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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

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What's Happening This Week?

Sunday

Pound A Week
Gala Raffle Ticket Sale

Every Sunday

Pound A Week



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.

Fifty Years This Week

Bishop Casey sent Fr. Feenan to Convent Station on Sept. 14, 1966. He was to embark on a new mission of gathering catholics and forming a community under the patronage of St. Thomas More. Bishop Casey urged Fr. Feenan to begin his work as swiftly and efficiently as possible. Fr. Feenan must have heeded the bishop's advice, for our new parish was officially established eight months later on May 28, 1967. The kind hospitality of Sr. Joseph Mary and the Sisters of Charity, and the companionship of his new "roommate," Fr. Leonard Cassell, OSB were acts of grace that enabled him to assemble a community of faith whose vision and mission we are proud to continue. As he lived his ministry of gentleness and compassion, may he now live in God's company of love.

Question for the Week

For Adults:

When have you persistently sought after a member of your family who has lost his or her way?

For Children:

Have you ever felt you were not getting credit for your good works? What did you do?

Religious Ed begins in 1 month!



Register NOW on our website <stmnj.org>. Click on "CCD Registration" link on the top of the page. Registration fee this year is \$30 per child.

Bus Transportation provided



SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH

50TH ANNIVERSARY

PRESENTS THE

*Spirit of Charity
Gala*

THE
GREAT GATSBY

Saturday, October 29

WEEKLY READINGS & THOUGHTS

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Heal through service. The incomparable loss of life on 9/11 left a hole in the heart of this nation. For some, a desire for revenge was the initial and enduring response. For others, sorrow invaded all of life. For many of us, our sense of security was threatened. In 2009, Congress declared September 11 a National Day of Remembrance and Service. It reminds us that serving the needs of others is a way to heal the wounds caused by violence and fear. Open a door, carry a bag, or smile at a stranger today.

Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32..
“A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.”

Monday, September 12 - HolyName of Mary

All generations call on you. At Jesus' conception Mary's good name would be in jeopardy if it became known she was pregnant while unmarried. Yet her name falls upon us not as disgrace, but as grace. Just speaking her name—“Hail Mary”—brings comfort to many in dire straits. Another prayer, the Memorare, says, “never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.” Call upon Mary. She has been there, and she hears you.

1 Corinthians 11:17-33; Luke 7:1-10. “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”

Tuesday, September 13

Sacrifice what holds you back. Today, many Muslims around the world celebrate Eid al Adha. It is also known as the Feast of Sacrifice or Festival of Sacrifice because it commemorates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son to God. Christians recognize Abraham as the Father of Judaism and his willingness to sacrifice Isaac, his only son, as a precursor to the sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God on the cross. Today, let's pray in union with our Muslim and Jewish brothers and sisters for a desire to put aside—sacrifice—all things that get in the way of our relationship with God.

1 Cor. 12:12-31; Luke 7:11-17.. “When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’”

Wednesday, September 14 - Holy Cross

Jesus turns tragedy to triumph. When Jesus was put on the cross, his punishment was intended to humiliate him and to extinguish his message once and for all. That didn't happen. Instead, he rose from the dead and his Good News has been shared for more than 2,000 years. Today, crosses grace churches and homes. We wear crosses that identifies us as

believers. This feast says it well: The cross is a sign of exaltation. When you rise in the morning and retire at night, make the sign of the cross.

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17.
“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”

Thursday, September 15 - O.L of Sorrows

How to bury the dead. When someone in our lives experiences loss, it's important to be with them in their mourning, as Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, reminds us. After Jesus' death, Mary was surrounded by a loving community. They couldn't bring her son back or alleviate her pain, but they did offer loving support. In this Year of Mercy, we are reminded to “bury the dead.” Perhaps that work of mercy is about remembering the people in our lives who are mourning through our loving presence, listening ear, and shoulder to lean on.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35. “You yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Friday, September 16

Forgive—no exceptions. In the give-and-take battles over doctrine in the third-century church, debate arose as to whether apostates—believers who renounce their faith—could be forgiven and restored to the church. Pope Cornelius said yes, but a priest named Novatian (who later became an “anti-pope”) said apostasy could not be forgiven, nor murder, adultery, fornication, or second marriage. Our personal attitudes toward “those who trespass against us” tempt us to carve out exceptions to our forgiveness. This Jubilee Year reminds us that there are no exceptions to God's mercy. Should there be exceptions in your own forgiveness?

1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3. “Show your wondrous mercies, savior of those who flee from their foes.”

Saturday, September 17

Disagree without being disagreeable. Saint Robert Bellarmine, 1542-1621, was a Jesuit scholar and bishop. He was an intellectual who inspired many. His strong opinions created controversy, yet he was known for his ability to engage in heated discussions without holding a grudge. And most significantly, he prayed each day for those with whom he disagreed. As we enter the full heat of this election year, his life is a reminder to pray for those contending for public office, even—perhaps especially—for those with whom we disagree.

1 Corinthians 15:35-49; Luke 8:4-15. “The seed on good ground are those who hear the word in a spirit of openness . . . and bear fruit though perseverance.”

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*Give eternal light
 and peace to all
 who died here.*
 —Pope Francis at
 Ground Zero

Today's Readings

Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

For Those Who Need Repentance

- The people under Moses' leadership and God's protection have strayed. Moses intercedes on behalf of the people when God grows angry. What can the exchange between God and Moses teach us about the importance of intercessory prayer?
- Paul makes plain his sinful past and the forgiveness he received through Jesus. He is an example of the abundant grace of God. After his conversion, he has become a passionate apostle. What can we learn from Paul's example? How can his story change the way we view those who persecute the Church and do violence to Christians throughout the world?
- Jesus says there is more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over 99 righteous souls. What do the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son demonstrate about God's mercy? Since God is ever-merciful and ever-just, can we also see evidence of God's justice in these stories?

