# June 28, 2009 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## MASS INTENTIONS

***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

***Monday, June 29***
8:45 a.m. ***Mary Marigliano***
r/o The Saksa Family

***Tuesday, June 30***
8:45 a.m. ***Lucy DeMevo***
r/o The Saksa Family

***Wednesday, July 1***
8:45 a.m. ***Pauline Yonaitis***
r/o Charlene Cote

***Thursday, July 2***
8:45 a.m. ***Souls in Purgatory***
r/o Cathleen & Don DeLorenzo

***Friday, July 3—First Friday***
8:45 a.m. ***Nicolo Cirone***
r/o Joe and Emily Cirone

***Saturday, July 4***
*****NO FIRST SATURDAY MASS*****
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

**PLEASE NOTE: First Saturday, July 4—there will not be a morning Mass**

**2010 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK**

The Mass book for the year 2010 is now open.

Tabernacle Candle in Loving Memory of
Richard Thomas
By Diane Thomas

Altar Candles in Loving Memory of
Paul Joseph Boccolini III
By Paul, Elisabeth and Ejvind Boccolini

St. Theodore Church Welcomes New Member
Matthew William Hardy
Son of William and Elaine Hardy
Baptized on June 21, 2009

**Dear Parishioners!**

**Among those born of women no one is greater than John"** (Luke 7:28). These words which our Lord said about John the Baptist are probably behind the solemn feast of the birthday of John the Baptist which we celebrated last Wednesday. As a rule, the church celebrates the feast of a saint once a year, on the anniversary of the saint's death. In the case of John the Baptist we celebrate his death as well as his birth. John is the only saint after Christ whose birth we celebrate with a solemn feast. This is the church's way of saying with Jesus that "among those born of women no one is greater than John."

The name John means "God is gracious." His birth signals the beginning of a new era in God-human relationship, an era to be characterized by grace and not by law. God himself gave John that name and it was revealed to his father Zachary in a vision (Luke 1:13). That this name was given to the child already before his birth shows that God has a purpose and plan for the child. The words of Isaiah in the first reading apply equally to John: **"The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ... he formed me in the womb to be his servant** (Isaiah 49:1, 5 In John we see that God already has a purpose for His children before they come into this world, and so the challenge of life is for them to

discover this purpose and to be faithful to its demands.
As we celebrated the birth of John the Baptist and read the story of how he got his God-given name, let us ask ourselves: If I am now to receive a new name, a name that represents my God-given identity and calling in life, what would that name be? If you do not know your God-given name, the name which represents all that God sent you into the world to be and to accomplish, then it is time to find out by listening in prayer. This is because our greatness as children of God, like the greatness of John the Baptist, consists in discovering what God has created us to be and living out the demands of that call without compromise.

**In Christ,**
**Fr Zenek, SDS**

**First Friday, July 3: Mass at 8:45 a.m. followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**
**There will not be a First Saturday Morning Mass on July 4**

## With Sincerest Thanks

Thank you to Joe and Marjorie Dante, Ray and Margaret Vonderheide, and Sam Saponaro. Your kindness is greatly appreciated for your generous donation to our Chalice Fund. 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 or 908-303-9692 or Father Zenek at 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.

**(House for Sale or Rent):** 3BR Raised ranch in the Asbury area of Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ. Call Tom at 908 521 2350 and leave a message. (To view pictures – go to Craiglist.com PostingID: 1223264859)

## 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.***

## Our Weekly Offering

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

***July 4/5: Mission Co-op***

The proceeds of this collection will benefit the Society of the Divine Savior (SDS)—Fr. Zenek's Order. The Salvatorian Fathers are engaged in apostolic activities in 33 countries in all the continents of the world. Their mission compels them to share their call to be apostles with people from all walks of life.
This paticular collection will go directly to help furnish the Order's Vocation House in Mexico, which will open soon.
Bishop Bootkowski recently initiated and signed a six year contract with the Salvatorian Fathers, meaning St. Theodore Church will be served by a Salvatorian priest for that time period.

**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 to avoid a late fee.** This form can be downloaded from our web site www.sttheodorenj.com

***ALTAR SERVERS***

July 4 Sean Flaherty

July 5 Robert & Juliette Capaldo- 8; Gianna Orrechio, Meghan VanAlstyne, Melody Haag- 10:30

July 11 Sean Flaherty

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

***LECTORS***

July 4 Christine DeLellis

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

July 11 Nancy Guerriere

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

***EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS***

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

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

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