

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
 Every Sunday  
 Pound A Week



*Please sign up for electronic giving at*  
 stthommore.weshareonline.org

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Easter Collection: \$ 6617  
 Monthly Online: \$ 2594



**Vivere Christus Award**

The Vivere Christus Awards acknowledge dedicated people who help build up Christ's Church. We are asking for nominations. Send the person's name to the parish office along with the reasons why this person should be considered. It should be a parishioner but their work or ministry can extend outside the parish.

**Women's Guild**

The Women's Guild thanks everyone who participated in the Cake sale. It was a huge success Thanks to all.

Next Women's Guild meeting, May 23. A play reading of "Changed Lives" by Norma Mortimer . All welcome to join us.

**Ice Cream**

We're looking for someone interested intaking care of a few Ice Cream Sundays this summer. Need few more volunteers.

**Pastoral Council Timeline**

Applications on the table in the vestibule. May 22: Deadline for Applications. June: Candidate info will be available.

May 16-17: Council selection by parishioners (Opportunities available for those not able to be present at election weekend.) Announcement of selected members of the Parish Pastoral Council later in June.

**Knock Out Opiod Abuse**

TownHall meeting this Wednesday 6-8 pm, County Police Academy, W. Hanover Ave. Community Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Morris. [knockouttoopiodabuse.drugfreeNJ.org](http://knockouttoopiodabuse.drugfreeNJ.org) or #knockoutopiodabuse



**WELCOME**

To all our visitors this weekend

*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.



**Ministry to the Homebound**

If you know a homebound person who would like communion and/or on a regular basis, if you are ministering in that way OR if you can visit and/or bring communion to a homebound person, please fill out the form on the info rack in the vestibule.

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY**  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**First Reading: Acts 8:5-17**

Last week we heard how the Christian assembly in Jerusalem chose seven of their number to minister to the Greek speaking Christians who lived there. Philip was one of the seven. Today we find him in Samaria, about 60 miles north of Jerusalem, fearlessly proclaiming the good news of Jesus and experiencing astounding results.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18**

The first letter of Peter was written to Christians whose pagan neighbors continually questioned and ridiculed them about their faith. Since most of the Christians were low born or slaves, their neighbors couldn't understand why they were so joyful and hopeful. Today's passage offers pastoral advice and encouragement.

*God's Grace is Young Enough*

*Acts 2:14-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10*

*I am the Way*

- Being troubled and anxious is a fact of our stress-filled lives. "Do not be troubled" the surgeon says to someone before major surgery; "Do not be troubled" a parent says to a child wakened by a nightmare; "Do not be troubled" ... The only way we can truly not be troubled.
- In the second reading Peter confidently invites people (and us) to "Come to [Christ]" and name them "a people of [Christ's] own"
- Jesus' words from the Last Supper discourse are reassuring: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Yet Thomas and Philip are not reassured. The leap from the Last Supper to the resurrection is one giant step. we have taken this leap. We are an Easter people. Believing mitigates all troubles, all anxiety.

**This Week's Question**

*For Adults:*

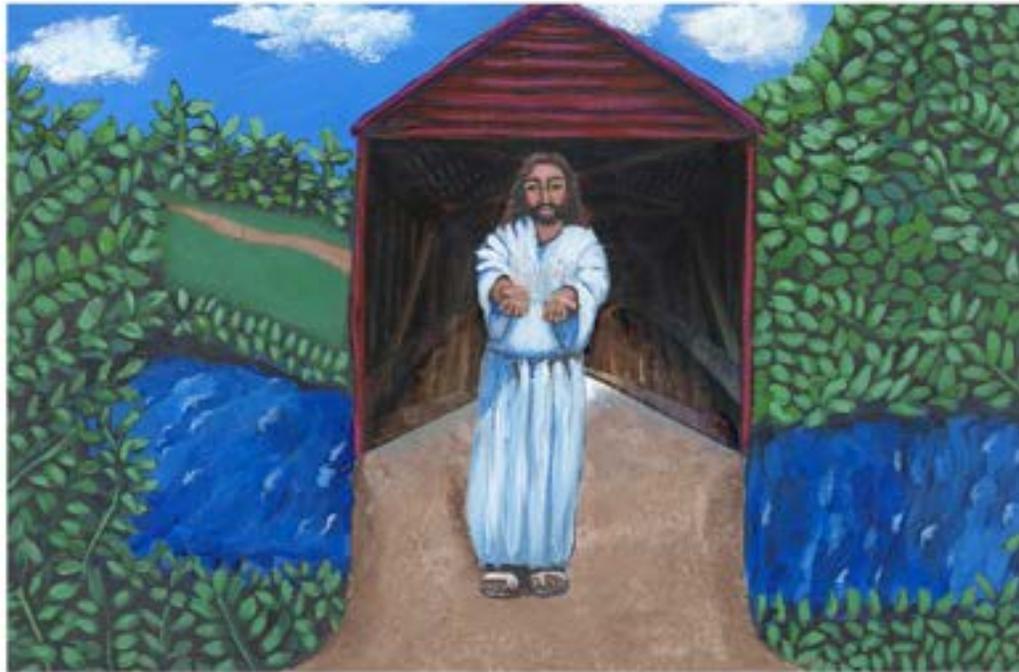
In a challenge you face now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ? ?

