

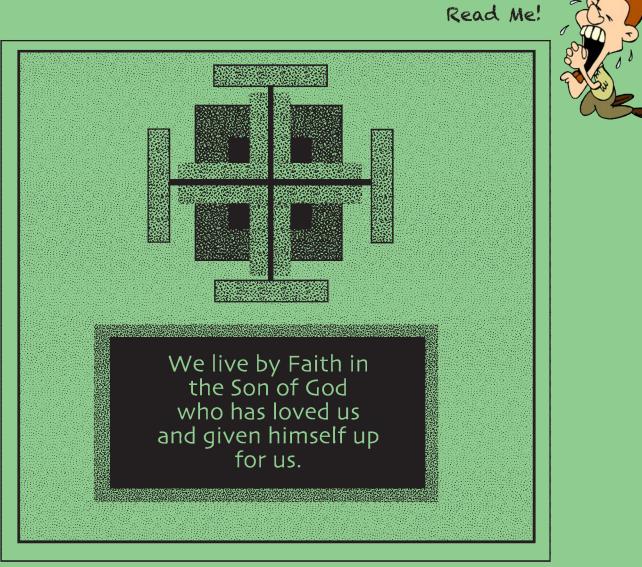


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# JUNE 12, 2016

# $11^{\text{th}}$ Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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# The Day of Resurrection

# What's Happening?

Sunday Pound A Week Clothing Collection

Next Sunday Pound A Week Seminarian Collection

Every Sunday Pound A Week

### **Apostleship of Prayer**

AP is a network of hearts who pray daily with the pope for the mission of the church around the world, as apostles invited to collaborate with Christ in his mission of compassion in the world.

This month's Universal Prayer: That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find-even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

The Evangelization Prayer: That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.



Are you a regular parishioner of STM Parish? Are you registered. This will greatly help us to know our parishioners and assist our pastoral planning. Besides' we'd love to know your name. Registration forms are on the website or in the vestibule. If you're not sure, why not give the office a call or email us at info@ stmnj.org. Thanks so much.

This Week's Question

For Adults:

Whom does your Christian faith call you to forgive right now? How hard will this be for you?

*For Children:* When is it hard for you to forgive someone who has hurt you? What can help you forgive?



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To all our visitors this weekend

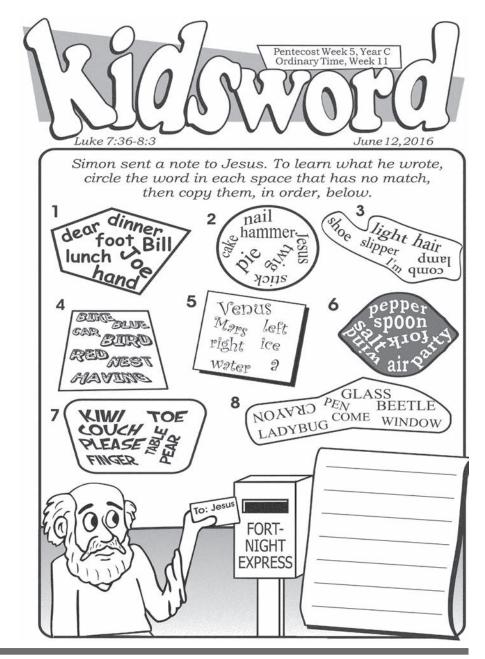
Please remember the sick and homebound of our Parish.



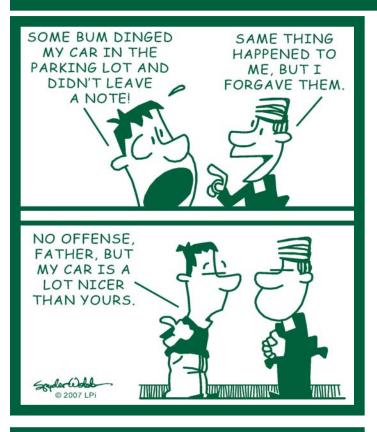
We are all called to prayer. As a faith community, let us keep in mind all those who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God

Peter An, Phil Barrett, Elaine Bellock, Eric Braham, Pat Brennan, Ronald & Maureen Brodeur, Dominic Cantarella, Jim Cavanaugh, Kay Cavanaugh, Michael Cavaliere, Cheryl, John Dolan, Dan Doyle, Frank Falcone, Joe & Peg Farrell, Mike Faul, Mary Finlay, John Flaherty, Hayley Kuhn, Maria Ludwig, Joseph Montgomery, Adalcina Antao Moreira, Fr. Charles Parr, Michael Papalos, John Pra, Christopher Raiola, Josephine Rapp, Tom Warren, Diane Zadrozny.

If you know someone whose name should be removed, please keep us informed. To add a name, please fill out the form on the website or in the rectory.



