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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 21, 2015

What's Happening?

Today
Pound A Week



Next Sunday

Collection for the Church in Latin America and Catholic Relief Services

Wednesday

Bereavement Mtg., 10 am, Nautilus Diner

Every Sunday

Pound A Week

Bereavement Meeting

The next Bereavement meeting is Wed., June 24 at 10 am in Nautilus Diner, in Madison.

Wanted: Sales Person

We are looking at a new communications venture to be funded with advertising. We are looking for one or two sales interested people to seek ads from local advertisers. Compensation by commission based stipend. Contact the parish office.

Sustainability Conference

STM has joined other churches, committed to assist neighbors should our area experience natural or other disasters. Consider joining this effort. Atlantic Health is sponsoring a conference at St. E's, October 21-22 with a wide variety of topics related to empowering adaptable communities and learning tangible skills we can apply in this work. Anyone interested should contact the parish office. Info: atlantichealth.org/adaptablecommunities.

Vivere Christus to Mike Murray

We congratulate Michael Murray who received the Vivere Christus Award from Bishop Serratelli last weekend. Mike is so highly visible in many areas of parish life. Some parishioners have called him the "catholic energizer bunny" who never runs out of steam. Working hard as a lector and Eucharistic minister, a catechist or outside, on the lawn cutting tractor, he still has time to stop to welcome visitors and make everyone feel important. He was recently selected by parishioners to serve as a member of the parish pastoral council. An all around disciple. Congratulations, Mike.

Special Collections Next Week

There is a combined special collection next week for the Church in Latin America and Catholic Relief Services.

Thank You from both of us

We both express our deep appreciation for the many kindnesses, prayers and support of all of you after the death of both our parents. Your response was overwhelming. May the angels lead our parents into paradise. May they live forever in glory.



WELCOME

To all our visitors this weekend



The prayer of faith will save the sick. James 5:15

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, Elaine Bellock, Eric Braham, Pat Brennan, Maureen Brodeur, Jim Cavanaugh, Cheryl, Dan Doyle, Frank Falcone, Joe & Peg Farrell, Mary Finlay, John Flaherty, Hayley Kuhn, Maria Ludwig, Joseph Montgomery, Adalcina Antao Moreira, Fr. Charles Parr, Michael Papalos, John Pra, Christopher Raiola, Tom Warren, Diane Zadrozny.

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

< **KID'S** >
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Gospel Today
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 4:35-41
Jesus reminds His disciples to be guided by Faith and Trust.

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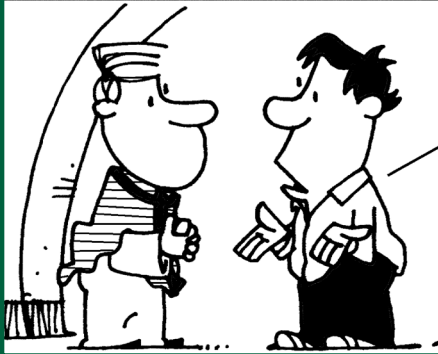
- Draw you and Jesus together in the boat.
- Trace over the dotted lines of FAITH and TRUST.
- Color the picture.

Set your sails on
FAITH and TRUST

WHEN EVERYTHING
SEEMS TO GO
WRONG, LET US
REMEMBER THAT
GOD IS STILL
IN CONTROL.



I THINK GOD
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PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-24

The book of Wisdom was addressed to a group of Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt. It begins with a sharp contrast between good and evil. In the pagan world of that time, most people believed that there were good gods and bad gods. The author emphasizes the Jewish belief that there is just one God who is the source only of goodness and life.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Today's excerpt from Second Corinthians paints a picture of Paul the pastor at work. The Jewish people in Jerusalem who had become Christian were a small minority and were being persecuted. This brought on financial hardships. Paul wants his Gentile converts in Greece to help them out and show that the bonds of Christianity cut across ethnic lines.

Parish on a Journey

Criteria for a Parish— Part I

In 1994, Baltimore Archdiocese developed a checklist of 14 criteria for a good parish. They noted "it is probably not possible for any parish in the real world to rate near the top of the scale in all of these criteria." But they are a way "to get some objective measurement of the relative strengths and weaknesses of each parish so that each can seek to grow by capitalizing on its strengths and shoring up its weaknesses." Something concrete to strive for.

The first four criteria focus on what a church is.

1. **Sense of community.** A community of faith, called by God, united in Christ, led by the Spirit for member to identify with.

2. **Lay ministry.** All members will see themselves as ministers and participate in staffing its various ministries.

3. **Pastor.** The pastor of a good parish knows the people of the parish, and they know and feel comfortable talking to the pastor. The pastor helps them experience the empowering and demanding love of God, challenging and encouraging them to take part in the ministry of the parish.

4. **Staff.** Parish staff, both ordained and non-ordained, are adequate in number for the work of the parish. Properly trained for their ministries, they have a sense of the purpose and cooperate effectively in achieving parish goals.

God's Grace is Young Enough

For the Young and Young At Heart
Readings for this Sunday

Job 38: 1-11; 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; Mark 4: 35-41

Lessons from the Sea

Suggested Reflection Questions

- Focus on the maternal/infant imagery in today's first reading. What message do you think this imagery is trying to convey?
- The sea imagery continues. What message is this imagery trying to convey? Why do you think the sea is such a central focus of so much of the Gospels?
- Meditate on the second reading and ask yourself: what does the love of Christ compel me to do? Share, if you feel comfortable.
- In the Gospel reading, Jesus asks the disciples why they are terrified. What do you think their response would be? What is "terrifying" you in your life right now? What would Christ say to you in response?

