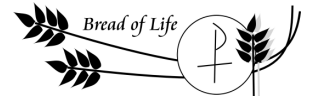


# August 16, 2009 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saturday, August 15: Assumption of the BVM

8:45 a.m. **Iolanda Nappa**

r/o Family

5 p.m. **Wayne Rivers**

r/o Charlene Cote

## Sunday, August 16

8:00 a.m. **Michelina & William Juliano**

r/o Family

10:30 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

## Monday, August 17

8:45 a.m. **Souls in Purgatory**

r/o Don & Cathleen DeLorenzo

## Tuesday, August 18

8:45 a.m. **Souls in Purgatory**

r/o Don & Cathleen DeLorenzo

## Wednesday, August 19

8:45 a.m. **Colabria Family**

r/o Susie Falvo

## Thursday, August 20

8:45 a.m. **Souls in Purgatory**

r/o Don & Cathleen DeLorenzo

## Friday August 21 No Mass

## Saturday, August 22

5 p.m. **The Doonan Family**

r/o Ann & Howard Morpeth

## Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m. **Josephine Martin**

r/o Altar Rosary Society

10:30 a.m. **Ann Marie Connolly**

r/o The Maguire Family

appreciate your kindness and so do I. Please accept my thanks for your gifts of food, beverages, and monetary donations. Thank you also to those who help served our guests. May God bless you!

Father

Zenek, S.D.S.

## **Dear Parishioners!**

There is an old story about a workman on a scaffolding high above the nave of a cathedral who looked down and saw a woman praying before a statue of Mary. As a joke, the workman whispered, "Woman, this is Jesus." The woman ignored him. The workman whispered again, more loudly: "Woman, this is Jesus." Again, the woman ignored him. Finally, he said aloud, "Woman, don't you hear me? This is Jesus." At this point the woman looked up at the crucifix and said, "Be still now, Jesus, I'm talking to your mother." Why do Catholics treasure Marian devotions and doctrines that their non-Catholic brothers and sisters do not? It is because, I think, the Catholic Church is trying to tell the full story, to proclaim the full gospel.

The doctrine of the Assumption teaches that at the end of her earthly existence, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up (assumed), body and soul, into heaven. That means, therefore, that there are two human bodies we know to be in heaven with God at this time: the human body of Jesus and that of Mary. In this doctrine we see the collaboration of man and woman in the work of our salvation all the way from the Fall to the Redemption to sharing in the fruit of Redemption in heaven. Without the Assumption to balance the

### THANK YOU

The many men and women of the pilgrimage arrived at our church on Thursday. We served approximately 100 priests, nuns and brothers in our Rectory, and many lay people in our parking lot. They were very touched by your generosity in providing them with food and beverages during their respite at St. Theodore's. They told us they would be offering many prayers for our parishioners at the American Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA. They truly

Ascension, the man Jesus alone without the woman Mary would be enjoying the fullness of salvation with God and we would be telling only a part of the story. The Assumption is the ultimate proof of the equality of man and woman before God. It also shows the sacredness and eternal destiny of the human body, including the woman's body which is desecrated by pornography and the sex trade. The Assumption enables us to tell the full story, the full gospel that salvation is for all Men, male and female, and for the whole Man, body and soul.

Marian doctrine and devotion, properly understood and practiced, does not lead believers away from, but rather more deeply into, the mystery of Christ. The woman in prayer who thinks that Jesus should keep still because she is talking with his mother has lost sight of the perfect harmony of wills and hearts between Mary and Jesus which we see most clearly in the Wedding Feast at Cana where Mary commands us: "**Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you**" (John 2:5).



Zenek, SDS

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**Baptism Class for First-time Parents**

Class (requirement for first-time parents) will be held on Tuesday, August 18 at 6 p.m. Please call the Parish Office, 908-689-8318 to register for class.

