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 Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am
 Weekdays:
 Monday-Friday: 6:45 and 9:00 am
 Saturday: 9:00 am
 Holyday: 6:45 & 9:00 am & 7:00 pm



Rite of Reconciliation
 Saturdays: 3:30-4:00 pm or any
 time by appointment

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 25, 2017

PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission (Purpose)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

Vision (Goals)

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104.

RCIA Team: Sister Ann Byrnes and John Mohan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday, during 10 a.m. Mass

Grades one thru four: Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Grades five thru eight: Tuesday, 6:30– 7:45 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish office to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 4 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088

Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



We are inching towards the finish line!! Our House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal 2017 goal is **\$117,880**. We have received gifts totaling **\$104,806.00 from 201 donors.**

Thanks to all who have contributed. **We are still accepting donations to meet our Parish goal.** To make a pledge, please **pick up a Pledge card which is available in the gathering space and at the entrances to the Church and mail in or drop off at the parish office.**

Every donation moves us closer.

Movie Night

6:30 pm July 22, 2017

The story of a family that takes a stand for the ideals and traditional

values that our heroes in uniform sacrifice everything to protect. It tells of a personal mission to reignite the latent patriotism and faith of our fellow citizens and reassert the cherished rights guaranteed to all Americans.



All are welcome! Invite a friend!

Marianne Gorin 856-346-1811

Joe Centonze 856-424-3809

Joecent4@gmail.com



The collection for Sunday, June 18, 2017 was **\$6,801.00 from 150 donors.**

As always, thank you for your generosity to our parish.

“... if My people, who are called by My Name, are sorry for what they have done, if they pray and obey me and stop their evil ways, I will heal their land.”
2nd Chronicles 7: 14

Stewardship Reflection: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Stewards Pray Publicly

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” Matthew 10:32

Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises?

Do you pray in public before meals? **Stewards** pray for the strength and courage to be joyful witnesses of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.



The Catholic Faith In Slow Motion (No. 97)

Fr. Phillip Johnson

Reflections on Professing, Praying, Thinking, and living the Faith of the Church

Ordinary Time

With the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday behind us, we have entered the liturgical season called Ordinary Time. Or rather, we have re-entered it. The first weeks of Ordinary time began just after the Christmas season and continued until Ash Wednesday.

What's Ordinary About Ordinary Time?

The first definition of “ordinary” given in any dictionary will be something like “*having no special or distinctive features*” and will provide synonyms such as “*uninteresting*” and “*commonplace*”. That definition will hardly do in the liturgical context. It would be blasphemy plain and simple to refer to what happens in the mass as commonplace.

If you read beyond the first definition, you will see that “ordinary” is not so ordinary a word. We don't have space here to ponder the etymology and the more technical definitions. The shorthand explanation is that Ordinary Time marks those weeks outside the liturgical seasons that have a distinct name (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter). The majority of days in the Church's calendar are *ordered* simply by counting. In fact, a good many of the days in this longest of seasons do indeed have very special and distinctive themes. For example, the two Sundays in Ordinary Time immediately following Pentecost are Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi. And remember, all Sundays in all seasons are Holy Days of Obligation.

Ordinary Time, Ordinary Lives?

If there is a theme that holds together the Sundays and weekdays of Ordinary time, it would be *living out the Christian life, responding to the Grace poured out upon the baptized, practicing the Christian faith in our daily lives*. In this time, the readings of Scripture and the prayers of the Mass urge us to follow Christ, to fight the spiritual battle against our sins, to pray ceaselessly, to give generously, to love sacrificially.

We may notice a sad irony here. This re-entry into Ordinary Time corresponds to the summer season. For many Catholics, it is indeed commonplace and ordinary to neglect the most basic practices of the Faith. It *can be* a time when leisure takes the form of spiritual forgetfulness, when “vacations” entail vacations *from* the Mass. That is one sort of “ordinary” life and it is tempting to sink comfortably into the evasion: “this is just the way normal people spend their summers.”

