

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

Convent Station, NJ

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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.*



August 6, 2017 • Day of the Lord

## Mission Coop Sunday

We welcome Fr. Antony Lopez OCD this weekend. He represents the Discalced Carmelite Missionaries working in the Missions of India, Africa and Indonesia. Father is from the same state of Kerala as Fr. Das.

Discalced Carmelites provide, education, faith formation, health care, housing, training in jobs etc., to the poor they serve. He invites us to join in their work and the ministry of all missionaries throughout the world.

## Alzheimer's Caregiver Conf.

Saturday, July 29. 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Morristown Medical Center Health Pavilion, next to Rockaway Mall. Practical information for families who have a loved one with any form of dementia. Register in advance. Info: 888-280-6055 or [www.alznj.org](http://www.alznj.org).

## Holy Hour for Peace

The Sisters of Charity invite you to a monthly Holy Hour of Quiet Prayer at their Chapel, the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30–7:30 pm. Info: [mtracey@scnj.org](mailto:mtracey@scnj.org). All are welcome.

## Religious Education

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.

## Preparing for the Future

With housing on Park Avenue expanding by Danforth Road and Columbia Tpke, we need to prepare. We should be contacting realtors and design marketing materials. For this reason we would like to put together a group to investigate the best way to market ourselves for new residents and to welcome them when they arrive. Help us prepare.

## Scriptures during the Week

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.

## Clothing Request

Fr. English Center who distributes our clothing donations called to say they are desperate for pregnant women's clothing. Collection is next week.

## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-13

Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He fled to Mount Horeb. As you listen to the passage, it will be helpful to know that wind, earthquake, and fire were scriptural expressions of God's presence.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul begins to address the painful question of why some Jewish people rejected Christ. These were Paul's own people and he was personally hurt by this. He still loved his Jewish heritage and in today's passage he lists seven wonderful blessings that God's Old Testament people have received. He then adds an eighth: Christ the Messiah.

### This Week's Question

*For Adults:*

How has faith in Jesus given me a new perspective on life?

*For Children:*

How would I describe the meaning of faith in Jesus?

## “Make Disciples of All Nations”

Jesus gave this final command to his disciples. (Mt.28:19). Its religious dimensions of this last injunction are staggering; so were the financial demands it placed on the first Christian community. They were a small band, people of modest means - fishermen, carpenters, farmers; yet they found the resources to carry out Jesus' command. Acts gives us a glimpse of their efforts. Paul journeyed to Asia Minor, Greece, Italy and made plans for Spain. Peter went to Antioch, then to Rome. Thomas, legend has it, journeyed to India. Still, that was only part of the story.

The first Christians not only sent missionaries. They also took on the burden of helping the poor, orphaned, widowed; their generosity was all the more remarkable because there were so few of them. What inspired them? Certainly it was the command of the Risen Lord. But they also had the words and example of Paul who asked the Corinthians for money to help the poor of Jerusalem. Contributing was a sacred act. One of the sacred functions of Christians is to gather resources needed to spread the Good News of Jesus. Paul could speak this way because he knew the impact that Christ had had on all creation.



## What's Happening This Week?

### Today

Mission Collection

### Next Sunday

Clothing Collection

### Every Sunday

Pound A Week



## Stewardship of Treasure

Last week's Collection: \$7545

July online giving: \$2625

### Sign up Today

for electronic giving

stthommore.weshareonline.org



## From Morris Food Pantry

*Thank you very much for 645 pounds of food these last three months. When school is out, the demand increases as children who were receiving free or reduced cost breakfasts and lunches are now eating all their meals at home. Your partnership will enable us to continue to meet the needs of our clients in the months ahead.*



- 2 Helen Ryan
- 3 Michael Pizzimenti
- 5 Suzanne Landwehrle
- 8 Karen De Nooyer
- 11 Luke Basile
- 12 John Sette
- 13 Joan Cummings
- 14 Madeline McCloskey
- 15 Marie Anderson
- 15 Barbara Sedam
- 16 Peg Farrell
- 17 Maria An
- 17 Catherine Anzul
- 17 Monique Miller
- 18 Norma Mortimer
- 18 Albert Stock
- 22 Chuck Durney



- 22 John Ferrence
- 24 Justin Gamerdinger
- 25 Vera Byrne
- 25 Patricia McGough
- 26 Natalie Muoio
- 27 Frank Reidinger
- 27 Matthew Rodman
- 28 Isabel Rich, 96!
- 29 Anthony De Santis
- 30 Francis Nguyen-Huu-Bong

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Maureen & Petar Gaffney (16)
- 11 Maureen & Petar Topalovic (6)
- 13 Marge & Jim O'Kane (51)

**Jesus welcomed everyone; that is our aim, too. Whether you're here for the first time or the thousandth, we count ourselves blessed by your presence.**

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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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