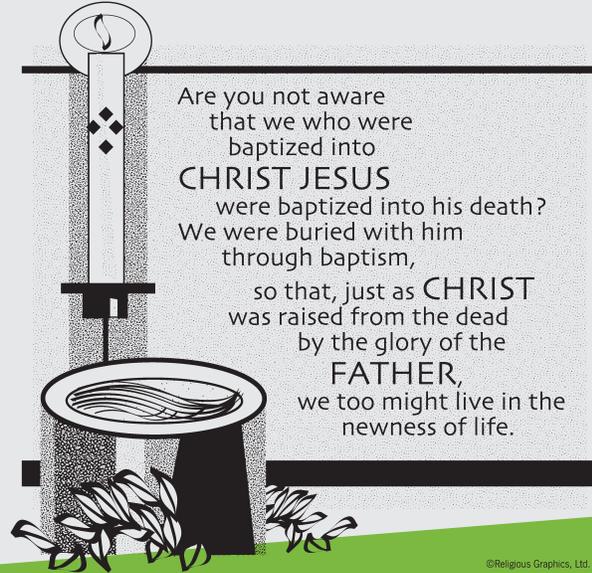


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As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God. Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.



Are you not aware
that we who were
baptized into
CHRIST JESUS
were baptized into his death?
We were buried with him
through baptism,
so that, just as **CHRIST**
was raised from the dead
by the glory of the
FATHER,
we too might live in the
newness of life.

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New Eyes for the Needy

New Eyes for the Needy thanked us for our donation of 73 pairs of glasses which helps improve the vision of poor children and adults in the U.S. and around the world. New Eyes is been committed to giving clear sight to those most in need by providing a basic pair of eyeglasses. These glasses are often the first and only pair of glasses these recipients will ever own! We thank Ed Berg for organizing this endeavor and collecting the glasses.

Free Alzheimer's Caregiver Conference – July 29

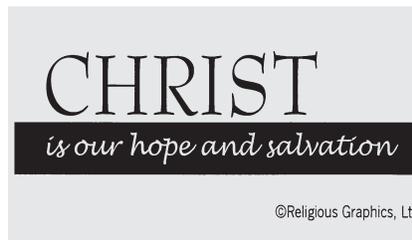
Alzheimer's Disease: Approaches to Care is Saturday, July 29. 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Morristown Medical Center Health Pavilion, Rockaway Mall larger area. Practical information for families who have a loved one with any form of dementia. Please register in advance. Info: 1.888.280.6055 or www.alznj.org.

Rest in Peace

We were informed that Jeanne M. Seybold, a long time member of St. Thomas More Parish entered eternal life on June 24, in Tampa, Florida. May she rest on peace.

July means Ice Cream

We now have three adults and a bunch of kids to help us give out ice cream after masses. Join the fun and help! Contact Fr. Joe.



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Increased Offertory Results

Our results from the *Parish on a Journey Program* were encouraging. Almost 47% of the parishioners who gave to the Sunday offertory in the last year made a commitment for the next year. We also had 6 families newly identify themselves as active supporters of our church.

Overall, the commitments reflect a 35% increase in the offertory over previous donations from those that responded with a commitment card. Please – it is important that parishioners maintain these commitments throughout the year, so that our church is able to continue its mission.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

In the last centuries before Christ, the Jewish people hoped for a triumphant Messiah king. The prophet Zechariah spoke instead of a Messiah who would come not in splendor and glory with horses and chariots, but rather in meekness and peace, riding a common work animal. All four evangelists will later apply this passage to the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem several days before his arrest.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Paul wants us to remember that the Spirit who will raise our bodies on the last day is the same Spirit who inspires us to holiness every day. Today Paul offers a sharp contrast between life in the flesh (meaning life prone to sin) and life in the Spirit.

This Week's Question

For Adults:

When have you felt more fully alive by giving of yourself to another?

For Children:

When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself?

Vivere Christus Award

The Vivere Christus award is an annual award to someone from every parish who live as faithful stewards of God's grace and generosity. Karen Lavin was nominated this year and will be the recipient of this award in September.

Despite her handicap, Karen sets a fine example of discipleship. She tirelessly visits those who are sick or homebound. Besides being extremely active in the parish, she is most generous in donating to those in need, particularly children in the Morristown area. She continually provides toys, clothing and food for the poor in Passaic and Morris County. Congratulations, Karin.

Marian Pilgrimage

The Diocese of Paterson will sponsor an overnight trip to Washington, DC October 20-21, 2017. The trip includes transportation, two meals including the banquet, overnight accommodations and visits to America's First Cathedral, and St. Jude Shrine in Baltimore, and the National Shrine. Info: 973-728-8162 or secretary@olqpnj.org or sign the form on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

What's Happening This Week?

Tuesday
Parish Office
Closed



Next Sunday
Clothing Collection

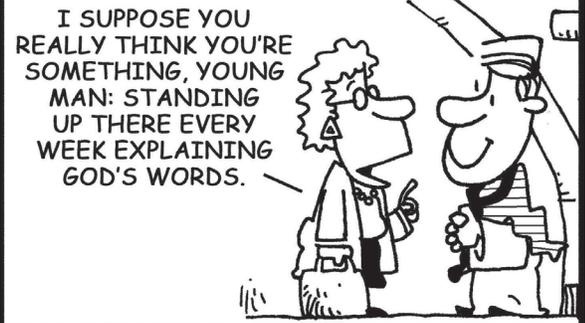
Every Sunday
Pound A Week



Stewardship of Treasure

Last week's Collection:
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Freedom and Liberty for All

“Hooray, I’m free!” is a cry that could be heard at school doors before summer vacation, at the courthouse after a verdict of innocence, or as a plaster cast is taken off a broken bone.

But “Hooray, we’re free!” resonates with a deeper meaning. The communal nature of “We’re free!” reflects bonding in a society, an understanding that promotion of the common good is important.

Freedom is not license to do whatever I please. Rather, freedom is liberty to come together to further the good of all. We are free to care for our neighbor with the expectation that we do so because we are all bound together in one society, one human family.

Fourth of July . Be light in the darkness— As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel's unique light in a dark world. Our word dynamite and the Greek word for power— as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God's power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others. —Heidi Mann

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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,
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