

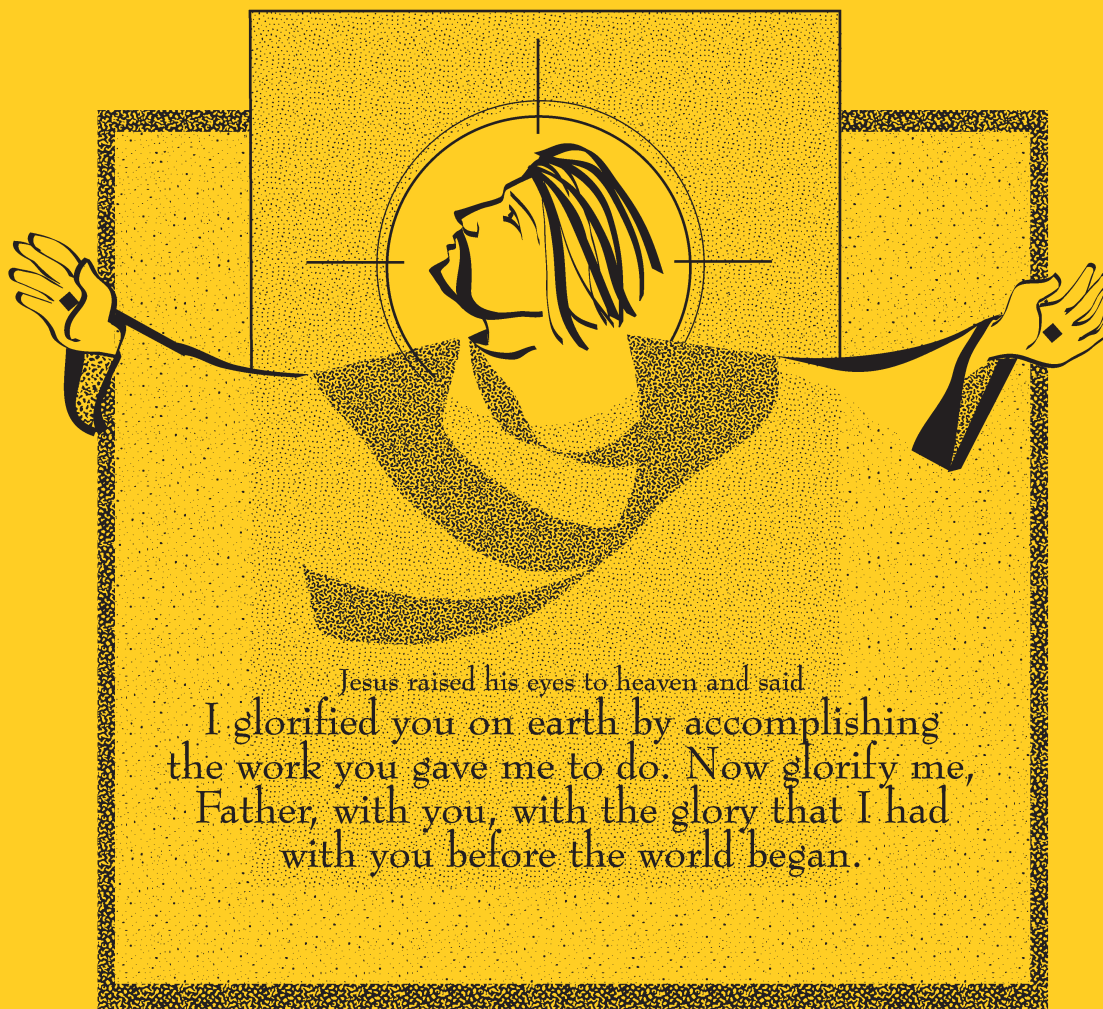
ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH



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MAY 28, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said
I glorified you on earth by accomplishing
the work you gave me to do. Now glorify me,
Father, with you, with the glory that I had
with you before the world began.

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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.*

www.stmnj.org

What's Happening?

Today Peter Pence Collection
Monday Office Closed
Next Sunday Pound A Week



Stewardship of Treasure

Easter Collection: \$ 6502
Sign up for electronic giving at stthommore.weshareonline.org



WELCOME

To all our visitors this weekend

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 Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.



Ministry to the Homebound

If you know a homebound person who would like communion and/or on a regular basis, if you are ministering in that way OR if you can visit and/or bring communion

Pound a Week

Some new parishioners asked what 'Pound a Week' meant. We ask each other to share with those who have less by bringing a pound of food to church with them each week: a box of pasta, a can of food, a box of cereal, etc. for the interfaith food pantry.

Vivere Christus Award

We've gotten very few nominations for this award. Send the person's name to the parish office along with the reasons why this person should be considered. It should be a parishioner but their work or ministry can extend outside the parish. The award acknowledges dedicated people who help build up Christ's Church.

