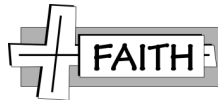


July 5, 2009 *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary*



Time

Saturday, June 4

5 p.m. **Robert Gross & Charles Folk**

r/o Angela Gross

Sunday, July 5

8 a.m. **Benjamin Szamreta**

r/o Family

10:30 a.m. **Noreen Ardolina & Andrew Craige**

r/o Susan Reynolds

Monday, July 6

8:45 a.m. **Theresa Risoldi**

r/o The Saksa Family

Tuesday, July 7

8:45 a.m. **Rev. Joseph Rucinski**

r/o Jim & Eileen Mattison

Wednesday, July 8

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

r/o Cathleen & Don DeLorenzo

Thursday, July 9

8:45 a.m. **Rose Malet**

r/o The Saksa Family

Friday, July 10—No Mass

Saturday, June 11

5 p.m. **Helen Pellegrino**

r/o Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Flaherty

Sunday, July 12

8 a.m. **Louise & George Wyker**

r/o The Wyker Family

10:30 a.m. **Michelina & William Juliano**

r/o Family

2010 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

The Mass book for the year 2010 is now open. Masses can be offered for Healing, Special Intentions, in Thanksgiving (i.e. wedding anniversaries, etc.), as well as for the repose of a soul.

Parish Pro-Life Society: If you are committed to the protection of the unborn and want to join others devoted to this cause, there is a place for you to channel your energy and show your support. The Pro-Life Society promotes profound respect for the sanctity of all human life through consciousness-raising, prayer and participation in Pro-Life events, such as *Life Chain* and the annual march in Washington, D.C. to protest the legalization of abortion. St. Theodore's contact person is Rose Strohmaier. Rose is

now preparing for the *Respect Life Chain* event on October 4. Reach her at strohmaierr@yahoo.com or 908-689-5173 or 908-303-9692.

Dear Parishioners!!

In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus says: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves; for my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Matthew 11, 28-30)

A yoke is a symbol of submission. A yoke with a plow was attached to oxen. Farmers used the oxen to plow their fields. Jesus is not promising that faith in him will take away all our troubles, but despite the troubles we experience in this life, we can have peace of mind, heart and conscience. Living a Christian life entails taking on burdens and responsibilities, but the yoke of Jesus is far easier to bear than the yoke of sin and guilt. Christ also promises his faithful followers eternal happiness in heaven.

Submission to Christ leads to true freedom. Submission to unjust authority is oppression. America cast off the yoke of England to become free and independent States, later united under the Constitution.

On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence to declare to the world the reasons America was separating from her mother country.

In the Declaration, Jefferson wrote "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable

Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.-
 -That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

The first right he mentions is the right to life. In a [letter to citizens in Washington County, Maryland](#) in 1809, Jefferson wrote “The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.”

Each of us has a responsibility, as Christians and citizens, to work for the protection of human rights, especially the most basic human and civil right that we have which is the right to life. To do so is to be faithful both to God and the vision of the Founding Fathers of this nation. If we succeed, we will restore the foundation as one nation under God with liberty and justice for all. God Bless You.

Fr Zenek, SDS



Thank you Pat and Alan Burdge. Your kindness is greatly appreciated for your generous donation to our Chalice Fund.



My thanks also goes to the many people who have donated to the church in memory of Ronald Semonche.

Sincerely, Fr. Zenek

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](tel: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).

Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

A sister from this order, with the invitation from the Bishop’s Mission Cooperative Plan, will be visiting St. Theodore’s on the weekend of July 11/12 to talk with us at all the Masses about their appeal.

The mission of the nuns is to deepen the appreciation of God’s love by volunteering for overseas missions. Their ministry includes education, health, pastoral and social services.

Margaret Glackin, Chris, Bree, Anna & John Saksa, Heather, Stephen, Ray & Alice O’Donnell, Vickie Li Puma, Theresa, Veronica Gender

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

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week \$2,660.15	Last Year \$4,022.85
Air Conditioning \$783.50	Last Year \$954.75



Special Collection

July 11/12: to benefit the Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus’ mission

The St. Theodore Parish Pastoral Council met with Fr. Zenek on June 30 to review the financial health and future direction of St. Theodore’s. The St. Theodore Parish Pastoral Council Members are Diane Thomas, Chairperson, Jeanne Szamreta,

Trustee, Mark Dellinger, Trustee, Jim Mattison, and Charles Shipley.

Let's Hear It for Our Cleaning

Crew!

Jeanne Szamreta, Sharon Horochowski, Vinny and Carol Perna you are the best. Your hard work and cheerful demeanor makes you a cut above the rest. Thank you for keeping our church worthy of the Lord's presence!



Confirmation Certificates: Parents can pick up their child's Confirmation certificate at the Parish Office, Monday-Thursday 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

ALTAR SERVERS

July 11 Sean Flaherty

July 12 Mackenzie & Robert Mason-8; Angelica Jackson, Justin Watt, Philip Koskoff-10:30

July 18 Sean Flaherty, Auston Viotto

July 19 Robert & Juliette Capaldo- 8; Sarah Kochan, Walter and William Gonsiewski-10:30

LECTORS

July 11 Nancy Guerriere

July 12 Mary Rupell-8; Helene Picht-10:30

July 18 John Haines

July 19 Joan Capaldo-8; Bob Gagliano-10:30

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

July 11 James Mattison E, Eileen Mattison C, Charles Shipley C

July 12 Nadie Hill E, Rose & Karl Strohmaier C-8; Phil Koskoff E, Mary Koskoff C, Tina Jackson C-10:30

July 18 Denise Flaherty E, Tim Flaherty C, Ray Vonderheide C

July 19 Bill Supple E, Monica Merkel C, Diane Keggan C-8; Jane Labato E, Joy Haag C, Helene Picht C -10:30