

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

Convent Station, NJ
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



As high as the heavens are above the earth
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts

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 23, 2017 • Day of the Lord

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild season opens with Mass and meeting Tuesday, 7 pm.

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.

Silver & Gold Anniversaries

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

Seminarian Fundraiser

A dinner dance, Sun. Nov. 12, 5:30 pm at The Brownstone, 351 W. Broadway, Paterson. Proceeds towards expenses of seminarian formation. \$70 per person. Cash bar. Info: 973-777-8818, ext. 711, or mnunez@patersondiocese.org.

Loyola SpiritualTEA

Afternoon tea & talk, Sun. Oct. 15, 2 pm. \$35 per person. Savories, sweets and a variety of fragrant teas. Two mini-presentations and a tea-themed raffle. Info: <http://www.loyola.org> or 973-539-0740.

In Giving, We Receive

The vital work of our Church supported by the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** is only as successful as the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. Your support helps bring hope to those who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence and our inner-city area schools.

Every gift counts! St. Teresa once wrote that "we feel what we are doing is a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop." Our Bishop's Annual Appeal is able to do that much more with whatever you are able to give. Please help make 2017 the year that our Bishop's Annual Appeal does even more for people in profound need.

Wanted: Volunteer Tax Preps

Volunteers to assist lower income households during tax season. No experience needed. United Way offers training, support and Certification. Info: monica.conover@unitedwaynj.org, 973-993-1160, ext. 529.

Meditate on the scriptures during the week. Take Five for Faith is located on the website. Pull down "Faith Formation" and find it at the bottom.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon six centuries before Christ. In today's reading, he takes up a question we have probably asked ourselves: Is God fair or unfair in his dealings with people?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul wrote from prison to his Christian converts in Philippi, a city, today in northeastern Greece. While he was in prison, the Philippians had sent someone to bring money for his support and to stay with him. Paul thanks them by quoting an early Christian hymn which he felt described Christ as a model for the way all Christians should live.

This Week's Question For Adults:

What lessons do you draw from today's Gospel? How has God been generous to you in this way?

For Children:

Who is generous to you, even when you might not deserve it?

“The Cooking Priest” at St. E’s

The College will host Father Leo Patalinghug, Tues. Oct. 3, 7 pm. in Annunciation Center. Father, 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. Tickets: \$10, <<http://www.cse.edu/fatherleo>>. Doors open at 6:00pm. Reservation required.

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

Sun., Oct. 15 at 1 pm, 5K Walk with 1,000+ walkers. Fundraiser to continue Community Soup Kitchen 365 days a year. Registrtrtion 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.

Coordinate a parish group with Cathy Miller. Contact the office or Cathy directly. If you would like to sponsor a walker, we have forms. Brochures in church. More Info: <www.cskmorristoryn.org>.

We are deeply grateful to the Sisters for permitting us to purchase this property for our Parish facilities.

The immediate plans in the Building Program call for the construction of a Church and Rectory to include a Parish meeting room.

A Fund Raising Drive is planned for the Fall of this year, but it is too early to establish a Parish goal or construction budget until further statistics are available.

The population of the Parish needs to be determined in view of the parish boundary lines issued this week.

What's Happening This Week?



This Sunday

Tues: Women’s Guild, 7:00 pm Mass

Next Sunday

Hurricane Collection

Every Sunday

Pound A Week

Stewardship of Treasure

Last week’s Collection:
\$ 5579



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FIRST BULLETIN OF THE PARISH (cont. in previous column)

PARISH NEWS BULLETIN

May 28, 1967

Number I

This week Bishop Casey issued the formal Decree of Erection for our new parish. The official title is: SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH, Convent, New Jersey. We have waited patiently for our defined boundary lines and each member of the Parish will be supplied with a copy.

We wish to offer a warm welcome to the new families in the Parish who will now become members of our Parish Family as a result of the official declaration of parish boundary lines. We invite you and encourage you to participate and share in full Parish Life - The Liturgy, Social, and Cultural activities.

With great pleasure Father Feenan announces the appointment of the first Trustees of Saint Thomas More Parish: Herbert Grimshaw and Thomas B. Daly. Their term of office will extend for three years.

In March, Father Feenan appointed the following members of the Parish to the Building Committee: Robert Baumann, Thomas Daly, Eugene Doyle, John Ginty, Herbert Grimshaw, Harry Tappen, Robert Wickham.

These men who have graciously given of their time and talents, are your parish representatives in our Parish Development Program. You are invited to communicate your suggestions or ideas to them as well as to Father Feenan.

The property on which our Parish facilities will be built is the tract of land, approximately 14 acres, located on the corner of Madison Avenue and Convent Road. This property is owned by the Sisters of Charity of Convent Station. An agreement has been reached with the Sisters for the sale of this property for the sum of \$100, 000.

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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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