

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

Convent Station, NJ

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



As a faith community, we keep in mind all 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.



November 5, 2017 • The Day of the Lord

Thanksgiving is Almost Here

We are helping the Interfaith Food Pantry prepare Thanksgiving baskets. 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 or go directly to the food pantry, by. They will be open until 7:45 on Nov. 15.

Remembering those Who Died

We will remember parishioners, family and friends who entered eternal life this year on the Feast of Christ the King, Nov. 26 at all the weekend liturgies. You are welcome to invite family of the deceased.

Christmas Party for Women

The Women's Guild will hold its Christmas Party on Dec 6 at 12.30 pm at the Serenade in Chatham. \$40.00 per person. Includes a glass of wine. RSVP Pat Briscoe 973 267-8276 or Bridie Murphy 973 539-5008 All women of the parish are welcomed.

Bake Sale Next Week

The Women's Guild will hold its cake sale next week. All members are asked to please bring four items.

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.

In Giving We Receive

After decades of service to our parishes, our diocesan priests have the opportunity to live at Nazareth Village in Chester. A number of our priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. Your gift to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** helps support Nazareth Village.

Your pledge is a great way to recognize the generous gift of their priestly vocation. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks.

Women's Advent Retreat

Tues., Dec. 5, 9:30 - 2:30. Sisters of Charity Motherhouse. Free will offering. RSVP: lpechello@scnj.org by Nov. 28. Info: 973-290-5325.

Health Plan Enrollment Period

Affordable Health Care enrollment period has been reduced, only until Dec. 15 instead of Jan. 31. This is the only time you can enroll in a health plan on the individual market without qualifying for special enrollment.

Diocese Mass & Breakfast

December 9 is the actual 80th anniversary of the creation of Paterson Diocese. All are invited to 9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11 am. Breakfast tickets are \$40 per person at www.rcdop.org/breakfast. It is a day of Celebration for all!



PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31
The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings, compiled over a number of centuries. Today's passage is part of a lengthy poem which praises the virtues of a good wife and mother.

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 5: 1-6

Paul and the early Christians expected the immediate Second Coming of Christ. Today, as he concludes his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reminds them to be prepared for this. His message is encouraging, not frightening.

This Week's Question

For Adults:
Is there an area of your life in which you sometimes feel like a hypocrite?

For Children:
Why is it important for you to live according to how you believe?

Living a Baptismal Vocation

Discerning one's vocation in life is not easy. It is a challenge, particularly if one thinks one is alone. But, we as baptized realize that we are never alone. Jesus Christ is walking with us in the same way in which he walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. He accompanies us through the community of faith, the Church. We encounter Christ and are accompanied on our journey in our participation in the Sacraments, through the teachings of our Faith, through the Church's ministers, and in communion with the People of God. In our personal prayer, God is present as well, but we need to quiet ourselves and hear the "tiny whispering sound" as did the Prophet Elijah in the cave (1 Kings 19:12).

St. Vincent Pallotti taught in the 19th century, the Second Vatican Council followed, that we are called to be apostles or missionary disciples. We have an apostolic vocation in life. Even those who are contemplative pray not for themselves, but for the whole Church. Whatever our particular vocation - marriage, Consecrated Life, or priesthood - we are all sent by God on mission to our brothers and sisters, witnessing Christ by what we say and do. We are called to accompany others in prayer and action in encountering Christ.



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BioSpiritual Focusing

Loyola is running a workshop on Bio-Spiritual Focusing, next Sunday, 2-5 pm, led by Sr. Helen Beairsto. \$20.

BioSpiritual Focusing is a way to pray using the inner wisdom of our body. Spend the afternoon learning about this process and the ways it can enhance your spiritual life in daily events as well as praying with sacred Scripture.

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"The Joyful Mystery of God-with-Us" with Sr Anita Constance, Tues., Dec. 5, 9:30 — 2:30. Sisters of Charity Motherhouse RSVP: lpechello@scnj.org by 11/28. Free will offering. Info: Sr Maryanne Tracey, SC, 973 290 5325

Fire at Father English Center

Due to the fire at Fr. English Community Center last week, the center is making an emergency appeal for Shop-Rite Food Cards and winter coats since both the clothing and food pantries were destroyed. You may drop them off at the church or the parish office or directly at 97.3-777-8818.

Home Mission Collection

A national collection for Catholic Home Missions will be taken next week. Bishop Serratelli reminds us that this appeal provides much needed assistance to dioceses in the U.S. and its territories that lack the resources to provide even basic pastoral ministry to their people. Their focus is on evangelization, ministry training and support of poor parishes across the country. As a result of our generosity millions of catholics lives are impacted each year. Bishop Serratelli thank you in advance for whatever you can do to help your Catholic brothers and sisters as they learn about their faith and embrace the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

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



What's Happening This Week?

This Sunday

Rel. Ed.

Clothing Collection

Thanksgiving Collection

Next Sunday

Rel. Ed.

Home Missions Collection

Every Sunday

Pound A Week



Stewardship of Treasure

Last week's

Collection: \$ 8075

Online Contributions

for October: \$ 3047



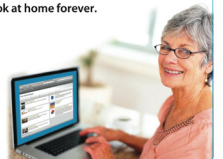
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Contact the church office with questions.



Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

Other times & days,
call to see if office
is open.

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