

# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2008



## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY November 15

5:00 PM FRANK BENNETT  
r/o Ann Bennett

SUNDAY, November 16

8:00 AM ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
10:30 AM WILLIAM & MICHELINA JULIANO  
r/o Family

MONDAY, November 17

8:30 AM WILLIAM P. RILEY  
r/o Matt Wilmot

TUESDAY, November 18

8:30 AM ELIZABETH, THOMAS, & LEWIS DEBARI  
r/o Angela Gross

WEDNESDAY, November 19

8:30 AM KORY MCINTOSH  
r/o Matt Wilmot

THURSDAY, November 20

8:45 AM JOHN E. SMITH **\*\* Note Time Change**  
r/o Fr. Anthony

FRIDAY, November 21

8:30 AM No Mass

SATURDAY November 22

5:00 PM PAULA YONAITIS WARZECHA  
r/o Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, November 23

8:00 AM ANTHONY MICCIO  
r/o Paul & Lorraine Buckley  
10:30 AM PETER ALBANO JR.  
r/o Family

### 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Continuing the Mission of Christ*

To date our parish has pledged **\$5,709.92** and has paid **\$3, 925.26** to the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal from **45 donors**. Our parish has been assessed **\$ 8,700.00** **Short of Goal: \$4,774.74**. It is not too late to make your gift. Ushers will be passing out pew envelopes for those who have not received on in the mail. Please be as generous as you can.

### First Friday and First Saturday MASSES

Mass will be celebrated at St. Theodore every first Friday and first Saturday with an hour of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following.

Dear Parishioners!

A man got mad with God. "God," he said, I have been praying daily for three years that I should win the state lottery. You told us to ask and we shall receive. How come I never received in all these three years I have been asking?" Then he heard the voice of God, loud and clear. "My dear son," says God. "Please do me a favor and buy a lottery ticket." This is not supposed to be a promotional for state lotteries. Rather it illustrates the saying: "If you wanna win, you got to play." There are two kinds of people in our churches today: risk-takers and care-takers. The problem with care-takers is that they might show up at the undertaker's with little to show for the lives they have lived. Jesus warns us against this in today's gospel Parable of the Talents.

In the parable we hear about "a man going on a journey who summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability" (Matt 25:15). From the beginning of the story we are told that the servant who received just one talent is a man of little ability. He is not a genius. Yet it is interesting to note that the master has a talent even for his relatively disabled servant. All God's children have got their talents, even those who appear to have very minimal abilities in comparison with the more gifted ones.

All of us in the church today have received at least one talent. We have received the gift of faith. Our responsibility as men and women of faith is not just to preserve and "keep" the faith. We need to trade with it. We need to sell it to the men and women of our times. We need to promote and add value to faith. This is a venture that brings with it much risk and inconvenience. But, unless we do this, we stand in danger of losing the faith just as the third servant lost his talent. The way to preserve the faith, or any other talent that God has given us, is to put it to work and make it bear fruit.

This past weekend marked the end of our 25th anniversary celebration. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful weekend of events to celebrate our parish's 25th Anniversary and Saint Theodore's Feast. May God bless everyone who donated their time and talents! Thank you!

In Christ,

Father Zenek, SDS

### Upcoming St. Theodore Calendar:

#### ~ Nov. 9 – 16. St. Theodore Christmas Giving Tree

Will be displayed in the Church. Kindly return unwrapped gifts November 22 – November 30. Please return the original ornament attached to the gifts.

~ Nov. 17 **Tricky Tray Fundraiser** baskets due in Parish Center. Tricky Tray on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm.

~ Nov. 17 @ 7:45 p.m. Altar Rosary society Meeting in the Parish Center.

~ Nov 22-23- **Altar Rosary Society Bake Sale** of delicious, homemade delights after all Masses. The Hospitality Ministry will provide coffee and juice so you'll be able to enjoy your purchase with a hot or cold beverage! **P.S. volunteers to donate baked goods for this social hour are needed.**

~ Dec. 6 **Youth Group** will be participating in the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital's annual Christmas party for children with AIDS. Donations that are needed: apple juice, flour, brown sugar, white sugar, powdered skim milk, unsweetened cocoa, oatmeal, chocolate chips, M&Ms, rice crispies cereal—needed no later than 10:30 Mass, 11/23.

### Responsibility of Parents and Students of Rel. Ed.

The teaching of the Catholic Church is very clear regarding our duty to keep holy the Lord's Day. This commandment of the Catholic Church obligates us to attend the celebration of the Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days. Therefore, **it is the requirement of every Catholic, which includes all Religious Education and Catholic school students, to attend Mass every Sunday (or every Saturday Vigil).** Parents of the children of St. Theodore are expected to attend Mass with their children every week.

#### **\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\***

Every week the bulletin will contain a section designated for Religious Education Students. In this area they are to print their name, cut out this section, and give to their Catechist every Monday. This is to show that they are attending Mass regularly.

### CHOIR REHEARSALS

**Senior Choir:** Sundays 9 a.m. Nov. 16, & 30; Dec. 7, 21  
Tuesdays 7 p.m. Nov. 18, & 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23

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**Junior Choir:** Sundays 9 a.m. Nov. 23; Dec. 14  
Saturdays 4 p.m.; Dec. 13, 20

### God's Plan for Giving

November 8 and 9, 2008: \$ 3,673.47  
Last Year: \$ 3,501.00

**May God bless you for your continued support of St. Theodore Parish.**



**Religious Education Student: Print Name on the line  
November 15/16, 2008**

### CONTEST for School-age Children

Grades 1-5 Respect Life Poster Contest! Grades 6-8 Respect Life Poster/Poetry Contest! Grades 9-12 Respect Life Essay! Theme: A Person living with a disability bears God's image and likeness, as does every human being. For all the details, contact the Parish Office.. All entries should be sent to the Diocese Respect Life Office by December 19, 2008.

## MINISTRIES

### ALTAR SERVERS

Nov. 15 Evan & Ryan Moran (5pm)  
Nov. 16 Robert & Mackenzie Mason  
Phil Koskoff, Justin Watt, Kaitlyn Gagliano  
(10:30am)  
Nov. 22 Sean Flaherty, Carlee Moran (5pm)  
Nov. 23 Robert Capaldo, Juliette Capaldo  
Walter & William Gonsiewski, Gianna Orrechio  
(10:30am)

### LECTORS

Nov. 15 Christine DeLellis  
Nov. 16 Theresa Lucas(8am)  
Bob Gagliano (10:30am)  
Nov. 22 Fran Licciardiello  
Nov. 23 Mary Rupell (8am)  
Elmer Kollar (10:30am)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Nov. 15 Ray Vonderheide (E) Ginny Moran(C)  
Tim Moran (C)  
Nov. 16 Bill Supple (E) Emily Cirone (C)  
Monica Merkel (C) (8am)  
Mary Koskoff(C) Patricia Kollar (C)  
Phil Koskoff (E) (10:30am)  
Nov. 22 Tim Flaherty (E) Denise Flaherty(C)  
Charles Shipley (C)  
Nov. 23 Joan Capaldo (E) Nadie Hill (C)  
Diane Keggan (C) (8am)  
Helene Picht(C) Jane Labato (C)  
Joy Haag (E) (10:30am)