But there is a way of life that is ordinary in a truly extraordinary way — a life truly *ordered* by our identity as Catholic Christians.

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 25, 2017

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for JULY 1/2

Mass Time	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 pm	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	T. Petrone, G. Tyrrell I. Rellosa	B. Sorrentino	W. Quay JD Moyer
8:30 am	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	J. & L. Duffy B. Lento	M. Maggart	C. Oatway
10:00 am	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	D. & ML. Thomas J. Mazzagatti	F. Egges	K. & K. Johnson A. D'Auria
11:30 am	Father Johnson	Music Ministry	M. Garber, H. Protzman A. Thompson	D. Haughwout	I. & A. Witting M. Mueller

The Ministry schedule can be found at the St. Thomas More website: <http://stthomasmorenj.org>

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechists Needed!

We need (2) grade 7 catechists to teach Tuesdays 6:30-7:45pm. We also need substitutes in grades 1-4 (4:30—5:45pm) and grades 5-8 (6:30—7:45pm). No experience necessary; only your time and talent! Training is required and will be provided. It is a beautiful ministry.

“Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive: they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others.” Pope Francis

Watch our Religious Education video and be inspired.

http://www.stthomasmorenj.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=category.display&category_id=2

Liturgy of the Word for Children will resume in September!

STM Youth

What is Youth Group?

STM Youth Group encourages teens to get involved in parish life and empowers teens to build their relationship with Jesus by taking part in service, social and spiritual activities at St. Thomas, More, the Diocese and the community. *Are you interested in learning more, doing more and being a more committed disciple? Email Katie.*

Summer Service: Get involved this summer! We will meet about 6 times over the summer to do a service activity. **St. Mary's, New Visions, Ronald McDonald House and more!** All families and youth are invited to join us! Check email for details. Contact Katie if you would like to participate in Summer Service at STM.

Email Katie at: YouthGroup@stthomasmorenj.org with questions and to receive email updates on additional service, social and spiritual events for Youth in 5th—12th grades.



Do you have a special intention for which you are praying? Have others share your need by accessing the **Prayer Line**. Call the **Parish Office 424-3212**. All requests are kept confidential.

If you attend the Masses that you arrange for, please make yourself known to the ushers so that you may be part of the Offertory Gifts Procession. It would be a fitting tribute to the memories and intentions that the Mass has for you personally.





Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

9:00am living & deceased members of the parish
Kathleen Centonze
 r/b Vincent & Emilia Marchesani
4:30 pm **Edward Sviben** r/b Colleen Tischner

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

8:30 am **Thomas Quick** r/b Maggart family
10:00 am **Ray Desrochers** r/b Gary Gadren
11:30 am **Anthony Cristiano, Jr.**
 r/b Mike & Helen Hawksley

MONDAY—JUNE 26

6:45 am **John Mullane** r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am **Ray Desrochers**
 r/b Ralph & Lois Udicious

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

6:45 am **John Mullane** r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am **Kathleen Centonze**
 r/b Bob & Ann Marie Lento

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

6:45 am **John Mullane** r/b Michael Curtis
9:00 am **Anthnoy Centonze, Catherine Appalucci, Frank Eracchi**
 r/b Joe Centonze

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

6:45 am **Msgr. David Budney & family**
9:00 am **William Boxley** r/b Janet Johnon
Kathleen Centonze
 r/b Thursday Morning SCC
Brooke Mulford
 r/b Joe & Edie Ryan & family

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

6:45 am **Rosemary Witkowski** r/b Joan Malloy
9:00 am **Jo Ann Gadren** r/b family

SATURDAY, JULY 1

9:00 am living & deceased members of the parish
4:30 pm **Pat Brink** r/b husband, Don

SUNDAY—July 2

8:30 am **Thomas Quick** r/b Bill & Ann Vigrass
10:00 am **Christopher Mermer**
25th wedding anniversary of Eric & Lalaine Johnson
Leaders of our Nation
 r/b Mark & Liz DeYoung
11:30 am **Kay Frain** r/b Jack Boesch

Papal Intentions for the Month of June: That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade which victimizes so many innocent people.



