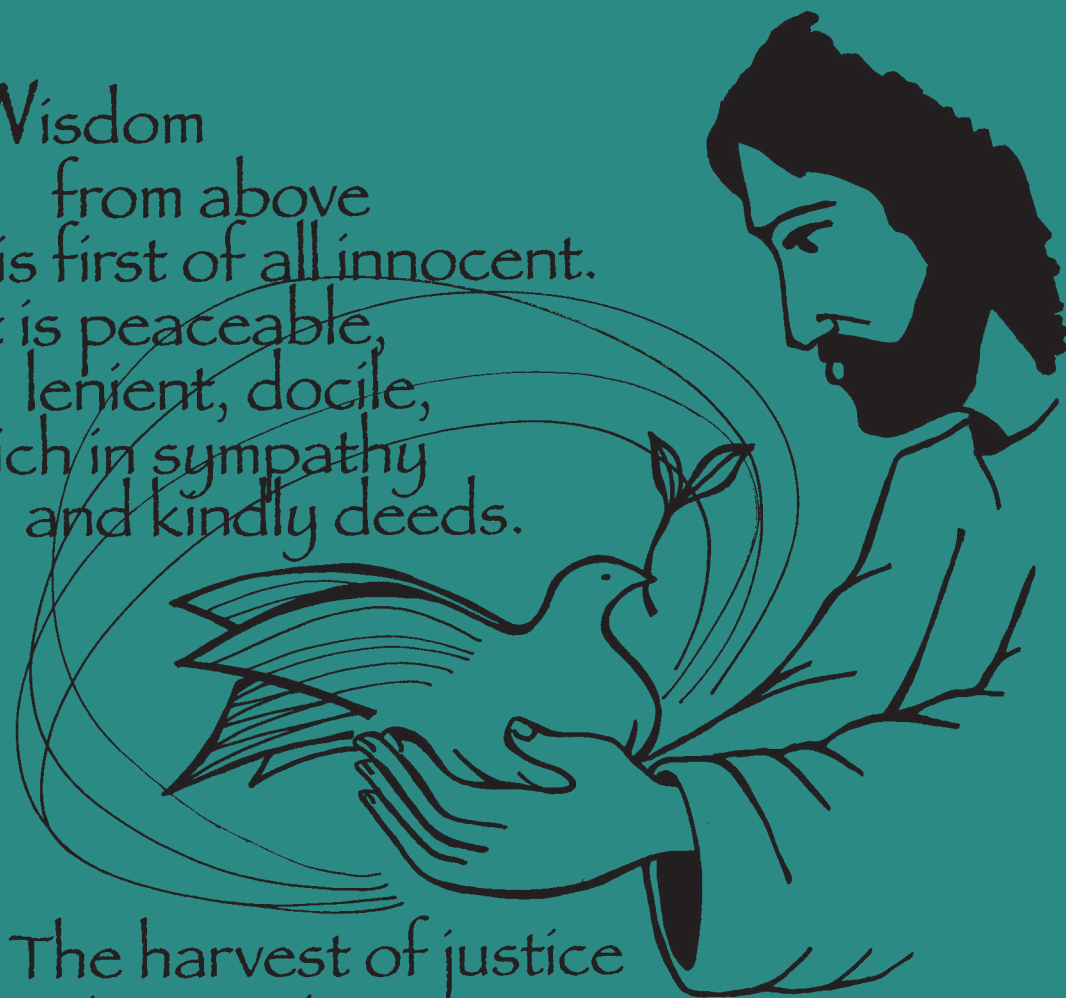


Wisdom
from above
is first of all innocent.
It is peaceable,
lenient, docile,
rich in sympathy
and kindly deeds.



The harvest of justice
is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

What's Happening?

This Week

Tues. Women's Guild, 7 pm

Next Sunday

Rel. Ed. Registration

Every Sunday

Pound A Week



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

Religious Ed. Registration

There will be an opportunity to sign up for Religious Education next weekend after mass. Tell your friends. Don't Forget!

New Law about Adoption Privacy

A new law that allow adoptees and certain others to obtain names of birth parents begins January 1,2017. Birth parents who wish to preserve privacy must submit a Redaction Request Form to NJ Dept. of Health by Dec. 31,2016. The Redaction Request Form can be downloaded at <<http://ni.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf>>. Without filing this form, birth parents' names and other information could be given to the adoptee.

Anyone needing assistance can call a HELPLINE AT 609-989-4809.

School Open Houses

Morris Catholic HS. Tues. Oct. 6, 7-9 pm & Sun. Oct. 18, 2-4. Info: www.morricatholic.org, 973-627-6674, ext. 132.

Academy of St. Elizabeth. Thurs Oct. 1, 7 pm, Sun. Oct. 18, 1pm, Thurs. Nov. 5, 7 pm. Testing Oct. 24 & Nov. 14, 8:30 am at the Academy. Info: 973-290-5225.

Oratory Prep. Sun Oct. 4, 2015, 1-3 pm & Thurs. Oct. 22, 6:45 - 8:15 pm. Info: 908-273-5771, ext.1, www.oratoryprep.org.

