

May 24, 2009

EASTER

SEVENTH SUNDAY of

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 23

5 p.m. **Frank Kinney**
r/o Marion Saldon

Sunday, May 24

8 a.m. **Samuel Martin**
r/o Kristin and Ron DeLorenzo

10:30 a.m. **Carmela and Frank Cannizzaro**
r/o Carmela and Vincent Gallo

Monday, May 25

8:45 a.m. **Joyce Spoor**
r/o Ann and Dave Dymski

Tuesday, May 26

8:45 a.m. **Mary Snow**
r/o Sharon, Anthony, Taylor & Auston

Wednesday, May 27

8:45 a.m. **Josephine Martin**
r/o Susan Reynolds

Thursday, May 28

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

Friday, May 29- No Mass

Saturday, May 30

5 p.m. **Theresa Pagano**
r/o John and Nancy Vas Korlis

Sunday, May 31

8 a.m. **Robert Burger**
r/o Daughter Margaret Bitecola

10:30 a.m. **Michelina & William Juliano**
r/o Family

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Up to now we have had the Introductory Rite. Now we begin the first major section of our Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy of the Word takes place at the Lectern. There are two major sections in the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Because God speaks to us in his Word in the Bible, we listen to these readings with great attention.. The First Reading is always from the Old Testament, except during Easter when it is from the New Testament.

God has spoken to us in the First Reading and we respond using the words of a Psalm. There is a link between the First Reading and the Psalm, the Psalm is our prayerful response to what we heard in the First Reading. .

The Second Reading is not linked with the First Reading or Psalm. It is an excerpt from a New Testament letter by Paul or another writer to give encouragement to an individual or a church. .

As a sign of reverence for the Gospel Acclamation we all stand. The Gospel Acclamation consists of one verse taken from the Gospel to follow. The verse is the one that could be said to sum up the Gospel. It is preceded and followed by 'Alleluia' which means 'Praise God.' The Alleluia shows us that this is a joyful part of the Mass. It is joyful because the time for the Gospel has arrived. To make sure that we catch the main point of the Gospel we are told beforehand in the Gospel Acclamation what to look out for.

The Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word, the first part of the Mass. It is linked with the First Reading and Psalm so hopefully you can find a link each Sunday between the First Reading, Psalm and Gospel. The readings follow three-year cycle so it will be three years before you hear these readings



Welcome to Saint Theodore

Ethan James Prillaman
Son of Miranda and Ben
Prillaman

Baptized on May 17,

2009



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Robert C. Silfies III

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proclaimed in Church again. Before proclaiming the Gospel the priest or deacon bows towards the Book of the Gospels and prays silently, 'Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel'. The priest and people sign themselves on the forehead, lips and chest before the Gospel is proclaimed as a sign that we belong to Jesus in thought, word and deed. Since the Book of the Gospels is a symbol of Jesus the priest or deacon concludes by kissing the book.

The Creed summarizes our faith. Up to now the Liturgy of the Word has deepened our faith. The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful or General Intercessions. In these simple prayers we pray to God for all our needs. The ideal is that they are composed by members of the congregation and prayed by them. We call them the Prayer of the Faithful because all our prayers are united and offered to the Father as one prayer.

In Christ, Fr. Zenek, SDS

FYI

50/50 Raffle Drawing: May 31. This week is the last chance for purchasing tickets. They can be purchased after the Masses in the Parish Center or at the Parish Office Monday-Thursday, 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Little Brook Nursing Home, Califon, NJ: Father will saying monthly mass there starting May 20 at 3 p.m. The nursing home is looking for Catholics (women & men) to say the Rosary with their residents. If you would like participate in this new ministry, please see Fr. Zenek. Praying the Rosary with these individuals will enrich their spiritual life and they would be very appreciative. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain Mercy."

Parish Office/Rectory Closed: Memorial Day, Monday, May 25

When sending mail to the church: Please make sure you include our Post Office Box Number (PO Box 146) on your mail or the Post Office will not deliver it.

A Day for Mature Catholics 55+:

The Diocese Family Life Office will be holding their 4th annual "Celebrate Life Day for Mature Catholics on Friday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. This

holistic day for seniors includes spirituality, good food, entertainment and fellowship. This event is an outreach to our senior Catholic community and promises to be an upbeat day. If interested, registration form available in the vestibule. Registration fee is \$20, which includes lunch, entertainment and door prizes.

Thank You for Your Donation to the Statue Grounds Project:

Richard and Mary Domanski

Your generous donation will be used to make the area upon which the statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel stands, safe, accessible, and beautiful for those who come to pray and show devotion to the Blessed Mother

Please Pray For

Margaret Glackin, Leslie Kuhn, Erin Stanton, Chris, Mrs. Fred Logan, Mrs. Skiawinska, Debbie Carmeci, Anna & John Saks, Jurg Rennert, Ray Baldwin

ALTAR SERVERS

May 30 Sean Flaherty, Christopher Pollack

May 31 Robert & Juliette Capaldo-8; Philip Koskoff, Kaitlyn Gagliano, Justin Watt-10:30

LECTORS

May 30 Christine DeLillis

May 31 Bob Gagliano

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

May 30 Tim Flaherty E, Denise Flaherty C, Charles Shipley C

May 31 Bill Supple E, Rose & Karl Strohmaier C-8; Phil Koskoff E, Mary Koskoff C, Tina Jackson C-10:30

(Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers: Please don't forget to sign in when you are serving the Mass.)

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week \$2,708.26

Last Year \$3,637.76



Special Collection

June 6: Diocesan Assessment:

This collection is to help us pay the property assessment and insurance premium levied by the Diocese. We have been assessed \$36,000 for the property and \$16,000 for insurance. Ten thousand dollars was paid in December 2008 for the assessment, along with a \$7,000 fee for Catholic middle school children.

In April, I had a meeting with the diocesan director of the Office of Finance to discuss our situation. I explained to him that our collections were down from the previous year and it was impossible for us to meet this obligation. As a result of this

conference, the director forgave the balance of the assessment for this year (\$23,000); however, we must pay the insurance premium. We also have to pay the Diocese the assessment of \$3,000 for Catholic High Schools.

Please know that these collections (three times a year) marked “**Diocesan Assessment**” are earmarked for the assessment costs and will not be applied by the Diocese for any other purpose.

I have trimmed our budget and instituted many cost-saving measures since I became your administrative pastor in August, trying to save money in preparation for unforeseen expenses. As I said to you last week, I need your help. I thank you and may God bless you.

Fr. Zenek

Religious Education Corner

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION PARENTS:

If you are interested in purchasing your child's Confirmation photos, please contact Andrew Myers at 908-835-0085, 9 Ramapo Way, Washington, NJ 07882 or www.amyers.net

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