June 12, 2016



# Parish on a Journey

# Journey to the Past • Move to the Future The Spirit of Charity Gala

Our parish is sponsoring a gala to begin the celebration of 50 years as a parish. Since 1966, we have been fulfilling our mission by faithfully preaching the good news of the gospel and serving its' parishioners and Morris County community. With parish life rapidly expanding to meet the needs of the community, additional funding is necessary to increase our programs to better serve the parishioners and the community.

On October 29, 2016 our parish will sponsor The Spirit of Charity Gala, THE GREAT GATSBY to be held at The Villa at Mountain Lakes, Mountain Lakes, NJ. It promises to be an extraordinary event with all proceeds benefiting Saint Thomas More Parish. The Great Gatsby Gala will provide the added financial support needed to continue the mission of serving God's people.

Parishioners will receive a 'Reserve the Date" and Gala invitation in the near future. For additional information or to purchase table reservations please contact the following members of the Gala Committee: Sharon O'Neil - 973-889-1343 Julie Romano - 201-454-0161 Anne Kostyak - 973.714.3463.

# PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading: Zechariah 12.10-11

The prophet Zechariah preached after the Jews returned from exile. This brief passage we will hear today is puzzling. A person is depicted as suffering and dying for the people, but we don't know who it is. In the Gospel of John, this passage is applied to Jesus on the Cross, pierced with a lance.

#### Second Reading: Galatians 4.3-5.18

Today we hear one of the most famous passages from Paul's letter to the Galatians. In that culture and at that time, it was a remarkable statement against any form of ethnic, religious or gender discrimination.

God's Grace is Young Enough For the Young and Young At Heart

Readings for this Sunday 2 Samuel 10:7-13; Galatians 2:1-21; Luke 7:36-8:3 Lord, Forgive the Wrong I have Done Suggested Reflection Questions

- The psalms speak of God's boundless, healing forgiveness, with the psalmist is overcome by "glad shouts of freedom." Why do we acknowledge our sins out loud during confession? Why does God, who knows our every thought and deed, ask us to give our sins voice while receiving this sacrament of healing and forgiveness?
- Before his dramatic conversion, Paul adhered to every detail of Jewish law. In his letter, he advises the Galatians that it is not by a strict keeping of this law but by following Jesus that we are justified in God's eyes. What does it mean to believe in Jesus? Is it simply a proclamation of our trust in the Lord or does it entail something more?
- The Pharisee with whom Jesus dines is scandalized that Jesus, a rabbi who know the law, would welcome the ritual impurity of being touched by a sinful woman. Jesus is moved by the love and surrender in the woman's act He forgives her sins. What do Jesus' interactions with the woman and Pharisee teach us about God's mercy? How can we imitate the woman in the story?

# SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Praise where it's due

The penitent woman who washes Jesus' feet with her tears and wipes them with her hair is a humble and generous soul whose "great love" moved her to tenderly care for Jesus in this very public way. She and Mary Magdalene, with whom she is often confused, along with many other women, were important figures in the private life and public ministry of Jesus. Honor the unsung women in your life who contribute to making the world a better place.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13; Galatians 2:16, 19-21; Luke 7:36—8:3 (93). "Mary Magdalene... and many others (women) who were assisting them out of their means."

# MONDAY, JUNE 13

FEAST OF ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH "Tony, Tony, turn around"

The story goes that Saint Anthony-patron

of lost objects—had a book of psalms that he treasured. A member of his religious community left and stole the psalter on his way out. Anthony prayed and eventually the thief had a change of heart and not only returned the holy book but also returned to the community! A prayer composed in honor of Anthony goes, in part, "Treasures lost are found again, when young or old thine aid implore." A more informal rending goes, "Tony, Tony, turn around. Something's lost and must be found." Keep Anthony in mind if you've lost a valued object—or lost something more precious, like faith, hope, or love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42 (<u>365</u>). "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

# TUESDAY, JUNE 14 Put on Christ

The U.S. flag is the prime symbol not just of the nation but also of its values. But there are those who engage in "flag waving" or who "wrap" themselves in the flag, dramatic and showy but without an actual, personal commitment to "liberty and justice for all." Without such commitment, pseudo patriotism means nothing. In Colossians, Saint Paul says, "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience," all rooted in Christ. Can people tell from watching you that you are clothed in Christ?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

# WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 Sky's the limit

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was a human being like the rest of us, but unlike us she was conceived without sin. And unlike any woman, she conceived while a virgin through the power of the Holy Spirit. And at the end of her earthly life, she was taken up, body and soul, into heaven—certainly not an experience the rest of



MARY MAGDALENE IN PENANCE, RODOLFO PAOLETTI, 19TH CENTURY

us can expect! She's living proof that nothing is impossible with God. Like her, say yes to God with your whole being and see what God might do with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (<u>367</u>). "Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind."

