

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

Convent Station, NJ

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26th 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.



October 8, 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.

Healing Mass

Our Lady of Mercy, Whippany. Sat. Oct. 21, 11 am in the Parish Center. For physical, spiritual and emotional healing. Handicapped accessible. Info: Ministry@ourladyofmercyparish.com, (973) 887-8767.

Cornerstone Retreat

N.D. of Mt. Carmel, Cedar Knolls invites women from STM 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, 973-476-4843.

In Giving, We Receive

Did you know that there are currently over 50 men now enrolled in seminaries to prepare for priestly life in the Paterson Diocese. That is a tremendous blessing, but one 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.

Share the Journey — Love Your Neighbor

Pope Francis launched a campaign to support immigrants and refugees around the world. Our brothers and sisters make perilous journeys, forced to flee homes to escape conflict, poverty, persecution and violence. There are over 65 million refugees and internally displaced people today. Our faith calls us to "love our neighbor" and to welcome newcomers seeking the security, peace, and opportunity they cannot find in their home countries.

Join the #sharejourney campaign.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10

The mountain dearest to the people of Israel was Mount Zion, the place upon which Jerusalem's temple was built. The prophet Isaiah, preaching during a time of political upheaval, foresees a day when God will gather on Mount Zion all the people of the world for a great banquet.

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 12-20

On his missionary journeys, Paul took pride in supporting himself as a leatherworker. Now it's different. Paul is in prison and dependent upon his beloved Philippians. They generously sent him help, the only Christian community known to do so. As he now concludes his letter to

This Week's Question For Adults:
How have you used your talents and abilities for the Reign of God?

For Children:
What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?

Hunger Walk

Sun., Oct. 15 at 1 pm, 5K Walk with 1,000+ walkers. Fund-raiser to continue Community Soup Kitchen 365 days a year. Registration at 1 pm, Walk begins 1:30 at the Soup Kitchen on the side of the Church of the Redeemer, South Street. Refreshment and music at 2:30. Walkers are asked to get sponsors. Walkers raising \$100+ will get a H.W. T-shirt.

Coordinate a parish group with Cathy Miller. Contact the office or Cathy directly. If you would like to sponsor a walker, we have forms. Brochures in church. More Info: <www.cskmorristown.org>.

Thanksgiving is 7 weeks away

Interfaith Food Pantry is looking for Turkeys as they prepare 1600 Thanksgiving baskets. They could use turkey, turkey breast, ham or large chicken as well as stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, yams, pasta, corn, soups, juices, cranberry sauce. They also accept fresh fruit, potatoes, onions and yams. The food pantry is accepting food, Mondays to Thursdays, 9:30-4:30 and by appointment on Fridays. They will be open until 7:45 on Nov. 8 & 15.

If anyone would like to organize a parish Thanksgiving food collection, let Fr. Joe know.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass

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



What's Happening This Week?



This Sunday
Clothing Collection

Oct. 21 - Pastoral Council Mtg.
9:30-12

Oct. 22 - Religious Education
Every Sunday
Pound A Week

Stewardship
of Treasure



Last week's
Collection: \$ 7646
Sept. Online Contribution: \$2627

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for electronic giving
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YOU HAVE
GIVEN ME SO
MUCH, LORD!



JOYDEN WARB!
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ACTUALLY,
A LITTLE
TOO MUCH.



A Blessing of Pets and All Animals

St. Francis, whose feast day was Wednesday, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. Francis wrote a Canticle of Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." A pet can be a true companion for many. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship.

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

Brother Wind and Sister Air,

Open my eyes to visions pure and fair, that I may see the glory around me.

I am God's creature, of Him I am part. I feel His love awakening my heart.

— lyrics to "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" by Donovan

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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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