery in Egypt and made a covenant with God at Mount Sinai. We're familiar with the 10 Commandments as part of this covenant, but God included other laws. Many of them deal with how we treat other people.

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 1: 5-10

Macedonia was a Roman province in northern Greece in which the city of Thessalonica was located. Achaia was the province in southern Greece to which Paul journeyed after preaching to the Thessalonians. In this, his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reports that, on his journey, he learned that their exemplary faith was already known and talked about throughout Greece.

This Week's Question For Adults:

How much responsibility do you feel the government should take for meeting the needs of the less fortunate in our society? How willing are you to contribute?

For Children:

Who needs help in your neighborhood or community? What could you and your family do to help?

Rest in Peace

Paul Tumelty entered eternal life this week. We offer our prayers, and our sympathy to Elisabeth and their daughter, Kathleen at this difficult time.

Thanksgiving is 7 weeks away

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.

Join our parish drive coordinated by Ginny Macko with the help of others. You can also 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.

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Villa Walsh's Christmas Bazaar Extravaganza. Gifts, crafts, Baked goods and more. Enjoy pizza frittatas, homemade Italian sandwiches and desserts. Support the Filippini Senior Sisters. Villa Walsh, Western Ave., Morristown, Nov. 5, 12-5 pm.

Assumption Seniors

Join Assumption Parish Seniors at their monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at the church after 12:05 pm Mass.

What's Happening This Week?



OCTOBER

This Sunday

Rel. Ed.
Right to Life Raffle Sales
World Mission Sunday Collection
Tues. - Women's Guild Octoberfest

Next Sunday

Rel. Ed.

Every Sunday

Pound A Week

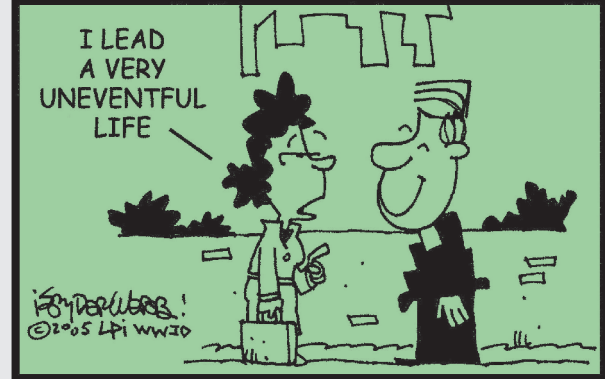
Stewardship of Treasure

Last week's Collection: \$ 5272



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On the Care of our Common Home

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si': On the Care of our Common Home*, Pope Francis writes, "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience." This teaching is a great opportunity to reflect together on the gift of creation that God has given us. *Laudato Si'* is an appeal from Pope Francis to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. The United States Council of Catholic Bishops states that the encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility. This is a challenge to each of us personally and as a parish.

Would you like to know more? How about a parish environment committee? Contact Fr. Joe if you are interested in this important dimension of christian stewardship.

Faith is better understood as a verb than a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going anyway. A journey without maps.

— Frederick Buechner

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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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