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JUNE 5, 2016

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please
Read Me!



O LORD,
be my helper
You changed
my mourning
into dancing
O LORD
MY GOD

forever will I
give you
thanks

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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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What's Happening?

Sunday

Anointing of the Sick, Sat.
Pound A Week

Wednesday

Women's Guild Luncheon

Every Sunday

Pound A Week



JUNE



Birthdays

- 1 Nick Losito
- 3 Evelyn Codd
- 4 Don Clark
- 4 Anthony Justo
- 5 John Abbondanzo
- 7 Jerry Hoffman
- 8 Toto Arenas
- 8 Donna Buchne
- 8 Eileen O'Brien
- 8 Rita Roscoe
- 9 Alejandro Arenas
- 9 Millie Tuminello
- 10 Gale Carlin
- 11 Janet Bobbin
- 11 Arthur Pappas
- 11 Michelle Sandjaja
- 12 Jim O'Kane
- 16 Lauren Kohl
- 17 Larry Bobbin
- 18 Dan Basile
- 19 Margaret Deysner
- 21 Joan Hoffman
- 24 Giandomenico Sarolli
- 25 Richard Anthony
- 25 Sarah O'Neil
- 26 Dan Carey
- 29 Jim Forgione
- 29 Maureen Rhatigan

CELEBRATING AN Anniversary

- 3 Alice & Carmen Galdieri (65)
- 4 Joan & Jerry Hoffman (56)
- 12 Thuy & Piotr Politowicz (2)
- 19 Lisa & Jason Jordan (17)
- 21 Margaret & Robert Drozd (55)
- 22 Rosemarie & Tony Raiola (53)
- 25 Lis & Tony Olivo (44)
- 27 Karen & Dave De Nooyer (46)



WELCOME

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.

Kidsword

Pentecost Week 4, Year C
Ordinary Time, Week 10

Luke 7:11-17 June 5, 2016

On their way into a village, Jesus and his friends passed a group carrying a young man who had died. The boy's mother was a widow, who had just lost her only son.



Jesus felt very sorry for her. He looked at her dead son and said, "Get up, young man!" And he did.



This Week's Question

For Adults:

What might a greater sense of compassion allow you to do for someone this week?

For Children:

When did you try to understand what another person was feeling?

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12.10

Today's passage concludes the well known story of David's sin of adultery with Bathsheba and also the sin of arranging the death of her husband Uriah. Nathan the prophet confronts David with these sins.

Second Reading: Galatians 2.1-21

Continuing our reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians, we will hear the central theme of this letter. Paul clearly states that it is not the Jewish law with its 613 precepts that produces salvation. Rather, it is Jesus Christ in whom we place our faith.



Parish on a Journey

Journey to the Past • Move to the Future

For the last seven years I hoped and tried to form a parish ministry that would help families at the time of death of a loved one, a group of parishioners would support families through the days after the death and help them prepare for the funeral rites. This could extend afterwards, even with practical matters. Unfortunately, there never seemed to be interest.

St. Vincent parish has such a ministry that is thriving and evident now that they are using our church for funerals. This gave me an incentive to try once again. Coincidentally, the Archdiocese of Chicago is presenting a workshop online this Wednesday at 1 pm on celebrating funerals. I invite and encourage anyone who may be interested to attend this workshop in the rectory. Come even if you are merely curious. Attendance does not mean you have to commit to a group.

In this Year of Mercy, we are reminded that one of the Works of Mercy of Christians is "to bury the dead." It is our responsibility, our calling.

Wednesday, June 8, 1 pm in the rectory

God's Grace is Young Enough

For the Young and Young At Heart

Readings for this Sunday

1 Kings 17:17-24; Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-17

You Have Rescued Me

Suggested Reflection Questions

- The first reading tells the story of Elijah interceding for the dying child of a widow he is visiting. What is the role of intercessory prayer in the life of the Church? If God is omniscient and omnipotent, why do we ask for what we need?
- We pray that God will hear us when we call out in distress. God comes to our aid. We can see the reflection of the Divine in those in helping professions. How can parishes show gratitude for those who devote their lives to coming to the aid of those in need? If God is both King and Helper, what should just earthly leadership look like?
- In Luke's Gospel, Jesus — moved by pity — rescues a mother from her grief and her son from the grave. The Church teaches us that Jesus' heart is overflowing with mercy. Can you think of one experience in your life that illustrates God's rescuing mercy? As people of faith, how do we understand those moments when, unlike the woman and her son in Luke's Gospel, we are not rescued from our pain or trouble?



SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

It's time for a family reunion

"Everything is related," Pope Francis writes in *Laudato Si'*, "and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also united us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river, and mother earth." Recognizing that everything's connected underscores that we are more than just stewards of God's Creation—we are related to everything because of our common Creation. So, on this World Environment Day, maybe it's time we treat Mother Earth more like a part of the family.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 17:17-24; Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-17 (90)*. "O Lord, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing."