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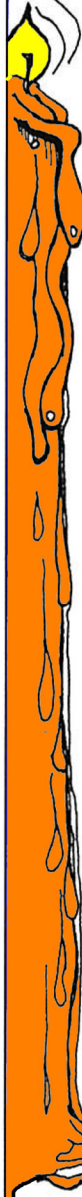
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St. Thomas More Church

One Minute Meditations

St. Thomas More

Called a "man for all seasons," Thomas was a scholar, lawyer, gentleman, father, and chancellor of England. He was grounded in classics and religion before entering Oxford to study law. King Henry VIII appointed him Lord Chancellor but Thomas resigned three years later when Henry defied the pope. Thomas then spent the rest of his life defending the Catholic Church. In 1534, Thomas' refusal to recognize the King as the Head of the Church of England cost him his life.



Holy sinners

It is said that as St. Francis of Assisi lay dying, he claimed to be the greatest of sinners. The holier we become, the more aware we are of our sinfulness.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things"
(Philippians 4:8).



Drive out demons and heal, too

Jesus demonstrated his power through signs to prove the truth of his words. He also said that certain signs will accompany his true followers (Mark 16:17-18). As members of the Church, we, too, can:

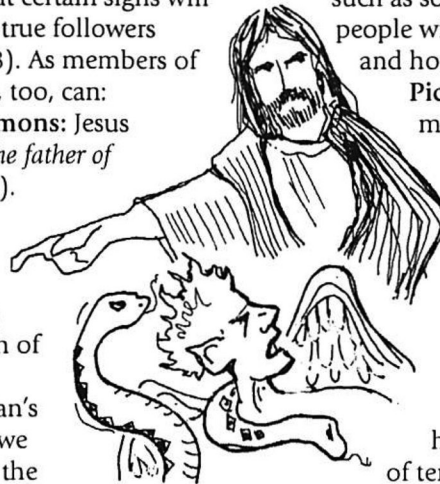
Drive out demons: Jesus called Satan, "*the father of lies*" (John 8:44). Satan spreads deceit and despair throughout the world. The truth of the Gospel overpowers Satan's lies. Whenever we bear witness to the Gospel, we help to drive out demonic forces.

Speak new languages: The Gospel truth never changes but making sure it is heard may mean changing methods to suit the time, culture, and place.

Sometimes this entails learning new vocabulary or ways of communicating, such as social media, to reach more people with God's message of love and hope.

Pick up serpents. Nothing is more poisonous to our relationship with God than yielding to temptation. Temptation, depicted by a serpent, was Satan's weapon against our first parents. When we use the Church's tools, including the Gospel and the Sacraments, we can safely handle the poisonous serpent of temptation.

Heal the ill. Physical illness can be devastating, but so is the great spiritual sickness, ignorance of God. We don't all have the gift of physical healing but when we proclaim the Gospel, we can bring healing to those who don't know God.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we adore God?

"Adoration exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us." (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2628). Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said; "It is only by adoring and loving God above all things that

human beings can totally fulfill themselves." Adoration of God makes sense because of who he is. When we adore God, we acknowledge that we owe our existence to him. He is the purpose of our existence and joining him in Heaven for eternity is our ultimate goal.



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 the entrances of the church or email and we will send you a form. Hopefully we can set up an appointment to meet one another. Or you may call the parish office at 973-267-5330.

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

SOME MINISTRIES and ORGANIZATIONS

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| Altar Servers | Bereavement Ministry |
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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 take a moment to help keep our records current. Contact the parish office or drop a note into the collection basket.



Daily Eucharists & Remembrances

Word of God this Week

Set time aside each day this week, with other members of your household, friends, other members of the parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. These passages from the Lectionary are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Deceased and Living Men of the Parish
- Monday-Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5**
John Zadrozny
- Tuesday-Gn 13:2-18; Mt 7:6-14**
- Wednesday-Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-80**
- Thursday-Gn 16:1-16; Mt 7:21-29**
- Friday-Gn 17:1-22; Mt 8:1-4**
- Saturday-Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 p.m John Carlin
- 9:00 a.m Linda Barrett, June DeSena, Thomas & Mary Applin
- 11:00 a.m Robert Maloney
- 7:00 p.m Joe Rooney, Frank Depkovich

Stewardship of Treasure

Last Week's Collection: \$ 6445
Second Collection: \$ 1834

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Caring for the Sick

Morristown Hospital needs Extraordinary Ministers and Pastoral Visitors to assist in its ministry to the sick. Info: Sr. Jo Mascera, SSC, 973-971-5913.

Are you Registered?

Our parish invites all to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Households wishing to join are asked to register as "official" members. Forms are in the vestibule and parish office. If you would like a form sent to you or you're not sure if you're registered, call the office or email info@stmnj.org.

Why register? For yourself to receive pertinent information; for us, so we can plan accordingly.



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

Sunday Eucharist:

Saturday 5 pm; Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm
Weekday Eucharist: Monday - Saturday: 8:15 am
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.
Holy Days - 8:15 am, 12:10, 7:00 pm

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- The following person(s) is presently receiving a visit and/or communion
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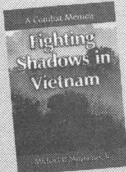
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