# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

**Convent Station, NJ** 973-267-5330 • www.stmnj.org

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 



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 Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.



September 17, 2017 • Day of the Lord

#### Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will open its season with a Mass on Sept 26, 7 pm followed by a meeting. All are welcome.

# St. Joseph Hospital — 150 years

Seven years after the Sisters of Charity moved to Convent Station, they founded St. Joseph Hospital in Paterson 150 years ago last week. Today their mission has grown to care for the poor, vulnerable and under-served of Northern New Jersey. Thank you!

# **Religious Education-It's TIME**

It's time to prepare for Rel. Education for next year. Please register your children by clicking on the link on the front of the parish website.

We are also looking for volunteers in the parish to help with coordinating or teaching in the program.

# **Family Promise Volunteers**

Volunteer training to help the homeless, Sept. 23, 10 am-noon, 1st Baptist Church, 34 Cook Ave., Madison. FamilyPromise.org.

#### Silver & Gold Anniversaries

25th & 50th Anniversary celebration, Sun. Nov. 5, 2017, 4 pm at the Cathedral. Info: contact the parish office.

## In Giving, We Receive

For your convenience, you are able to make an on-line gift to the 2017 **Bishop's Annual Appeal** by going to www.2017appeal.org and following the instructions. You can either make a one time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today.

Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed. Every gift counts! Please participate in the 2017 Appeal!

#### Take a Nun for a Ride

Volunteers needed to take Sisters of Chanty to local shopping and doctors. 2-3 hrs. per trip. Commitment is once or twice a month using the sisters' ]car and insurance. Contact Sr. Ann Fay, 973-290-5439 or parish office.

# Wanted: Volunteer Tax Preps

NJ United Way is looking for volunteers to assist lower income households during tax season. No experience needed They offer trainining, support and an IRS Certification. Info: monica. conover@unitedwaynnj.org, 973-993-1160, ext. 529.

# PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9

The prophetic words today were spoken during the Israelites' exile in Babylon. Earlier, the prophet had proclaimed that God was looking mercifully upon them and would soon free them. Today, the he points out that they now have a window of opportunity and should take advantage of God's willingness to forgive.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20–27

For the next four weeks, our second reading will be taken from this letter. When Paul wrote the letter, he was in prison for preaching the Gospel, and faced the possibility of execution. A person in those circumstances tends to think long thoughts about death, and death is what Paul is wrestling with in today's passage.

This Week's Question For Adults:
When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

For Children:

When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

# "The Cooking Priest" at St. E's

To celebrate 100 years of its Foods and Nutrition programs, the College will host Father Leo Patalinghug, Tues. Oct. 3, 7 pm. on campus in Annunciation Center. Father, an internationally-known speaker, author, and TV/radio host, is best known for promoting "Grace Before Meals," a movement to bring families back to the dinner table to nourish body and soul.

Advance tickets: \$10, <a href="http://www.cse.edu/fatherleo">http://www.cse.edu/fatherleo</a>>. Doors open at 6:00pm. Reservation required/open seating.

#### **Catholic School Students**

St. Thomas More Parish subsidizes "out of parish" tuitions for students attending catholic grammar schools. Please let us know if your son or daughter is attending.

## **Hunger Walk**

On Sunday, Oct. 15 at 1 pm. Over 1,000 walkers will participate in the 5K Walk, to raise \$100,000 to continue keeping the Soup Kitchen doors open 365 days a year. Registrtion at 1 pm, Walk begins 1;30 at the Soup Kitchen on the side of the Church of the Redeemer, South Street. Refreshment and music at 2:30. Walkers are asked to get sponsors. Walkers raising \$100+ will get a H.W. T-shirt.

Cathy Miller has volunteered to coordinate a group from the parish. If you would like to join, contact the office or Cathy directly. If you would like to sponsor a walker, we can provide forms. Let us know. We will have brochures at the parish picnic. More Info: <www.cskmorristown.org>.

What's Happening
This Week?

**This Sunday** 

**Thurs:** Pastoral Council, 7:30 pm **Sat**: Parish Picnic (rain date-Sun.)

Oct. 31: Hurricane Collection

Every Sunday Pound A Week

Stewardship of Treasure

Last week's Collection: \$ 7360 Monthly: \$2055

Sign up Today for electronic giving







If you haven't yet signed up for Religious Education for both Grade School and High School. Please do so NOW. Religious Education begins October 8.

— (quote from Fr. Joe)

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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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