Going on vacation? Need to find a church?
 For nationwide Mass times and locations: www.masstimes.org

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



THE SICK... Pat Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Anna Bedrick, Francesca Capra, Elva Clark, Frank Colbert, Sean Colbert, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Geralyn Coticone, Mary Cowan, Margaret Crawford, Pasquale DiFronzo, Angelo DiGiacomo, Harry Gindele, Sue Hagan, Thomas Houston, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, Stephen Kaye, John B. Kennedy, Peggy Kiefner, Stan Kochanek, Don Kreal, Julia Lepre, Mary Ellen Lepre, Marie Manalo, Vince Marchesani, Wayne Mauri, Sr., Jerry McMenamin, Youngmork Park, Hilda K. Pellerito, Fred Petrone, Pauline Rosberg, Joseph Ryan, Barbara Salpas, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Frank Sines, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Maria Storms, Samuel Stafford, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, George Sweeten, Christopher Tama, Stephanie Tama, Marcy Toub, Ted Uhlman, Kathryn Wolfe, Ann Vigrass.



THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

2nd Lieutenant Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Captain Anthony R. Cosentino, Spc. Peter DeCrescenzo, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, 2nd Lt. Christopher M. Mawn, PFC Sonny Morrison, 1Lt. Col. Ryan Orfe, and Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa.



Saint Thomas More Parish Welcomes All

New Parishioner Registration

Are you attending Mass here regularly? Are you registered? If not, please fill out information below and return to the parish office. The parish office staff will contact you for further information. Please drop this form in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email _____

Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Please note that we put the following week’s Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for Proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 2, 2017 - Matt. 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Commentary:

Today’s Gospel presents the hard choice to be made by those who want to live and spread the Good News. People are not being told to cut off all family ties. But if your family threatens to disown you for following Jesus or for making decisions based upon him, you will have to make a choice. To choose Christ means to follow the path his love marked out. Often that means taking up the cross. Choosing the safe way often leads to self-destruction. In order to find our true identity, we must give ourselves to others, living as Jesus lived.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

- 1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Commentary resonates with me?



Nearly four thousand innocent lives are taken by surgical abortion each day in this land of the free and home of the brave, whose lady holds high the torch of welcome to human life. What hypocrisy that a nation that welcomes human beings from all over the world now destroys their own preborn citizens.

Al MacElrath, Respect Life Coordinator 779-7130

Parish Bulletin Health Tips for Summer

This is the time of year when people begin to spend more time outside and in the sunshine. This however comes with certain risks, especially for over exposure to UV rays which can lead to skin cancer. The CDC recommends these easy options for protections from UV radiation: Stay in the shade as often as possible; wear clothing that covers your arms and legs when exposed to the sun for long periods of time; wear a wide brim hat; wear wrap around sunglasses; use sunscreen SPF 15 or higher.



These health tips are presented by VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services of the Camden Diocese.

Balance and Fall Prevention Workshop

Are you 65 years or older? Do you have problems with balance? Have you fallen in the past year? Do you have a fear of falling? If the answer is yes to any of these questions THIS is the



WORKSHOP for YOU!! Paul Vidal, from Specialized Physical Therapy, will be the presenter on Wednesday, June 28th in the Hall after the 9:00 am Mass. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Workshop is from 9:45AM—10:45AM. Call the parish office 424 -3212 to register.



Our Lady of Peace Parish/ St. Mary’s Church, Williamstown, NJ Carnival June 26th—July 1st from 6:00 pm—10:00 pm on the Church grounds. Family Nights:

Tuesday & Wednesday means unlimited rides for \$20 per person from opening to closing.

Adult Faith Formation

Pivotal Players concludes this Tuesday evening. Thanks to all who participated in this study of some of the influential persons in Church history.

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