*For Children:*

Name ways you can be more like Jesus when you are playing with your friends or family.



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Always Looking Out for Us

God our Father,  
you have called us from creation to be  
with you,  
you have promised us life everlasting  
and eternal joy in the Kingdom of Heaven.  
You have given us your Son to lead us  
to you,  
and have prepared a dwelling place for us  
if we but follow him.

May we know your truth,  
which will draw us closer to you;  
May we live your life of love and joy  
by serving others and responding  
to their needs;  
May we go where you lead us,  
trusting in your ways and in the sure and  
certain hope  
of life everlasting at the heavenly dwelling  
place you have prepared for us.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 14, 2017

## The Father Dwells in Me

*Today's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.* The Apostles are confused today as Jesus tells them that he will go to prepare a place for them. Thomas questions, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" When Jesus says that he is the way, the truth, and the life, Philip tells Jesus to show them the Father. We can understand why the Apostles felt uneasy, for we often want exact directions. Just as the Apostles were unsure of going by their instincts to follow God, we sometimes are unsure of the path that Jesus has shown us. Jesus is preparing the Apostles for when he will leave them. He lets them know the path to the Father is

simple: *I am the way, the truth, and the life.* Only by what we already know of you, Jesus, can we find the Father.

If we know Jesus, then we know the Father. The first lesson of the Trinity is that God is one God. Knowing God is knowing the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as one. No one understands the Father except through understanding Jesus, the Son, the Christ. The way to the Father is through the Son. The truth of God is knowing those truths we have heard and lived and enacted with Jesus in the Gospel. Life in God is the fullness of life through creation, Baptism, and resurrection. If we are to know God, we must be willing to follow him, trust in him, and do the same good works that reveal him.

# Consider Being a Member of the Parish Pastoral Council

Applications on the table in the vestibule or in the Rectory Office

May 22: Deadline for Pastoral Council Candidate Applications.

May 29: Candidate information available to view by parishioners

June: Selection of Council by parishioners

For the pastor, the Pastoral Council is a primary source of support, challenge, and consultation as well as an avenue of communication within the parish.

The Pastoral Council consists of the pastor and 6 - 8 members of the parish. Two of these members may be appointed by the pastor and the rest are to be elected at large by the parish following a broad process to determine appropriate candidates and to provide information to the parish regarding the nominees' backgrounds, participation in parish life, and potential contributions to this advisory body.

Presently, members serve three year terms with a one third membership changing each year. The Pastoral Council normally meets five times a year.

## PRAYER FOR A PARISH ON A JOURNEY

Heavenly Father,

You have gathered us together as a parish

to be your visible life in our world.

Here we unite in worship,

proclaim your word,

celebrate the Eucharist,

and are sent forth to share your love and make disciples.

Lord,

we take your Great Commission seriously and long for our parish to be so on-fire that we draw people to you.

Help us in that endeavor, as we strive to work together—ordained, religious and laity.

Please make our parish amazing, through your power and grace.

Amen.

### From the Pastoral Council:

Please consider running for the St. Thomas More Pastoral Council. As laity, we are called to serve the Church. A member of the council makes an important contribution to the Parish by providing the Pastor with advise, support and helps him cultivate ministers and activity committee personnel. The council meets five times per year. There are two three-year terms open for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 terms. Look for a "Candidate Nomination Form" in the vestibule of the church soon; complete one and email to [ossela@optonline.net](mailto:ossela@optonline.net) or drop off at the Parish office by May 22. The forms will be condensed into candidate blurbs, which will be published for two Sundays in June with an election at the end of June.



SAVE THE DATE

JUBILEE COCKTAIL PARTY

on our beautiful grounds



JUNE 17 • 5 - 8 PM



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| 1 Peter An           | 23 Ann Anderson   |
| 1 Rose Bielicki      | 24 Cecilia Jolian |
| 1 Ann Kilminster     | 24 Ronnie O'Neil  |
| 2 Daniel Nisivoccia  | 25 Leena Benoy    |
| 4 Connor Pakonis     | 28 Natalie Smith  |
| 4 Robert Pakonis     | 29 Jason Jordan   |
| 5 Paula Carducci     | 30 Raymond Limbo  |
| 9 Paul Tumelty       |                   |
| 10 Anne Keegan       |                   |
| 12 Alice Galdieri    |                   |
| 15 Loretta Critchley |                   |
| 15 Gino Garolfalo    |                   |
| 15 Florence Kearney  |                   |
| 18 Jim Tuminello     |                   |
| 19 Austin Penizotto  |                   |
| 20 Ron Brodeur       |                   |
| 20 John Enright      |                   |
| 21 Moira Carey       |                   |
| 22 Maureen Brodeur   |                   |
| 22 Theresa Tomeo     |                   |
| 22 David Zadrozny    |                   |



- 8 Evelyn & Michael Basile- 35
- 24 Jo & Tony Rapp- 65