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CATHOLIC PARISH**
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JUNE 25, 2017

SUNDAY, THE DAY OF THE LORD

**WHOEVER EATS
MY FLESH AND
DRINKS MY
BLOOD HAS
ETERNAL LIFE
AND I WILL
RAISE HIM
UP ON THE
LAST DAY**



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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
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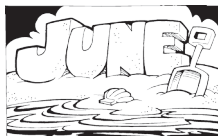
What's Happening This Week?

Today

Latin & South Am. Collection

Every Sunday

Pound A Week



Stewardship of Treasure

Last week's Collection: \$ 6670

Sign up for electronic giving at

stthommore.weshareonline.org



Weekday Parking

Parishioners are allowed and welcome to park in our first parking lot during the week if they ride the train. Please pick up a window hanger if you don't have one. *A reminder that you can park in the second lot on weekends when coming to church.*

Marian Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Paterson will be hosting its 2017 Pilgrimage this October on October 21. It is a fine opportunity to join parishioners throughout the diocese in a prayer filled day that includes Eucharist, Reconciliation, devotions, and Catechetical presentations. Parishioners can sign up on the bulletin board in the vestibule. There are opportunities for a one-day event or an overnight excursion.

May we always live "soaking wet" in the waters of baptism.

May worship today refresh us for living out our faith all week.

This Week's Question

For Adults:

When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested?

For Children:

What could you do to encourage someone who is feeling hurt?

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.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

The prophet Jeremiah lived about 600 years before Christ. He prophesied that Israel, because of its unfaithfulness to God, would be defeated by Babylon. When this began to happen, many of his friends and neighbors denounced him as a traitor and turned on him.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. This section is the great theological question of how sinners can be united with God who is all holy. Paul presents the Christian answer to this question. His purpose in this passage is not to teach about original sin, but to contrast Adam and Christ. From Adam we inherited a strong pull toward sin. From Christ (the "new Adam") we received a gift that is incomparably stronger: Divine grace.



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Parish on a Journey

Pastoral & Financial Councils

What happened to the Parish Pastoral Council election? We didn't need one. There were two openings for election and one other member resigned. Since three parishioners were nominated for positions, they filled those three roles. The Pastoral Council structure calls for the pastor to appoint two members each year.

The new members of the Council are Jolie Elmore, Ginny Lund, Tom McGough, Mary Murphy and Walter Olshanski. These five members are replacing Joe Alesso, Anne Kostyak, Marcia Kraus, Amanda Landwehrle and Julie Romano.

We thank the outgoing members of the Council, in fact all the members. This past year and one half was a time of formation and a beginning of a council without any history to fall back on. Luckily we had the structure that was set up by the ad hoc committee.

The one thing which was lacking was regular communication with the parish at large. Part of the reason for this was getting the council's feet wet and this should change in the future.

What is the reason for a parish pastoral council? Its primary function is to enable a small group of parishioners to offer the pastor the needs and desires of a larger segment of the parish. This necessitates further communication between the council and parishioners. The second reason is to serve the parish in the area of future planning, considering the needs of parishioners and the parish at large. These needs include the spiritual and liturgical, social and physical dimensions of the parish.

A parallel council in the parish is the Finance Council. This body is also an advisory Council to the pastor and is mandated by Church Law. It is responsible for planning each year's budget and overseeing responsible spending in the parish. We thank this council for its continued work as well.

Take Five for Faith

Daily renewal for busy Catholics



Daily scripture reflections are on our website under "Faith Formation" and in the vestibule.

Our Cathedral of St. John the Baptist has reopened with a rededication this weekend after its renovation. Bishop Serratelli has asked parishioners to pray the following Prayer for the Rededication of the Cathedral

To you, O Good and Gracious God, who built your holy Church upon the apostles with Jesus Christ its cornerstone, we come with thanksgiving for allowing us to rebuild our Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist.

Listen graciously to our prayers that what we have made beautiful on earth may truly be your dwelling place where the faith is proclaimed, the sacraments celebrated and charity increased.

As we rededicate our mother church, help us to grow into the temple of your glory, so that, constantly renewed by your grace, we may be gathered by your hand into the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.



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ST. THOMAS MORE, 1478-1535

Thomas More was most highly respected in life. A successful lawyer, an honest judge, a scholar, he rose to the highest status of any commoner, appointed to the post of lord chancellor.

He considered himself a loyal friend and servant of the king. But by this point King Henry VIII was moving on a collision course with the authority of the Catholic Church. The issue was his desire to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon to marry Anne Boleyn. When the pope blocked his way, Henry divorced Catherine, married Anne, and required that all subjects repudiate “any foreign authority, prince or potentate.” Rather than oppose the king, More resigned his position, but when he refused to take the oath he was arrested and imprisoned in the Tower of London.

After fifteen months More was put on trial and convicted on the basis of perjured testimony. On the day of his execution on July 6, 1535, he displayed his wit, asking for the executioner’s help in ascending the scaffold: “As for my coming down, let me shift for myself.” Addressing the crowd, he spoke: “I die as the king’s true servant, but God’s first.” His feast is shared with his fellow martyr, Bishop John Fisher, on June 22.

Three Socials

We had three socials this month. The first was the **Women’s Luncheon** hosted by the Women’s Guild at *Serenade*. This semi-annual event is an exquisite experience and a great way to meet other women in the parish. One doesn’t have to be a member of the Guild to enjoy these afternoons.

The second social was last weekend — a **Cocktail Party** at the Madison Hotel. The reaction of the attendees was more than positive. There was more than enough food and drink, people moved around and talked to one another, some entertained others by dancing. Newer parishioners met older ones and new friendships were made. The best compliment was that we should plan such nights a few times a year. Many thanks to Anne Kostyak and Julie Romano who organized the event and the Madison Hotel and staff who did most of the work to make it a memorable night.

The third social was a low scale but important gathering of single parishioners who meet regularly for dinner as **Thom’s Supper Club**. It’s a great regular night out with friends and they’re always looking to expand their circle.

Parish Family always includes social life.

