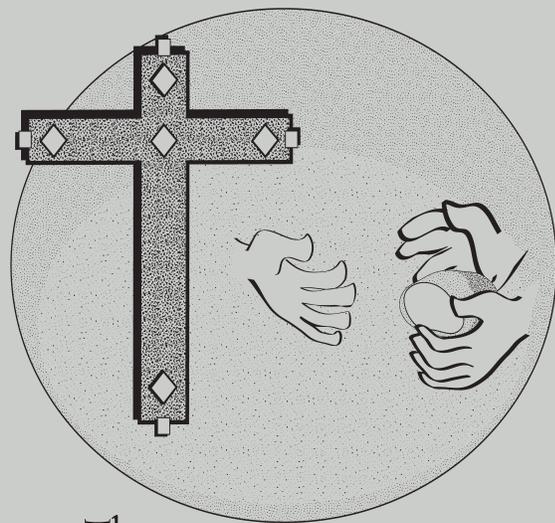


St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

Convent Station, NJ

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The greatest among you must be those who serve the rest.

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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.

November 5, 2017 • 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. 8 & 15.

Remembering those Who Died

We will remember our parishioners, our family and friends who have 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 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.

Planning for Bake Sale

The Women's Guild will hold its cake sale on Nov. 18 & 19. All members are asked to please bring four items.

In Giving We receive

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary schools and our priests' retirement residence. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to the parish directly for its own needs. Please know that Appeal funds are used for no other purpose and serve only those who live in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties. Please make a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org.

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.

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center for Greek philosophy. Fearful that the Jewish people might be captivated by this secular thought, the author contrasts it with the true wisdom of God. In today's passage, wisdom is personified as a woman.

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 4: 13-18

Paul wrote his this letter some 20 years before the Gospels. In this passage, we have the earliest written teaching about the resurrection. Some Thessalonians were worried about those who had already died. They expected the second coming of Christ very soon, and were concerned that those who had died would miss out on the resurrection.

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?

Remembering the Common Good

When deciding how to vote, keep in mind the principles of Catholic social teaching and the Common Good. The notion of the Common Good originated over 2000 years ago in the writings of Plato, Aristotle, and Cicero. The Catholic tradition, which has a long history of struggling to define and promote the common good, defines it as “the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment.” The common good, then, consists primarily of having the social systems, institutions, and environments on which we all depend work in a manner that benefits all people. This includes accessible and affordable public health care system, effective system of public safety and security, peace among the nations, a just legal and political system, unpolluted natural environment, flourishing economic system. Because such systems, institutions, and environments have such a powerful impact on the well-being of members of a society, it is no surprise that virtually every social problem in one way or another is linked to how well these systems and institutions are functioning. *(from the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University).*

Something to keep in mind when voting this week. If interested in the promoting the Common Good, why not join others in a new venture of a **Parish Sustainability Committee** and at the same time, study Pope Francis' document on responsibility to the environment and people.

What's Happening This Week?

This Sunday
Rel. Ed.
Next Sunday
Rel. Ed.
Every Sunday
Pound A Week



Stewardship
of Treasure
Last week's
Collection: \$ 6320



Regularly scheduled donations through electronic giving help us budget better, and provide donors with accurate records of payments. Visit stthommore.weshareonline.org today to sign up. If you need help, call the parish office. Thanks.

HOW DO YOU GET SO MANY OF YOUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS TO COME TO CONFESSION?



I CHANGED THE SIGNS FROM "CONFESSION" TO "TECH SUPPORT."



Back to “Notes on Eucharist” — Is there a theme for each Mass?

The Eucharist is a thanksgiving for creation and redemption. This is the primary theme and anything “more” is icing on the cake. Human celebrations are normally of events rather than abstract concepts. Similarly, the scriptures tell the story of a God who acts (action again) and through our remembering and thanksgiving we are renewed to act in response. A theme may be one attempt to summerise briefly a message in the readings within the context of this present gathering. Preoccupation with finding a theme for each service, however, can limit the impact of a liturgy. Community worship is like a lake upon which liturgy can cast a number of stones, each sending out its pattern of ripples. One person may connect with the opening hymn, another with the Opening Prayer, another with the first reading, another with the Psalm, and so on. Often the feast, a special days such as All Souls Day or a liturgical season provides “theme” enough. Advent prepares for Christ’s coming. Christmas celebrates Christ’s birth. Like a particular type of restaurant (Mexican, Chinese, Indian ...), such a “theme” provides the mood in which the meal is enjoyed rather than a straight-jacket for the service.

Fr. Bosco Peters

Grandparents are parents —

but with more sleep, fewer rules and an endless supply of COOKIES.

— An anonymous Grandchild

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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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