Apostleship of Prayer

Daily prayer for the mission of the church around the world. This month the Universal Prayer is that opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people; Evangelism prayer, that catechists may give witness by living In a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

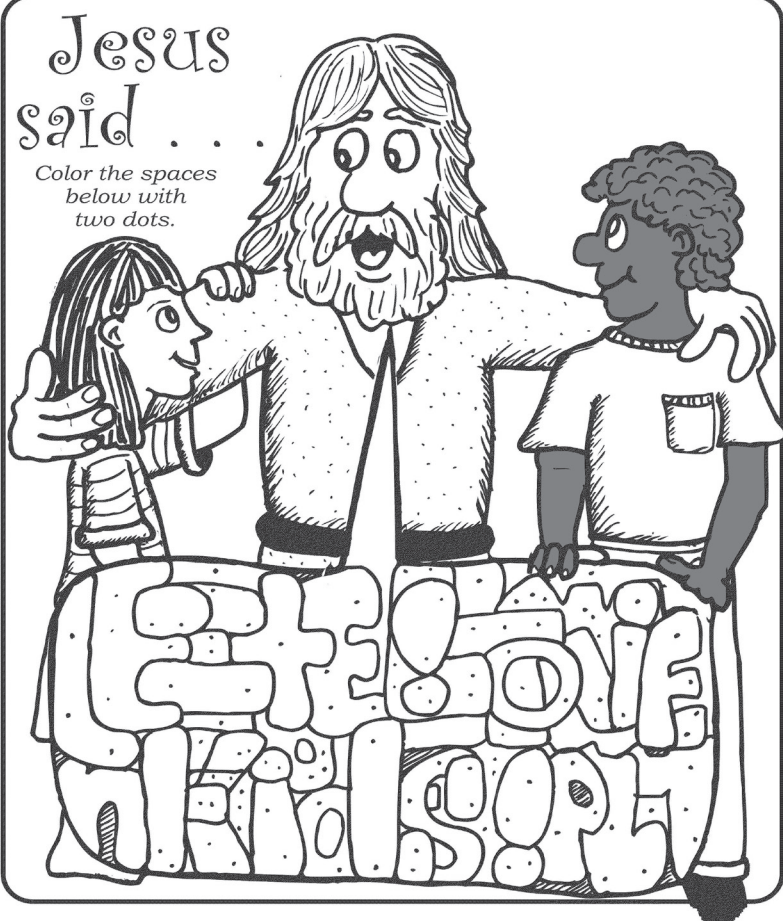
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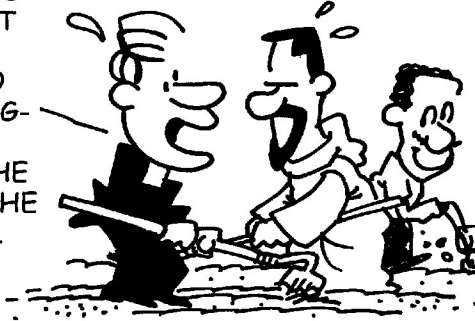
What evidence is there that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?

For Children:

Why is it wrong to feel envy for what belongs to another?



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PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

The book of Numbers describes the wanderings of the Jewish people in the Sinai Desert. Earlier in the book, Moses had complained to God about the difficulties of governing so many people. In response, God had directed Moses to gather 70 elders around the meeting tent to receive a share in the administrative burdens. Today's passage picks it up from there.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Today we conclude our series of five readings from the letter of James. A major concern in this letter is social justice. Today, the author delivers a blistering attack, reminiscent of some of the Old Testament prophets.

Parish on Journey **Welcome Pope Francis**

Hook up to live stream coverage through US Catholic Conference of Bishops at <<http://tinyurl.com/p8f2ewh>>. USCCB will then post video on demand soon after each event has closed.

America Magazine coverage is <<http://tinyurl.com/papavisit>>.

General Schedule

Wed: 9:15 am. Welcome ceremony at White House
11 am. Papal Parade
11:30 Midday Prayer, St. Matthew's Cathedral
4:15 pm. Canonization of Junipero Serra
Thurs: 9:2 am. Address to US Congress (D.C.)
11:15 am. St. Patrick Parish & Catholic Charities
6:45 pm. Evening Prayer at. Patrick's (NYC)
Fri: 8:30 am. Address UN General Assembly
11:30 am. Service, 9/11 Memorial & Museum, WTC
4 pm. Visit Queen of Angels School, E. Harlem
5 pm. Procession through Central Park (approx)
6 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden
Sat. 10:30 am. Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul (Phila)
4:45 pm. Visit to Independence Mall
7:30 pm. Festival of Families B. Franklin Parkway
Sun. 9:15 am. Bishop Mtg. St. Charles Seminary
11 am. Visit Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
4 pm. Mass, World Mtg of Families, B. Franklin Pky
7 pm. Visit with organizers of World Meeting
8 pm. Depart for Rome

God's Grace is Young Enough

For the Young and Young At Heart
Readings for this Sunday
Wisdom 2:12-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Servant of All

Suggested Reflection Questions

- Has following God's call ever resulted in people scorning you or reacting with jealousy, hatred, or violence? When faced with such evil, how can we cultivate peace?
- The Gospel reading tells us that Jesus' disciples did not understand what Jesus was trying to teach them and that they were afraid to question him. Do you ever feel like you don't understand what God is trying to tell you? Have you ever been afraid to ask God for something? Why?
- What does it mean in today's world to be a servant of all? Who are the ones God calls us to wrap in our arms like Jesus holds the little child in the Gospel?
- We have been hearing about servants the past two weeks. What are your overall thoughts on these past two weeks of readings?