Women's Guild

The Women's Luncheon is June 7, 12:30 at the Serenade in Chatham. \$40. All welcome. Contact Pat Briscoe 973 267-8276 or Bridie Murphy 973 539-5008. Open to all women.

Ice Cream

We're still looking for a few more who can help with Ice Cream Sundays this summer. A great way for parents and kids to work together.

Pastoral Council Timeline

Applications on the table in the vestibule. Deadline extended Do it soon. June: Candidate info will be available.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians responds to a letter they wrote to him. They had asked him how to deal with the diversity of gifts in the community, and the rivalries and jealousies that inevitably arose. In today's passage, he uses a comparison that we will recognize immediately.

God's Grace is Young Enough

Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11

I am the Way

- While they were still gazing at the sky after the ascension, angels sent the disciples back with a jibe: 'Why are you standing there looking at the sky?' In the first reading Luke shows the disciples gathered in prayer in that interval of time between then and Pentecost.
In this Sunday's Gospel, John addresses many of these same post-Easter realities couched in much different language in the prayer of Jesus concluding his Last Supper farewell discourses. As in Acts 1, the focus of John 17 is on the transition between the earthly ministry of Jesus and the life of the post-Easter Church.

This Week's Question

For Adults:

When we are generous, we may be criticized. How does that connect us to Christ?

For Children:

Living your faith means doing good even when it is easier not to. When have you experienced this?



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Prayer of Confidence

Ever-living and ever-loving God,
you sent your Son to be with us forever.
In our lives we look for your guidance
and your protection,
and we gather in prayer asking for your
blessings to continue.
May we find you in one another
as we pray together in your name.
May we be filled with your Spirit

as we open our hearts to be filled with
your grace;
and may we accept your loving kindness
in the assembly of the faithful,
even as we are uncertain of where
you lead us.
We ask this, in confidence, through your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

May 28, 2017
Christian Living

Today's Readings: Acts 1:12–14; Psalm 27:1, 4, 7–8; 1 Peter 4:13–16; John 17:1–11a. Peter tells us in the Second Reading that we must not be ashamed if we suffer in the name of Christ. At Baptism we become Christians, and then carry Christ's name as our identity. In the Gospel, Jesus includes us as among those to whom he revealed God's name and are his own. Together, we share an identity, a calling, a sacramental nature. We Christians must not be ashamed of that identity. In our world today, however, we are often challenged because we are Christian. When that happens, then we turn (return) to Christ's words, teachings, and example to know what we are to do. Jesus' prayer in today's Gospel repeatedly turns all back to the Father in glory. He glorified the Father as he taught us. His care for us was to return us to

the Father as faithful people of God.

Even as we live as Christians, we need to examine what it means to live fully our baptismal identity. When we do so, we become more confident in our being identified with Christ. As we near the end of the Easter season, take another look at the profession of faith we proclaim together every Sunday. Discuss the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed in your homes or small discussion groups. How does each section of the Creed profess who you are and what you believe? To go more deeply into this identity, ask how that section of the Creed is practiced in your life, or how you witness its being practiced in the world. As Christians, we together respond: I do believe.

Willing to Be a Member of the Parish Pastoral Council?

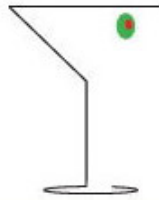


Fill out an application
on the table in the vestibule
or in the Rectory Office
Deadline extended

Look for the "Candidate Nomination Form" in the vestibule or rectory; complete it and email to ossela@optonline.net or drop off at the Parish office. The forms will be condensed into candidate blurbs, which will be published for two Sundays in June with an election at the end of June.



ANNIVERSARY
COCKTAIL PARTY
MOVED
TO MADISON HOTEL
FRIDAY JUNE 16, 6-9 PM



Tickets are \$60 which is less than the cost to make it as affordable as possible and to celebrate with a majority of our parish family.

Tickets will be sold after masses and in the parish office. You can also send an email to secretary@stmnj.org to reserve a place and then place payment in the next week's collection in an envelope with your name and marked "Cocktail Party."



Protecting Our Children & Youth

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Mary Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site: www.patersondiocese.org.

10 SIGNS OF A SAFE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

1. **Screening** of staff / volunteers.
2. Adults trained in **safe environment strategies** and signs of abuse.
3. **Code of conduct** enforced.
4. **Open Communication** between parents and staff / staff and children / children and parents.
5. **Parents** always **Welcome**.
6. Children educated in **right relationships** & what to do if a relationship isn't right.
7. All children treated with **Dignity and Respect**.
8. **Clear Rules and Expectations**. consistent reinforcement / consequences
9. **Adequate supervision of youth**. team approach—accountability—no 1:1 isolation
10. All **abuse** is **reported**.