

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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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.*

**July 8, 2018 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## ***Blast from the Past(or)***

### ***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***July 8, 2018***

***I am abundantly blessed for the privilege to write this from the friendly confines of the Parish of St. Thomas More! I thank you, each and all, along with Bishop Serratelli, Fr. Joe Farias, for whom we offer our fervent prayers, Monsignor John Hart and the Diocese of Paterson for the opportunity to be here with this community. I am glancing at some World Cup Soccer coverage as I type. Before each World Cup match, one is struck by the full-throated and teary-eyed renditions of each Country's National Anthem. As we celebrate the 242nd birthday of these great United States; the 'almost-chosen Nation' (Lincoln) we are blessed to share, I noticed that no one was taking a knee during the World Cup anthems. Instead on display were revelry, devotion and pride from citizens of Nations who don't often share the freedoms we enjoy. Sometimes it seems familiarity with our Nation's blessings breeds not only contempt but also a degree of amnesia. Would that we could sing for Our Country as those other Nations. Occasionally we encounter fellow citizens who do not appreciate the Gifts we have in the Truths we hold self-evident. The readings today illustrate the danger of familiarity as well. Ezekiel, Paul and Christ Himself experience the people's forgetfulness of blessing: 'a prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin.' Christ embodies this sad fact of human nature and thereby saves us all. May we never forget the blessing that is Our Country, and never grow too familiar with the Real Presence of Christ Jesus by Whom we are saved. For God and Country, sing loudly with all your skill!!***

***God Bless you and God Bless America!***

***Fr. Thomas Fallone***

## **PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY**

### ***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**First Reading:** Amos 7:12-15

Amos preached about 750 years before Christ and was the first prophet whose words were put into writing. At the time, the Jewish people were split into two kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. God sent Amos from the southern kingdom of Judah to preach to the people in the north. So he faithfully went there, to a place known as the shrine of Bethel. As so often happens to prophets, the priest wasn't pleased that he came.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14

Next Sunday and for the next few weeks, we will be reading from the letter to the Ephesians. Ephesus, a major seaport on the western coast of what is today Turkey, was a center for early Christians. Next Sunday's passage is the beginning of the letter and is a prayer praising God for the good things God has done for us.

## **This Week's Question**

***For Adults:***

**In what ways can you deepen your faith by finding God in unexpected places?**

***For Children:***

**Who is someone in your life that shows you God's love?**

## Cool Air Fund



We will not be having a separate, second collection, but would ask for your continued support of the Cool Air Fund. It's an investment into both our present and our future. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. God bless you!

### Reminder - Every Sunday

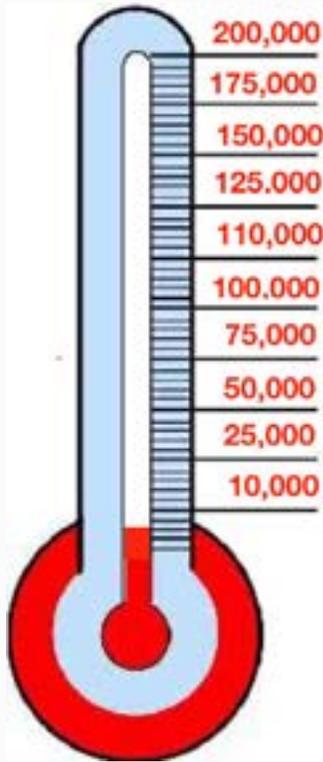
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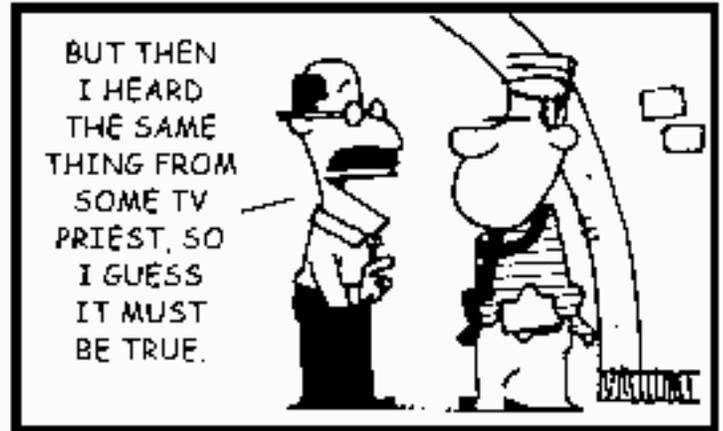
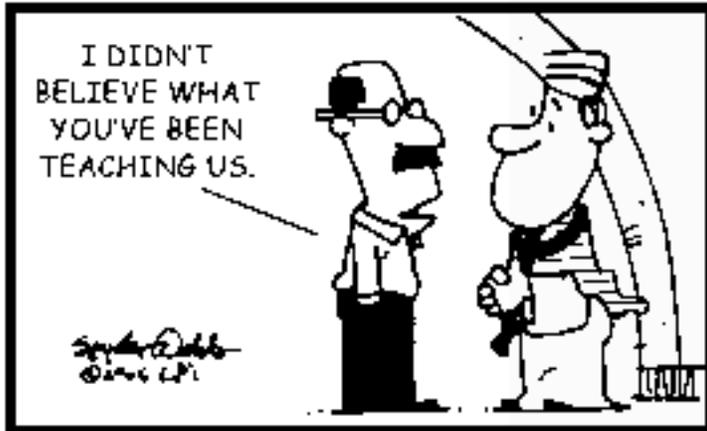
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### Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Monday - Friday: 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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