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The last will be first

“Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you.” The Richard Gillard hymn with this line has become familiar to many Catholics. Sung at funerals, weddings, Holy Thursday foot washings, and Sunday Mass, the lyrics touch human hearts in their eloquent call to humbly serve the needs of others. Pope Francis, who serves the poor in his every word and deed, calls us to share in this journey. How can I surrender my need for recognition? How can I serve the needs of others?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (13A)*. “They had been arguing about who was the most important.”

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Guess who came to dinner

The names of the apostles are integral to our story of faith, but in truth, we know very little about many of them. Bits of information from the gospels and Acts of the Apostles do allow a glimpse of their lives in the first Christian community. The rest we can only prayerfully imagine. We know that Matthew collected from his Jewish kin the hated Roman tax and that he associated with other tax collectors and “sinners.” What we can prayerfully imagine is Jesus sharing a meal with them, and then we might wonder if we would have joined them at table.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643)*. “I have come to call not the self-righteous.”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Finding new roads

“Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself,” Pope Francis said in 2013. “Go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent.” Discipleship requires reaching out beyond yourself or those you know; being church means encountering others where they are—welcoming, listening, and creating a family of worship that expands far beyond the walls of our comfort zone.



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

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TODAY’S READINGS: *Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450)*. “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 FEAST OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Marked for holiness

Padre Pio epitomizes the idea of a saint whose life was marked by heavenly signs. Of the more than 300 stigmatists—persons whose bodies carry marks resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ—in the history of the church, Pio was the only priest to be so honored. His reputed miraculous signs included exuding a fragrance not compatible with five fresh wounds; bilocation; prophecy; the power of conversion; and the ability to read hearts. But to Pio himself, his dearest accomplishment was establishing a hospital for the relief of suffering. Looking like a saint may be appealing. Acting like a saint is better!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451)*. “Jesus . . . gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases.”

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Full of holes

Carry your wealth in a bag full of holes and your fortunes will change. So the prophet Haggai observes. Today on the Muslim Feast of the Sacrifice, Muslims recall an ancient ritual full of holes: child sacrifice as a means of proving loyalty to God. Abraham brings his son Ishmael (not Isaac in the Quran version) to Mt. Moriah to demonstrate his fidelity. As in the familiar Bible story, the sacrifice is replaced and the son goes free. Heaven values the life of every child.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452)*. “And whoever earned wages earned them for a bag with holes in it.”

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

The where of prayer

Place is important to prayer. “Where does prayer come from?” the Catechism of the Catholic Church asks (2562). You can pray anywhere, but pay attention to where it is that you are able to be most fully present to God. After all, prayer doesn’t come to us, we come to prayer. In prayer, you offer your whole self. “Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole (person) who prays,” the Catechism continues. Open your heart in and to prayer. God is waiting there; you just need to show up.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453)*. “I will fill this house with glory . . . in this place I will give you peace.”

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

FEAST OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Heal what is broken

We have only legend for these twin brothers from early church history: They were healers born in what is modern-day Syria who, despite their skill and popularity, never accepted payment for their ministry and died as martyrs. Even if we know few “facts” about them, the human need for healing keeps their story alive. Nearly a thousand years later, Francis of Assisi rebuilt a little church dedicated to Saint Damian that had fallen into ruin and there heard the icon of the crucified Christ instruct him also to rebuild the Church with a capital C. Healing, rebuilding, restoring. What would can you salvage today? What broken relationship can you rebuild?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454)*. “Pay attention to what I am telling you.”

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.

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Name: _____

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Notes & Remembrances

Weekly Readings - Moved

Daily scriptures and short reflections are now a regular addition to our bulletin, listed on a separate page.

Remembering our Own

Requests and donations were made in honor of the following, asking to remember them at liturgy this week. Please join with them in prayer and remembrance.

25th Week of the Year

- Sam Ardonlino, Michael & Anna Keyes- 5 pm
- June DeSena - 9 am
- Gertrude Petoia-11 am

- Mabel Currivan, Nancy Maloney - Tuesday
- Anita Farias - Thursday
- Kevin Caufield - Friday
- Jane Sweeny, Baby Sweeny - Saturday

The Tabernacle lamp is donated in memory of Michael & Anna Keyes

26th Week of the Year

- Sam Ardonlino, John Fearon- 5 pm
- Richard Smith, June DeSena - 9 am
- Andrew Helen R Saxon-11 am

Stewardship of Treasure

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4975
 Second Collection: \$ 3612

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What have you done to give back?

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