# THURSDAY, JUNE 16 Thank a truth teller

It may have been a parent, younger brother, or elderly aunt. It could have been a grade-school teacher or college professor or AA sponsor. It may have been your first boss, someone you dated briefly, a roommate, or your oldest and dearest friend. It could even have been a complete stranger you met on a train. Now and again throughout our lives, we encounter people with flaming words to offer us. These words aren't always comforting, and their challenge may burn into our minds and hearts, revealing a painful passage toward the truth. Accept the words,

and thank the giver.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). "There appeared the prophet Elijah whose words were as a flaming furnace."

# FRIDAY, JUNE 17

# May your eyes be bright

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong." This teaching by Martin Luther King Jr. illuminates the gospel saying about the need for light. If we see clearly, we will know what to do. If we learn to think past opinions and can be motivated beyond personal comfort, we will find our way all the way to the truth. King also said: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Love is the lamp that brightens every eye.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). "The lamp is the light of the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light."

# SATURDAY, JUNE 18 Trust in God

"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice." These words, found in the <u>Catechism of</u> <u>the Catholic Church</u> and attributed to Saint Gregory the Great, ask each of us to share what we have with others. It is a profound piece of advice that challenges a "me-first" way of life. It tells us that God thinks that everyone has a right to live in dignity, and you and I have a responsibility to help make that happen. If you can shift the focus away from "getting more," you will find you worry less. Trusting that God will take care of us frees us from anxiety. On this day in the Year of Mercy, take stock of your worries and think about ways to surrender those worries to acts of generosity.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34 (370). "Stop worrying... Your Father knows all that you need... seek his way of holiness."



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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### **Saint Thomas More Parish**

# Congratulations, Graduates

Blessed are you, Lord our God,

For you begin all things and bring them to conclusion.

Bless our young parishioners,

these young men and women.

You have guided them to this proud moment.

As we celebrate and bless them

on the occasion of their graduation,

we ask you to continue your gracious guidance in their lives.

Open new doors for them and lead them

to marvel at the wonders of creation and life.

May your Spirit help them to see their many gifts,

and teach them how to share these for the benefit of others. Continue to bless their families

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and grant that we all may rejoice in your gift of love. Amen.

# Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish

We are glad you decided to celebrate with our Parish Family. If you have recently moved into the parish and would like to register as a parishioner, please take a parish membership form at church or on our website. Hopefully we can set up an appointment to meet one another. Contact us at 973-267-5330 or info@stmnj.org.

### SOME MINISTRIES and ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers Bulletin Finance Council Lectors/Ministers of Communion Prayer Shawl Ministry Women's Guild Bereavement Ministry Collection Counters Home/Sick Visits Youth Ministry Ushers/Greeters Pastoral Council



Whether you are new or a veteran, consider joining or helping in the various areas of parish life. If interested in something you don't see, don't be shy, talk to Fr. Joe.

Visit of Eucharist at Home. Communion may be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the confined, elderly and/ or shut-in at home or in the hospital, our parish ministers make calls to homes and hospitals. Fill out the form below.

**Moving In or Out?** If you are relocating either in or out of the parish area please takes a moment to help keep our records current. Contact the parish office or drop a note into the collection basket.

**Pound A Week.** Show how much we care! Bring a pound of goods when you come to church. Pasta, tuna, powdered milk or soup. Peanut butter or jelly or crackers. Even a pound of diapers. While shopping add a pound!

☐ The following person(s) is presently receiving a visit and/or communion ☐ The following person(s) would like a regular visit and/or communion. Name:

You may call me with specifics (address, etc.):

Tel. or email:



### **Remembering our Own**

Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations are made in honor of loved ones. Please join with them in prayer and remembrance at Eucharist. These intentions are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.

#### **Stewardship of Treasure**

Sunday Collection: \$7,000 May Online Contributions: \$1585

### **Saturday Morning Mass**

There will be no Saturday morning mass during the months of July and August.

#### **Three Golf Outings**

*Srs. of Charity.* June 20, Westfield. \$325, brunch, cocktails, dinner. Info: www.scnj.org 973-290-5454.

*Weigand Farm.* June 27, Oak Ridge.www. dpd.org/wiegand. \$250, \$160. Info: Chris Brancato. 973-406-1104, Chrisb@dpd.org

*Fr. Martin Outing.* June 20, Boonton. \$250; \$100 Dinner only. 973-361-5555 ext. 3018, karina@catholicharities.org, .

#### **Hospital Ministers**

The Chaplain's office at Morristown Hospital is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Pastoral visitors to assist in their ministry to the sick at Morristown Medical Center.

Those who are interested, please contact Sr. Jo Mascera, S.S.C. at 973-971-5913 for more information.

#### **Position Available**

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville: Instructor for World Civilization I course. Ancient civilization to 14th/15th centuries. Masters degree. Resume to Sr. Joseph Spring, SCC, president@acs350.org by 7/1.

#### **Thank You**

New Eyes for the Needy thanks STM Parish to makes it possible for poor children and adults to see clearly with the donation of 44 more pairs of glasses

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