

June 21, 2009 Ordinary Time

Twelfth Sunday in

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 20

5 p.m. **Theresa Pagano**
r/o Mark & Shawna Manfredi

Sunday, June 21

8 a.m. **Sabina & Sergio Cappelluti**
r/o Sam & Marietta Tridente

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

Monday, June 22

8:45 a.m. **John E. Moringhoff**
r/o The Strohmaier Family

Tuesday, June 23

8:45 a.m. **Souls in Purgatory**
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Don DeLorenzo

Wednesday, June 24

8:45 a.m. **In Thanksgiving for Carmelite Nuns**
r/o Parishioners of St. Theodore

Thursday, June 25

8:45 a.m. **Anna Carbone**
r/o Theresa Carbone

Friday, June 26—No Mass


Saturday, June 27

5 p.m. **Anna Carbone**
r/o Theresa Carbone

Sunday, June 28

8 a.m. **Lori Baldwin**
r/o Eileen & Jim Mattison

10:30 a.m. **Anthony Mase**
r/o The Maguire Family



St. Theodore Church Welcomes
New Member
Michael Donovan Petrick
Son of Richard Petrick and
Jacquelene Morgan
Baptized on June 14, 2009

Dear Parishioners!

Let us pray for all fathers today that they may be more faithful to their duties in the family. Let us pray to God to give them the moral strength and the economic wherewithal they need to become good role models that their children can always look up to. And for all kids who lost their fathers through divorce or death, let us pray that the heavenly Father of us all may show

Himself to be their father in such a tangible way so as to fill the vacuum left by the absence of a visible father.

Simple explanation of the Mass.

After the Eucharistic Prayer we begin our preparation for Holy Communion. The Communion Rite begins with the 'Our Father'. The 'Our Father' is followed by a prayer to protect us from evil. This, in turn, is followed by a prayer for peace. During the Eucharistic Prayer we asked the Holy Spirit to come upon us to make us one. As a sign of that oneness and to prepare for receiving Jesus in Holy Communion we offer each other a sign of peace.

Since none of us is worthy to receive Jesus in Holy Communion once again we ask Jesus for his mercy by praying the 'Lamb of God'. While the people pray the 'Lamb of God' the priest breaks the bread. The priest mingles the bread and wine in the chalice to show that the body and blood of Jesus are One. The priest says a private prayer to prepare himself for Holy Communion. Then the priest shows the host to the people and invites them to humbly confess their unworthiness. Their response is 'Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed'. This is based on the reply of the centurion to Jesus in Matt 8:8.

The hosts, which are broken in half—the symbolism is as follows: the breaking of the bread is the death of Jesus, the mingling of the host in the chalice symbolizes Jesus descending to the dead to free souls (Apostles' Creed and originally in Eph 4:9, see also 1 Peter 3:19; 4:6.), the joining of the host again symbolizes the resurrection.

We come in procession to the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion which reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage in this life, a journey from birth to death, a pilgrimage to our Father in heaven.

After Holy Communion the priest asks God that the mystery celebrated may have an affect on our lives. Thus ends the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

In the Liturgy of the Word, God spoke to us in the readings and we spoke to God in the Psalm and Creed. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we offered bread and wine to the Father and in return we received Jesus in the form of bread and wine. Jesus was offered to us in the form of bread and wine and during the Eucharistic Prayer we offered Jesus as victim to the Father. In both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist there is a two-way communication between God and us.

The final part of the Mass is the Concluding Rite. Now the priest blesses the people and sends them from the church to love and serve the Lord, to do good works, to live the faith celebrated during the Mass.
In Christ, Fr Zenek, SDS

With Sincerest Thanks

I am sure you have noticed the beautiful arrangements of roses that adorned our sanctuary Sunday, June 14 and the remainder of the week. These beautiful flowers were donated to our church by the Anema family, owners of Dutch Valley Florist located on Rt. 31 in Hampton, NJ. May God bless them for their thoughtfulness and generosity!
Fr. Zenek

St. Theodore is in possession of one chalice (it is small and eroded.) For celebrating the Mass I use my personal chalice, which was a gift for my ordination. I make available my personal chalice for visiting priests, since the church's chalice is not of the type or size customarily used. My plan is to purchase a chalice for St. Theodore's, costing between \$600 and \$700. If you care to donate the funds for this cause in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please see me and thank you!
Fr. Zenek

Eucharistic Minister Needed

Our Parish Visitation Ministry is in need of an Extraordinary Minister to distribute communion to shut-ins every Monday after Mass and the Miraculous Medal Novena. This minister also accompanies Fr. Zenek to Warren Haven Nursing Home for Mass on the second Tuesday of the month. If interested in this ministry, please call the Parish Office at 908-689-8318.

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.

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week \$2,530.75 Last Year \$3,176.50

2009 Religious Education Registration

Registration forms for the 2009 Religious Education Sessions have been mailed. Please complete the form and mail or deliver it to the Parish Office by the **June 30 deadline**. This form can be downloaded from our web site www.sttheodorenj.com

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Margaret Glackin, Leslie Kuhn, Erin Stanton, Chris, Mrs. Fred Logan, Mrs. Skiawinska, Debbie Carmeci, Bree, Anna & John Saksa, Jurg Rennert, Heather, Stephen, Ray & Alice O'Donnell, Vickie Li Puma, Theresa
To add Name: Call Parish Office 908-689-8318 ;email Rose Strohmaier at: strohmaierr@yahoo.com to add name to the Prayer Chain.

Fatima Mini Conference

Learn more about our Lady's message to the children of Fatima at the Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd. Washington, NJ, June 28, 1 to 5:30 pm. Rosary at 11:30 daily; confession before Mass. Mass at 12 noon. To register in advance call 908-689-1700, ext. 10. Advance registration is not required.

ALTAR SERVERS

June 27 Carlee Moran, Auston Viotto
June 28 Mackenzie & Robert Mason-8; Walter & William Gonsiewski, Sarah Kochan-10:30
July 4 Sean Flaherty
July 5 Robert & Juliette Capaldo- 8; Gianna Orrechio, Meghan VanAlstyne, Melody Haag- 10:30

LECTORS

June 27 Christine DeLillis

June 28 Theresa Lucas 8; Mary Rupell 10:30

July 4 Christine DeLillis

July 5 Joan Capaldo-8; Mary Rupell-10:30

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

June 27 Ginny Moran E, Tim Moran C, Charles Shipley C

June 28 Emily Cirone C, Nadie Hill C, Bill Supple E 8; Jane Labato C,
Joy Haag C, Helene Picht E

July 4 Denise Flaherty C, Tim Flaherty C, Ray Vonderheide E

July 5 Karl Strohmaier E, Rose Strohmaier C, Bill Supple C-8
Mary Koskoff E, Helene Picht C, Joy Haag C-10:30