

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2009



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 7

5:00 PM **Michaelangelo & Maria Nappa**
r/o Granddaughter

SUNDAY, February 8

8:00 AM **Robert Burger**
r/o daughter Margaret Bitecola

10:30 AM **Michael Schmit**
r/o Sharon Patten

MONDAY, February 9

8:30 AM **Souls in Purgatory**
r/o Don & Cathleen DeLorenzo

TUESDAY, February 10

8:30 AM **Elizabeth, Louis & Thomas DeBari**
r/o Sam & Marietta Tridente

WEDNESDAY February 11

8:30 AM **Elizabeth Bordner**
r/o Susan Piagesi

THURSDAY, February 12

8:30 AM **Pauline Yonaitis**
r/o Fr. Anthony Sirianni

FRIDAY, February 13

No Mass

SATURDAY, February 14

5:00 PM **Tony Falvo**
r/o Barbara, Angela, Maria & Anthony

SUNDAY, February 15

8:00 AM **George & Louise**
r/o Wyker Family

10:30 AM **Michelina & Bill Juliano**
r/o Family

*Tuesday, February 10 Mass at Warren Haven
For Anne Russo by Joan L. Mandel*



To facilitate an orderly flow of movement by the Altar Servers during their participation in the Mass, their seats now will be located on the *Right Side* of the church. The Lector, however, will sit on the *Left Side* of the church as usual.

Dear Parishioners,

Many years ago, in England, three men were pouring into a trough a mixture of water, sand, lime and other ingredients. A passer-by asked them what they were doing. The first said, "I am making mortar." The second: "I am laying bricks." But the third said, "I am building a cathedral." They were doing the same thing, but each looked at it differently. And what a difference that made!

We can see something similar in the way people relate to their parish, why they give. One person says, "Oh! All they do down there is ask for money." The second person replies, "Well, you have to pay the bills." But the third person says, "I am building the Body of Christ." The three are doing the same thing, but what a difference in their attitudes!

Today's Gospel presents a fascinating example of stewardship: St. Peter's mother-in-law. She was in bed, sick, when her son-in-law brought unexpected guests. One of them, Jesus, went to her bedside, took her hand and she sat up. The fever went away and, quote, "she waited on them."

Now, some people think she would have preferred to stay in bed. That viewpoint says more about us that it does about that wonderful woman. For people in ancient times, hospitality was their top value. It was the glue that held their society together. For Peter's mother-in-law, hospitality would have been a sacred duty. But there is something more. The text says, "she waited on them." The word for "waiting on them" is "diaconia" - the root of our word "deacon." Jesus had touched her and healed her. To be his "deaconess" would be pure joy, a beautiful honor.

Then Jesus comes upon many people suffering the results of evil in our world, for all pain and suffering and death is due to mankind's original and continual turning away from the Lord of Life. He sees them reaching out to him and he reaches out to them.

Today all of us are told that when we are suffering, in any manner whatsoever, we must reach out to the presence of God in every aspect of life. We believe that he is present for us and with us through it all. We believe that he cries out with us sharing our pain. Now, we must use this special presence of the Lord as a way to come closer to the God who loves us, who was one of us, who died for us and who gave his life, eternal life, to us.

So we ask our God, "When the difficulties of our human condition weigh heavily upon us, dear Lord and Divine Lover, teach us how to pray."

In Christ

Fr Zenek



Prayers for the Sick

Margaret Glackin, Leslie Kuhn, Erin Stanton, Jasmine Lee, John Grigalunas, Mrs. Fred Logan, Mrs. Skawinska, Debbie Carmeci

Home Visitation of the Sick

Fr. Zenek will begin home visitation of parishioners who are ill and/or confined to their homes. Father's visits will be on the First Friday of each month and will begin on March 6. Please call the Parish Office (908-689-8318) to schedule a visit.

Altar Rosary Society's "Smart Dollars"

One of the Society's fund raising projects is called "Smart Dollars". When you purchase a grocery store card from the Society, they receive a 5% rebate. Your cost is the exact amount of the card and is exchanged—dollar for dollar; therefore, it costs you nothing additional, and it raises money for the church. The cards available are redeemable at *Shop Rite, Weis Market, and A & P* in amounts of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 & \$100. They can be purchased in the Parish Center before and after the weekend Masses. We're sure you'll agree this is an effortless way to help raise funds. You might say, "a no-brainer"! For additional information call (Helene Picht 908-537-4754, Ann Morpeth 908-852-6406.

Do you need a letter from the church for the IRS regarding your 2008 donations? If so, please call the Parish Office 689-8318 Mon-Thu, 9 a. to 2 p.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Theodore by Bishop Bootkoski on April 24 at 7 p.m.

Our Weekly Offering

January 31/February 1, 2009 \$ 3,673.21

Last Year \$ 4, 873.75

Your generosity is truly appreciated, especially during these difficult economic times. Thank you. Fr. Zenek

****Religious Education Notice for Second Graders****

Please mark your calendar: Monday, February 9, 6:15 pm

Second Graders **and their parents** are to meet with Fr. Zenek **in the church** for an instructional session on First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Parents of Religious Education Students

Please make sure you refer to the new Rel. Ed. calendar for pertinent information.



Religious Education Student: Print name on the line, cut section and give to your Religious Education teacher on 2/9/09.

For February 7/8, 2009

MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS

February 14 Evan & Ryan Moran

February 15 Robert & Juliette Capaldo- 8 a.m.

Gianna Orrechio, Sarah Kochan, Philip Koskoff- 10:30 a.m.

February 21 Sean Flaherty, Christopher Pollack

February 22 Robert & Juliette Capaldo – 8 a.m.

Melissa Cairo, Miranda Vargo, Angelica Jackson- 10:30 a.m

LECTORS

February 14 Fran Licciardiello

February 15 Theresa Lucas – 8 a.m.

Philip Koskoff- 10:30 a.m.

February 21 John Haines

February 22 Joan Capaldo 8 a.m.

Elmer Kollar 10:30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

February 14 Ginny Moran C, Tim Moran C, Charles Shipley E

February 15 Joan Capaldo E, Nadie Hill C, Bill Supple C- 8 a.m.

Jane Labato C, Patricia Kollar C, Mary Koskoff E 10:30 a.m.

February 21 Denise Flaherty C, Tim Flaherty E, Jim Mattison C

February 22 Rose Strohmaier C, Diane Kegan C, Emily Cirone E 8 Patricia Kollar E, Jane Labato C, Joy Haag C 10:30 a.m.