MONDAY, JUNE 6 FEAST OF NORBERT, BISHOP

Don't get too comfortable

It's easy to go with the flow when life is moving along swimmingly. While those times are pleasant, they generally lack challenge and growth. When difficulties eventually arise—and they always do, sometimes quite suddenly—it's an opportunity to take stock and strive to become a better Christian, as the privileged Saint Norbert did. A near-fatal storm shook Norbert out of his cushy life and into one as an itinerant preacher who walked around barefoot in the snow. A bit extreme perhaps, but a reminder nonetheless that you don't reach sainthood by remaining comfortable for too long.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12 (359)*. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

A month of fasting and charity

Today Muslims around the world begin the yearly observance of Ramadan, a month to commemorate the first revelation of the Quran to Muhammad. The word *Ramadan* comes from the Arabic word for "scorching heat or dryness." While most of us associate Ramadan with fasting, charity is also very important during this month, and many will give to the poor above and beyond the required fixed percentage of savings. Prayerfully adding an extra observance to fasting and charity is a good way to join our Muslim brothers and sisters in solidarity for an end to "heat and dryness" in our world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16 (360)*. "You are the salt of the earth . . . You are the light of the world."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Kingdom come

Jesus preached constantly about the coming of the kingdom of God, which began on earth with his death and Resurrection. According to the church, it's up to us Christians to further the kingdom until it's brought into perfection at the end of time. Pope John Paul II wrote, "The kingdom of God is the manifestation and the realization of God's plan of salvation in all its fullness." A kingdom of love, peace, and justice, extending to all and lasting forever—now that sure is something to work for, by living as Christ did.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19 (361)*. "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

FEAST OF EPHREM OF SYRIA, DEACON, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Pearls of wisdom

Saint Ephrem was a fourth-century deacon, poet, teacher, preacher, and hymn writer. One hymn compared the purity of a pearl to the Body of Christ: "I began to look at [the pearl] from one side and from the other: it looked the same from all sides . . . In its clarity I saw the Clear One who does not grow opaque; and in his purity, the great symbol of the Body of Our Lord, which is pure." Pearls are indeed precious, but belonging to the Body of Christ is priceless. We're nourished and supported in community. Invest some time in your faith community; you'll be investing in a pearl of great price.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26 (362)*. "Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him."

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Screen it out

Modern life is screened in on all sides—by smart phones, tablets, desktops, televisions. Maybe it's time to practice a little old-fashioned *custodia oculorum*—custody of the eyes. Quaint as it might sound, the practice is both challenging and rewarding. As Molly Jo Rose puts it in *U.S. Catholic*, custody of the eyes simply means holding yourself accountable for what you choose to focus on. If the eye really is the window of the soul, doesn't it make sense to at least install a shade you can lower from time to time? Before you roll your eyes at the idea, give it a try. Go an hour without staring at a screen and see how you feel. Congratulations—you are on the way to reclaiming ownership of your vision!

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32 (363)*. "Everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 FEAST OF BARNABAS, APOSTLE

Encourage one another

Barnabas appears on the scene of the early Christian community as a man named Joseph who sold some of his property and gave the money to the apostles. The apostles changed his name to Barnabas, which means "son of encouragement," and he took his place alongside Paul and other early missionaries who formed Christian communities. Barnabas' legacy of faith, courage, and generosity has endured for more than 2,000 years. To honor him today, speak a word of encouragement to someone or make a contribution to support the ministry of your parish community.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:33-37 (580; Gospel 364)*. "He encouraged them all to remain firm in their commitment to the Lord, since he himself was a good man."



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

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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 benefitting 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.

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



Notes & Remembrances

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: \$4,415

Sisters of Charity

Golf Outing, Mon., June 20 at Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield. \$325 per golfer incl. brunch, golf, cocktails, dinner. Info: www.scnj.org, 973-290-5454.

42nd Wiegand Farm Golf Classic

Mon. June 27, Bowling Green Golf Club & Berkshire Valley Golf Course, Oak Ridge.. www.dpd.org/wiegand. Premium Package: \$250. Regular Price: \$160. Info: Chris Brancato. 973-406-1104, Chrisb@dpd.org

Father Martin Golf Outing

Mon., June 20, Knoll Country Club-West, Boonton. Player: \$250; Foursome: \$900. \$100 for Reception & Dinner only.

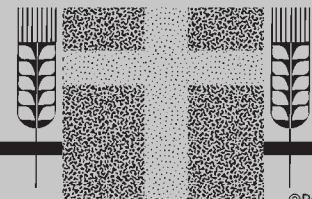
Package includes greens fees, cart, tee package, lunch, reception, dinner, beverages, and contests on the course.

To make a gift: Betsy, 973-361-5555 ext. 3033. Info: karina@catholiccharities.org, 973-361-5555 ext. 3018.

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.



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