**Interested in Becoming a Catholic?**

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Or, having been baptized Catholic, have you considered completing the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation (Sacraments of Initiation)? If you have answered "Yes", the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) will help with your journey. This program will bring you together with others who desire to know the Lord Jesus Christ in the truth of the Catholic faith. As you undergo catechesis, reflect on the scriptures and contemplate the call to faith in Christ, you will be preparing for Baptism and/or reception and completion of the Sacraments of Initiation. Also invited to attend are adults who are interested in broadening their knowledge of and intensifying their

commitment to the Catholic faith. Meetings will begin in October. Contact Rose Strohmaier: 908-689-5173 or [908-303-9692](tel:908-303-9692) or Father Zenek at [908-689-8318](tel:908-689-8318). When leaving a message, please give your name and telephone number).

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**Margaret Glackin, Chris, Bree, Anna & John Saks, Heather, Stephen, Ray & Alice O'Donnell, Vickie Li Puma, Theresa, Mary, Robert Gross, Lillian Shaffer, Bridget, Beatrice Gillis, The Hance Family, Erin Stanton, Theresa Kugelman, Katlyn Faulkner, Denise Piazza**

To add Name: Call Parish Office 908-689-8318 email Rose Strohmaier at: [strohmaierr@yahoo.com](mailto:strohmaierr@yahoo.com) to add name to the Prayer Chain.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner Veronica Gender who passed away August 10. May she rest in peace.

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**Eucharistic Minister Needed for Home Visitations**

We are in need of another Eucharistic Minister to help bring Holy Communion to parishioners. If you are available on Mondays and willing to serve, please see Fr. Zenek. Thank you.

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**Job Opportunity**

**Associate Director, Youth & Young Adult Ministry**  
Piscataway, NJ: Works closely w/ director, pastors and parish youth ministers to expand & develop a comprehensive Youth & Young Adult Ministry throughout the Diocese. Coordinating regional Theology on Tap and other services; worship & faith sharing programs; assisting w/ the coordination of large scale events; coordinating the logistics & planning for various activities & events.  
**Education/Experience:** BA in religious education, Catholic theology or equivalent; or, 5-7 years related experience in Youth & Young Adult Ministry or equivalent combination of education & experience. Forward resume: [HR@diometuchen.org](mailto:HR@diometuchen.org) or mail to: Human Resources Director, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen NHJ 08840

**Our Weekly Offering**

Last Week \$2,589.00      Last Year \$ 3,585.96

**Word Received from**

**Bishop Bootkoski**

"I am pleased to appoint you as Pastor of St. Theodore Church...effective immediately", said the Bishop.  
So it's official, Fr. Zenek is our Pastor.

Welcome, Fr. Zenek and may your appointment as our Pastor be a lengthy one! God bless you.

### **Altar Rosary Society Scholarship Fundraiser**

The Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring an outing to the **Hunterdon Hills Playhouse** to see the comedy, “*We Must Kill Toni*” (or *Marry Her*) to fund their scholarship program. The event will take place Saturday, October 24. Tickets are \$63 per person, which includes dinner and the show. To purchase tickets visit the Society’s store in the Parish Center after a weekend Mass. Additional information can be had by calling Ann Morpeth at 852-6406 or by viewing the poster in the vestibule.



**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Religious Education Information: \*\*We are in the process of assigning students to classrooms. If you haven't sent in your child's Rel. Edu. Registration yet, please do so ASAP so we can finalize the rosters.**

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Aug 22 Evan & Ryan Moran

Aug 23 Mackenzie & Robert Mason-8; Melody Haag, Sarah Kochan, Justin Watt- 10:30

Aug 29 Auston Viotto, Carlee Moran

Aug 30 Robert & Juliette Capaldo-8; Mellissa Cairo, Miranda Vargo, Sarah Kochan-10:30

### **LECTORS**

Aug 22 John Haines

Aug 23 Joan Capaldo-8; Helene Picht-10:30

Aug 29 Fran Licciardiello

Aug 30 Joan Capaldo-8; Christine DeLellis 10:30

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Aug 22 Ginny & Tim Moran C, Ray Vonderheide E

Aug 23 Diane Kegan C, Nadie Hill E, Bill Supple C-8; Jane Labato E, Joy Haag C, Tina Jackson C-10:30

Aug 29 James Mattison E, Eileen Mattison C, Charles Shipley C

Aug 30 Karl Strohmaier E, Rose Strohmaier C, Emily Cirone C-8; Tina Jackson E, Jane Labato C, Helene Picht C-10:30