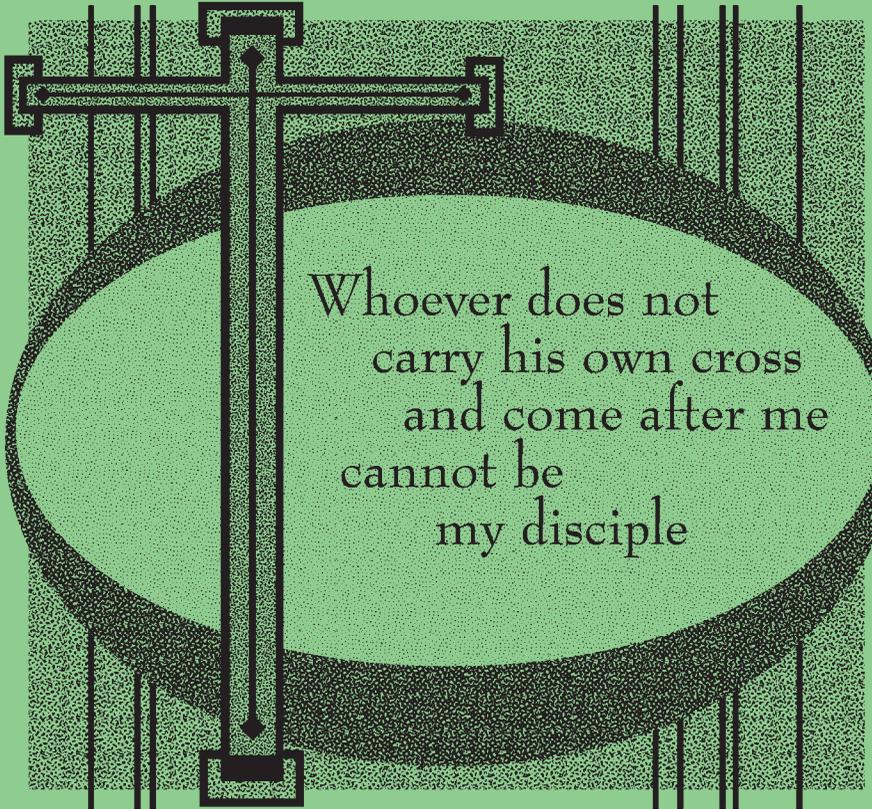


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Weekly Eucharists

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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What's Happening This Week?

Sunday

- Pound A Week
- Gala Raffle Ticket Sale

Every Sunday

- Pound A Week



September

New on the Website

Have you been our website recently? (Have you ever been on our website?) A recent catholic journal article of a major catholic diocese pointed out that nowadays, a church website is as indispensable as a telephone. Here are a few things to look for:

- **iGive.** You can help our parish as you shop on-line. By registering, various retail sites (including Amazon) will make a percentage. donation to STM.
- **Give Online.** The link on the home page of the website will allow you to contribute once or regularly to the parish. (*If you are having trouble signing up, please call the rectory office.*)

• **Readings of the Day.** Each day on the home page.

• **News Articles.** Various news articles and links can be found on the home page and on the "News/Events" page. In addition, there are other links and resources under "Get Connected."

• **Ministry Schedule.** Ministers can now check their schedule right from the website.

• **Bulletin.** Not here for a weekend? Download the bulletin directly from the website.

• **More to Come:** Podcasts for commuters, Parish procedures, minutes from various committee and councils. education articles, etc. etc.

An easy way to remember to look at the website is to change the homepage of your browser to: <http://stmnj.org/>



Register NOW on our website <stmnj.org>. Click on "CCD Registration" link on the top of the page. Registration fee this year is \$30 per child. Much less than most parishes.

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.

Birthday Greetings



- 2 Joseph Zack
- 5 Bill Kearney
- 8 Jason Marella
- 9 Vincent Carucci
- 9 Jay Tiwar
- 9 Elisabeth Tumelty
- 14 Carmen Galdieri
- 16 Ed Blankmeyer
- 16 Sal Esposito
- 17 Scartlett Fitzpatrick
- 18 Cathy Pappas
- 18 Hollann Sobers

- 19 Clyde Imagna
- 20 Marlene Sitter
- 21 Stephanie Roche
- 23 Kathy Stock
- 25 Nick Murray
- 30 Conor Critchley
- 30 Joe Smith



Anniversaries

- 8 Kira & Kevin Brady (4)
- 9 Maureen & Joe Adamo (28)
- 22 Stephanie & John Roche (26)

Bus Transportation provided



SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH
50TH ANNIVERSARY
PRESENTS THE
Spirit of Charity
Gala
THE GREAT GATSBY

Saturday, October 29

WEEKLY READINGS & THOUGHTS

Sunday, September 4, 2016

Lift up your emptiness. In her poem “If You Have Nothing,” poet and Carmelite Jessica Powers wrote, “The gesture of a gift is adequate.” No matter what you have to give, it is the act of giving that is a gift unto the giver. To recognize the true gift we have to offer we need to empty ourselves, step aside, and see what God is offering through us. “If you have nothing,” Powers concludes, “gather back your sigh / and with your hands held high, your heart held high / lift up your emptiness!”

Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-17; Luke 14:25-33.
“Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

Monday, September 5

Prayer works. In most countries, May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, is the day workers are celebrated. In the U.S., the first Monday in September is recognized as Labor Day. Ten thousand workers marched in the first Labor Day parade in New York on Sept. 5, 1882. Today, let’s remember those who work, those unemployed and underemployed, those not able to work due to disability or illness. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may those without work find hope and work, and may those with work find the joy in all they do and strive to offer others the gifts they’ve received from God.

1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11. “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?”

Tuesday, September 6

Hands-on holiness. When someone becomes your hero, you want to have a tangible experience of that person to capture and take home with you. So you go to the concert, attend the lecture, buy the book, see the play. Secretly you hope to have a moment alone with this exceptional person, to get an autograph or selfie—as if their specialness might be transferred to you by association. Jesus never invited this kind of celebrity from his followers. What he wanted was for us to realize that the Holy Spirit’s power lives in us, too.

1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19. “Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him because power came forth from him and healed them all.”

Wednesday, September 7

Be happy. The word beatitude comes from the Latin word for “happiness.” God knows how much we all want to be happy. The Catechism says, “this desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the

human heart” to draw us “to the One who alone can fulfill it.” In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus listed the blessings that lead to happiness. But they’re not what the world considers blessings. The beatitudes are a moral call. Not easy, but follow the heart’s desire.

1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26 (439). “Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.”

Thursday, September 8 — Birth of Mary

Seeing the light. The Nativity of Mary is one of the oldest Marian feasts. Marking the birth of the Blessed Mother, this day is a celebration not only of Mary but of the gift her life is to our salvation. The Marian hymn “Mary, the Dawn” speaks beautifully of this relationship by declaring, “Mary the dawn, Christ the perfect Day.” It is the light that dawned in Mary that is brought to fullness in Jesus. Today, as we celebrate her birth, let us hold high the gift of life, finding the Light in all we meet.

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636). “Behold, the virgin shall ... bear a son, and ... name him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

Friday, September 9 — Peter Claver, priest

Let my people go. Pope Pius IX branded slavery the “supreme villainy” at the end of the 19th century. Some 300 years earlier, Spanish Jesuit Peter Claver was ministering to slaves brought to the Americas as part of a flourishing slave trade and plantation economy. This villainy is still very much alive as human trafficking continues today. Catholic Relief Services says you can help by urging Congress to act, supporting the work of CRS, and praying for your sisters and brothers who are enslaved. Visit their website at CRS.org and search on slavery and human trafficking.

Today’s readings: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Luke 6:39-42. “Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible.”

Saturday, September 10

There’s always time for reconciliation. Today in the year 422, Saint Celestine I began his papacy. He was pope for 10 years and is remembered as the pope who founded the papal diplomatic service. He is also known for saying that “absolution or reconciliation should never be refused to any dying sinner who sincerely asked it; for repentance depends not so much on time as on the heart, which can be changed in a moment when God so wills.” Today, as we continue in this Year of Mercy, let’s pray for all who will die this day, for transformed hearts, repentance, and an acceptance of God’s will.

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49. “The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.”

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Next Sunday

Day of Service & Remembrance

We will mark the 15th anniversary of the attacks on 9/11 next Sunday. Please enter the names of loved ones who died on that day or because of that day at the baptismal font.



Blessing of Backpacks

We will bless backpacks of students and faculty at each of the masses next Sunday with the main blessing at the 11 am mass.

Dedication of the Welcoming Christ Statue

We will dedicate ourselves to all that this statue represents after the 11 am liturgy and mark the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the ministry of Fr. Fennan to St. Thomas More Parish.

Question for the Week

For Adults:

How do you try to discover what God is asking of you??

For Children:

When is it hard for you to know the right thing to do? Who helps you know?

Today's Readings

Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-17; Luke 14:25-33

Expressing our Love for God

- The reading from the Book of Wisdom highlights the limits of human understanding and our need for the Holy Spirit to reveal heavenly things to us. We are often tempted to speak on God's behalf. How can we guard ourselves against this temptation while still proclaiming the revealed truth that is the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ?
- One of the petitions of today's psalm is for the wisdom and grace to lead a full and productive life. It emphasizes the preciousness and fragility of each new day we are given. What can we do on a daily basis to show our appreciation to God for another day of life?
- Jesus makes the difficult claim that his disciples must be willing to forsake everything they value to follow him. How do we reconcile Jesus' words with the Church's teaching on the significance of family?

