

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

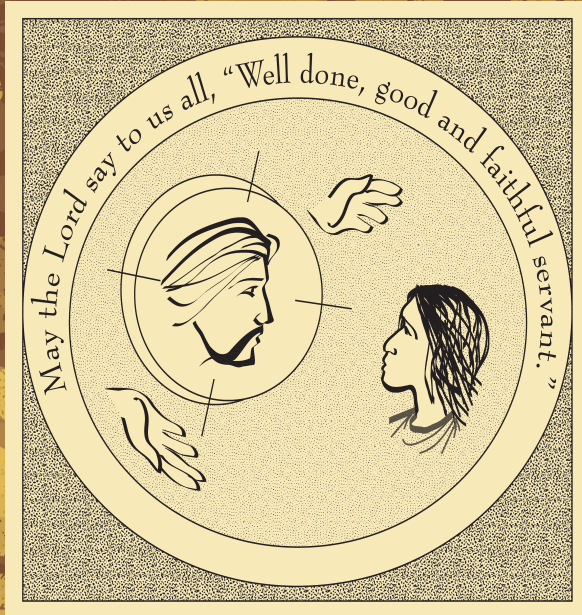
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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 19, 2017 • The Day of the Lord

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.

Women's Guild Meeting

The Women's Guild will hold its next meeting on Nov. 28, 7 pm. Please bring an early picture of yourself. There will be a movie. All women are welcome

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.

In Giving We Receive

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all of the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessings by making a gift to the **2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal**. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme, In Giving, We Receive - your participation not only impacts the lives of tens of thousands of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org.

Meditate on the scriptures during the week. Take Five for Faith is located on the website under "Faith Formation."

Women's Advent Retreat

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

Reading Tutor Available

Looking for a reading tutor help your child gain skills and confidence needed to succeed in school? Reading is a gift that will last a lifetime. Info: Sr. Ann Lavelle, 973-750-4311, www.keystosuccessforyou.com.

Diocese Mass & Breakfast

Celebrae the 80th anniversary of our Diocese on Dec. 9 with 9:30 am Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, at 11 am. Tickets are \$40. Info: www.rcdop.org/breakfast. It is a day of Celebration for all!

World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis has named this Sunday, the first World Day of the Poor. The gospel invites us to reflect on how to invest our talents in the world community. Francis of Assisi, models building relationships with people who are poor. St. Francis attributed staying with lepers in Gubbio as a turning point in his conversion. Pope Francis hopes that our volunteer service and impromptu acts of generosity "lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life." He encourages "believers to react against a culture of discard and waste and to embrace the culture of encounter."



PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Feast of Christ the King

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11 - 17
Ezekiel preached to Jewish exiles at Babylon six centuries before Christ. They were a disappointed people and they blamed poor leadership for getting them into this mess. In this passage, Ezekiel uses a popular biblical image of God, that of a shepherd who cares for the sheep.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15: 20 - 28
In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses problems his converts in the community were experiencing. Some members had questioned the bodily resurrection of Jesus and their own resurrection as well. This is Paul's response.

This Week's Question

For Adults:
What gift have you not developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

For Children:
What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?

A Christian Prayer of *Thanksgiving & Remembrance*

Let us pray and give thanks to God for our bountiful lives.

On this day, where family and friends gather to eat, drink and give thanks for all that we have, let us also remember those among us that have less to be thankful for.

While we give thanks for this food, let us remember and pray for the farm workers whose labors made our meal possible. Let us remember and pray for the poultry worker, the canner, the truck driver, the grocery store clerk, and the cooks who made this meal and all of our meals possible.

And while we pray in thanks, let us pray all people receive enough through their labors, so that all can live in security, and that no one go hungry for lack of decent wages.

Let us seek and find ways to share our nation's bounty with all those in need.

In Jesus' name,
Amen



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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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What's Happening This Week?

This Sunday

Rel. Ed.

Home Missions Collection

Womern's Guild Bake Sale

Thanksgiving Mass 8:15

Office closed Friday

Next Sunday

No Rel. Ed.

Giving Tree Open

Every Sunday

Pound A Week



Stewardship
of Treasure

Last week's

Collection: \$ 6603

Monthly Collection: \$ 2395



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