

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 18, 2009



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, January 17

5:00 PM **Theresa Pagano**
r/o Alicia Esposito

SUNDAY, January 18

8:00AM **Altar Rosary Society**

10:30AM **Dr. William J. Duffy**
r/o Diane Thomas

MONDAY, January 19

8:30 AM **Marty O'Connell, Sr.**
r/o Karl & Rose Strohmaier

TUESDAY, January 20

8:30 AM **Yolan Toth**
By Cote Family

WEDNESDAY, January 21

8:30 AM **Dr. William J. Duffy**
r/o Helene Picht

THURSDAY, January 22

8:30 AM **In Thanksgiving for Carmelite Sisters**
r/o St. Theodore Parishioners

FRIDAY, January 23

No Mass

SATURDAY, January 24

5:00 PM **Carmela Nappa**
r/o Sister

SUNDAY, January 25

8:00AM **Ernest Witty**
r/o Cirone Family

10:30AM **Dr. William J. Duffy**
r/o Mary & Phil Koskoff

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the perfect time to discuss the call of God that we receive in our lives, our vocation. Usually, when we hear the concept of vocation we think of those who are called to become priests or to enter religious life as sisters or brothers. These are certainly vocations from God, but they are not the only call that God gives.

Many of you are married or are hoping to be married someday. How do you view marriage? If you are married, you need to pray to God that you will be a good Catholic wife or husband, concerned with giving love. Husbands and wives also need to pray for each other. In marriage, it takes two of you to push the receive button on the phone and answer God's call. You young folk are full of wonderful romantic ideals and ideas. You date this guy or this girl, and you look forward to a time when there will only be one person in your lives. This is all great. But do you ever pray for that person, even if you do not know who that person is yet? Do you ever pray that God help you recognize the person that you can best make a Christian life with?

Many are involved in careers. Why do you do what you do? To make money? That's OK, but if that is the goal of your lives, you certainly will have nothing to take with you. Do you do what you do to support your family? That is a higher goal because sacrificial love will join you in the next life.

The drive to make a lot of money has hurt vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States. Many times a young man with a lot of intelligence will consider the priesthood and mention this to people he respects. Sadly, sometimes their response is: "But you can become a lawyer or a doctor." Now these are great vocations, and we need good and honest lawyers and doctors dedicated to helping people. But if a person's motivation to become a lawyer or a doctor is to make a lot of money, that person will not be a very good lawyer or doctor. And if an intelligent young person walks away from a call to be a priest, brother or sister, in order to make money, well, it might be hard to get God's call off their voice mail. Throughout their lives they will be wondering: "What if I had given it a go? What difference could I have made in how many lives?"

What is your calling? What is my calling? The general answer to those questions is simple: we are called to serve God. The particular answer to these questions is a mystery, the mystery of our lives. We pray today for the grace and courage in our lives. We pray for the courage to have an orientation to the Lord throughout our lives, so that when He calls we will respond, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

In Christ

Fr Zenek, SDS (Society of Divine Savior)

Plans to Purchase Statue of the Resurrection of Our Lord



To experience the Resurrection of the Lord in a tangible way, I would like to purchase the above statue for our church to display in the Sanctuary. Contributions toward the cost of the statue (\$600-\$800) would be greatly appreciated and, if interested, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

Fr. Zenek

March for Life

St. Ann's Church, Hampton, NJ is sponsoring a bus trip to participate in the *March for Life* in Washington, DC on Thursday, January 22, 2009. The March is a yearly event held since 1974 to show support for Life on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's abortion decision, Roe v Wade. It offers an opportunity to put our faith into action by being a public witness for the sacredness of God's gift of life and bring a voice for those unable to speak for themselves. For arrangement details, please call the our Parish Office at 908-689-8318

National Postcard Campaign to Oppose FOCA

The US conference of Catholic Bishops are asking all dioceses to participate in a special campaign to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). This federal legislation aims at the elimination of pro-life legislation already in place. The President of the Bishops' Conference, Francis Cardinal George, has stated that it is the "most aggressive pro-abortion legislation we have ever faced" and that it would be "seen by many as an attack on the free exercise of their religion". Go to www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA/index.shtml. The Diocese of Metuchen is encouraging every parish to participate in a postcard campaign on the weekends of 1/24 and 1/31 to communicate our concerns as practicing Catholics to Congress. Information is available on the national campaign website at www.nchla.org.

Pilgrimage to France—In the Footsteps of Fr. Rolland

St. Ann's Parish, Hampton, NJ is planning a Pilgrimage to France, June 10-19, 2009. The Pilgrimage will be a tour of northern France and Brittany, starting in Paris and ending in Plouneventer, the birthplace of Fr. Claude Rolland, their founding Pastor. Highlights include: Mass at Notre Dame, the Rue de Bac (St. Catherine Laboure and the Miraculous Medal), Sainte-Chapelle (location of the Lord's Crown of Thorns), visit to Liseaux (St. Theresa, the Little Flower), Peace Memorial and American Cemetery, Mont Sainte-Michel, Mass in Plouneventer, Fr. Rolland's church and finally, Chartres.

\$3,539. per person, which includes tax & double occupancy; roundtrip airfare from Newark airport to Paris, 8 nights in three-star hotels, breakfast and dinner daily. Transportation via air-conditioned motorcoach with English-speaking guide, airport/hotel transfers. For further information call St. Ann's Parish Office at 908-537-2221



Prayers for the Sick

Margaret Glackin, Leslie, Erin Stanton, Jasmine Lee

Our Weekly Offering

January 11 & 12, 2009 \$2,887.95

Last Year \$3,888.42

**Second Collection on January 25&26 is for the support for
The Foundation for Catholic Education: *Catholic leaders
of tomorrow are in our Catholic schools today.***



*Religious Education Student: Print name on the line, cut section and
give to your Religious Education teacher on 1/26/09
For January 17/18, 2009*

****Religious Ed. Students Please Note****

**There will not be Religious Education classes on Monday,
January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Day**

A Special Thank You from the Gleba Family

Bill & Jeanine thank you from the bottom of their hearts for your prayerful support to their nine year campaign of hard work and determination, which resulted in the passage of a bill through the NJ Senate requiring insurance companies to provide \$1,000 coverage for per hearing aid for children up to the age of 15. Fruits of their labor and your prayers made possible the enactment of *Grace's Law*, named after their daughter, signed by Acting Governor Cody on December 30, 2008! Read all about it at www.graceslaw.com

MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS

January 24 Austin Viotto & Carlee Moran

January 25 Mackenzie & Robert Mason- 8

Philip Koskoff, Sarah Kochan, Kaitlyn Gagliano- 10:30a

January 31 Sean Flaherty, Luke Gleba

February 1 Robert & Juliette Capaldo- 8

Gianna Orecchio, Miranda Vargo, Justin Watt 10:30

LECTORS

January 24 Christine DeLellis

January 25 Joan Capaldo- 8

Phil Koskoff, Sara Kochan, Kaitlyn Gagliano- 10:30

February 1 Theresa Lucas- 8

Helene Picht-10:30

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

January 24 Ginny Moran (C) Tim Moran (C)

Ray Vonderheide (E)

January 25 Rose Strohmaier (E) Emily Cirone (C)

Diane Keggan (C)- 8

Mary Koskoff (E) Helene Picht (C)

Patricia Kollar (C)- 10:30

February 1 Monica Merkel (C), Bill Supple (C), Joan Capaldo (E) 8

Jane Labato (C), Mary Koskoff (C),

Phil Koskoff (E) 10:30