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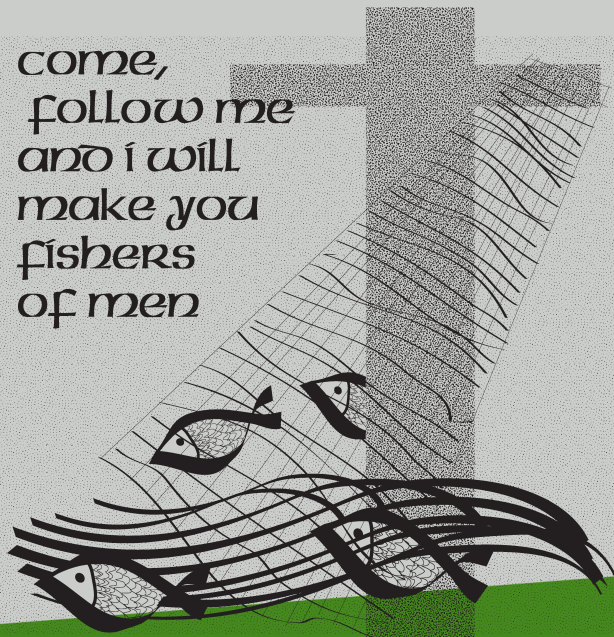
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



come,
follow me
and i will
make you
fishers
of men



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.

January 21, 2017 • Day of the Lord

Women's Cornerstone Retreat

Feb. 16-17 at Loyola Retreat Center, run by Assumption Parish. A peer spiritual weekend to grow in the knowledge and love of God. Contact Chrissy West at 973-809-1646, costa1112@yahoo.com. Cornerstone is a great opportunity.

Mardi Gras?

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14. Two people asked about Mardi Gras in the rectory basement gathering on Feb. 13. It's up to you. If you are interested, respond to info@stmnj.org, call the rectory or sign up next weekend at church.

HomeTouch

HomeTouch is a weekly inspirational bulletin to bring to a homebound friend, relative or neighbor, to help them feel valued and appreciated. An article and activity page can help fill those long, quiet times of the day in a meaningful way. They are in the vestibule at the church entrance.


Flu Season

The medical world states that in normal circumstances a common cup with wine and wiping does not pose a threat. At the same time, we urge those who are sick to refrain from communion from the cup.



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as part of *our* flock

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will hold its meeting on January 23rd at 1 pm. Sister Magdalena will be our speaker. All are welcome.

Permanent Deacons

The diocese is beginning another Permanent Deacon class this spring for men between the ages of 35 and 59. A deacon is not a mini-priest. Diaconate is an ancient order and ministry of its own. In fact diaconal ministry existed in the church before there were priests. Deacons are called to embody the image of Christ the servant; they represent the church in the community, and at liturgy they bring the needs of the community to the attention of the church. The ministry of the deacon shows the servant's heart of the church. Anyone who wishes to learn more about the ministry of deacon should contact Fr. Joe.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The events in today's reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses is near death and is giving final instructions. He promises that after his death, God will still be with them through another prophet. Both Jewish and Christian readers have seen this as referring to the future Messiah.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 7: 32-35

Paul is responding to their question about whether it is better to remain single or become married. Paul's belief was that when you became Christian, you shouldn't take on a new state in life since he expected Jesus would return in glory very soon.

This Week's Question

For Adults:

What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?

For Children:

In what way do you think you can be a better follower of Jesus?

Catholic School Open Houses

Catholic Schools Week begins January 28. St. Patrick School, Chatham will have an open house beginning at 10 am. New registrations will be accepted on site.

St. Vincent School, Madison will have an open house on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 29 & 30, 9–11 am. Info: admissions@svmsnj.org or 973-377-1104, ext. 203.

Roll Call Connect - Try It!

Log onto your membership site to obtain your contribution report, to update birthdays, anniversaries, and email addresses. Add pictures and other info. The software allows you to insert your own pictures and help compile an online pictorial and a printed directory.

This is another opportunity for us to communicate better and have constant updated information.

To access your information, go to <https://stmnj.bythebook.us/co/>

Enter your email address and last name. You will receive a confirmation email in order to log on.

If you must fill out much info and have no contribution record, do not fill out the information. Instead call the office or write to info@stmnj.org and give us your name and email address. We will enter that address and send you a note back to try again. Your email address needs to be in the database in order for you to log in. If not, you will be entering a second membership account which may confuse all of us.

What's Happening This Week?



This Sunday

Rel. Ed.

Tuesday

Women's Guild, 1 pm

Next Sunday

Rel. Ed.

Jan. 27, Rescheduled Pastoral Council

Every Sunday

Pound A Week

Stewardship
of Treasure



Last week's

Collection: \$ 6609

Second collection: \$1907

Sign up Today

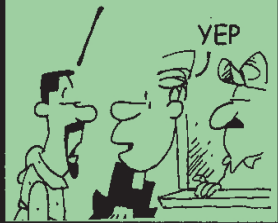
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I USED TO OWN A
PIZZA SHOP BEFORE
I BECAME A PRIEST



AND YOU JUST UP
AND LEFT YOUR
BUSINESS TO FOL-
LOW THE LORD'S
CALL ON YOUR LIFE?



ANY RE-
GREGS? JUST
ONE



NO MORE
UNLIMITED FREE
PIZZAS...



An elderly woman in her nineties had a visitor from her church come to see her at the nursing home. "How are you?" the visitor asked. "Oh," said the elderly woman, "I'm just worried sick!" "You look like you're in good health. They take good care of you here, don't they?" "Oh, yes, they take good care of me here." "Do you have any pain?" the visitor asked. "No, I can't say I do," the elderly woman replied. "Then what has you worried sick?" the visitor asked. The elderly woman leaned in and explained, "All of my closest friends have already died and gone to heaven. I'm sure they are all wondering where I went!"

"That All May Be One!"

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began Thursday and continues with until January 25. We join all Christian churches in prayer, "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21). This year's theme, "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power" from Exodus points to the power of God to draw people together in the desire for Christian Unity. Let us pray that all Christian Churches and Faith Communities, be faithful witnesses to the Gospel call to reconciliation.

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

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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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is open.*

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