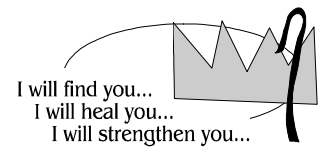


# Our Lord Jesus Christ the King



**November 23, 2008**

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, November 24 \*Note time change

8:45 AM OLGA SADOWSKA  
r/o Karl & Rose Strohmaier

TUESDAY, November 25

8:30 AM FREDERICK SCOTT CHAPMAN  
r/o Diane Thomas

WEDNESDAY, November 26

8:30 AM VIOLA WEBER  
r/o Jim & Eileen Mattison

THURSDAY, November 27 Thanksgiving Day \*Note  
time change

9:00 AM PARISHIONERS OF ST. THEODORE

FRIDAY, November 28

8:30 AM No Mass

SATURDAY November 29

5:00 PM JOSEPH WALSH  
r/o Mr. & Mrs. William Supple Jr.

SUNDAY, November 30

8:00 AM GRAZIA TIRINO  
r/o Family  
10:30 AM THERESA ESPOSITO  
r/o Alicia Esposito

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

To date our parish has pledged \$ **6,679.92** to the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal from **54 donors**. Our parish has been assessed \$ **8,700.00**. **Short of Goal: \$ 2,020.08** It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

**Giving Tree Update:** As you can see, there is still a substantial amount of ornaments left on the tree. If you are able to donate, please take an ornament and return it with the gift by Nov. 30. The item listed on the back of the ornament is only a suggestion and you are free to make a substitute or to donate money.

### Altar Rosary Society Day of Retreat at St. Theodore

All parishioners are invited to join the Rosarians for a day of retreat on Dec. 2. Adoration and Confessions begin at 7 p.m. followed by Mass at 8 p.m.

Dear Parishioners!

The good news we celebrate today is that we have a King who, unlike the kings of this world, pays attention to us and helps us not only when we are needy and disadvantaged, but especially when we are needy and disadvantaged. The challenge for us today is to forget our own needs for love and happiness and to reach out in love to make someone happy who may be in greater need. For whatever we do to the least of these needy children of God, these brothers and sisters of Jesus, we do to Jesus Himself.

This weekend we celebrate Thanksgiving - the most uniquely American of all our holidays. I know some would argue for the 4th of July, but most other democratic nations have similar Independence Day celebrations. The French have Bastille Day. Mexico celebrates its Cinco de Mayo, and the Irish observe the Easter Rising and Easter Rebellion. Some other countries have minor Thanksgiving Days. They are not as big as ours, and none of them have what we have, "Turkey Day." For us, it's "Turkey Day," although that has an interesting history. You know, when they were arguing in the late 1700's what should be the national symbol and bird of the United States, Benjamin Franklin argued against the eagle. He argued for the turkey. He said, "The bald eagle is a bird of bad moral character, like those among men who live by conning and robbing. He is generally poor, and often very lousy. (I think that belongs to bugs.... I am not sure.) But the turkey is a much more respectable bird and a true original native American. So you can imagine, you know, if Benjamin Franklin had won, we would have on our buildings, we would have on the top of our flagpoles, we would have on our presidential seal, a turkey. And we would be going to the supermarket to get frozen eagle and trying to stuff it. So, I think we are glad that Ben lost.

When I think of "Turkey Day," I think of the little boy who saw his mother putting a thermometer in the turkey and said, "If it is that sick, I don't want any!" Thanksgiving Day, most unique among our holidays, also, is in many ways, most religious because it's not about turkeys. It's about thanksgiving. We even call ourselves (We use the Greek word for thanksgiving)... We call ourselves a "Eucharistic People," a "Thanksgiving People." And the main thing we come to do around the table of the Lord is to offer thanks at Eucharist. "Eucharist" is just a Greek word for "thanksgiving." And I almost think of Christ as smiling and saying, "Yeah. This is the feast." Because I can see Jesus saying, "When you celebrate Christmas, when you celebrate Easter, you are pointing at Me. And I came to point to our God and to give thanks to our God, and to get you to give thanks to our God, and not to be pointing at Me all the time." On this day above all, I thank God for my faith and for my freedom, and for the fact that I am an American, a citizen of a nation which, with all its faults, is still justly viewed as a land of opportunity, a beacon of hope in an often despairing world.

On this Thanksgiving Day, we thank our Heavenly Father, and we pray fervently, "God bless America!" Happy Thanksgiving!

**Upcoming St. Theodore Calendar:**

~Advent Wreaths for Sale by The Altar Rosary Society... after the weekend Masses in the Parish Center. The Rosarians have replacement candles, as well as wreaths for sale. Start or continue this lovely tradition of our faith by purchasing one for your home.

~ 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. 5 – Tricky Tray 6pm in Parish Center

~ 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.

~ Food Pantry—A container for your donation of nonperishable food is located in the Parish Center. We are now donating items to the Food Pantry in Washington, NJ (instead of Phillipsburg) so we can provide for the needy in the immediate vicinity.

**Dec. 16- 7 p.m. Penance Service**

**CHOIR REHEARSALS**

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

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



**Advent Awaiting Christ at St. Theodore**

You are invited to spend time with Jesus and fellow parishioners at an Advent Prayer Service and Eucharistic Holy Hour on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please join us!

**Our Weekly Offering**

November 15 & 16, 2008 \$ 3,888.00  
Last Year \$ 4,799.05



**Religious Education Student: Print Name on the line  
November 22/23, 2008**

**\*\*Please Note: Religious Education Class on Nov. 24:**

Students: Your class on Monday, Nov. 24 will be held at the school—NOT AT THE CHURCH, as previously stated.

**First Friday and First Saturday MASSES**

Mass will be celebrated at St. Theodore every First Friday and First Saturday at 9 a.m. with an hour of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following.

**MINISTERS**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- Nov. 22 Sean Flaherty, Carlee Moran (5pm)
- Nov. 23 Robert Capaldo, Juliette Capaldo  
Walter & William Gonsiewski, Gianna Orrechio  
(10:30am)
- Nov. 29 Sean Flaherty, Austin Viotto (5pm)
- Nov. 30 Mackenzie & Robert Mason  
Miranda Vargo, Melody Haag, Melissa Cario  
(10:30am)

**LECTORS**

- Nov. 22 Fran Licciardiello
- Nov. 23  
Elmer Kollar (10:30am)
- Nov. 29 John Haines
- Nov. 30 Theresa Lucas (8am)  
Helene Picht (10:30am)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 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)
- Nov. 29 James Mattison (E) Eileen Mattison(C)  
Ray Vonderheide (C)
- Nov. 30 Nadie Hill (E) Rose Strohmaier (C)  
Diane Keggan (C) (8am)  
Mary Koskoff (E) Phil Koskoff (C)  
Joy Haag (C) (10:30am)