

# November 27, 2011

# First Sunday of Advent

## ✠ Saturday, November 26

5:00 p.m. **Tom Majewski**  
by Ray and Joanne Malejko

## ✠ Sunday, November 27

8:00 a.m. **Joseph Walsh**  
by Bill and Mary Supple

10:30 a.m. **Genevieve and Joseph Bawiec**  
by Jane and Rocco Labato

## ✠ Monday, November 28

8:45 a.m. **Healing Blessings for Angelina Colacchia**  
by Debbie and Bob Smolar

## ✠ Tuesday, November 29

8:45 a.m. **Souls in Purgatory**  
by Debbie and Bob Smolar

## ✠ Wednesday, November 30 St. Andrew, apostle

8:45 a.m. **Father Edward**  
by Father Zenek

## ✠ Thursday, December 1

8:45 a.m. **Rosaria Incamtalupo**  
by Theresa and Peter Saksa and Family

## ✠ First Friday, December 2

8:45 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

## ✠ First Saturday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier

**8:00** a.m. **Ed Hardman**  
by Gerri and Brian Moss

5:00 p.m. **Arthur Peterson**  
by Nancy and Charles Guerriere

## ✠ Sunday, December 4

8:00 a.m. **Muljibhai P. Modi**  
by Miss Joan

10:30 a.m. **Private Intentions**

solemn vows. By their style and way of life, they express their call to follow Our Lord ever more closely in silence and solitude. Prayer, both communal and solitary, is the center of this life.

**A vocation to Carmel is a personal calling from God.**

Saint Teresa of Jesus, the first woman Doctor of the Church, wrote Constitutions that have led many to great holiness. Discerning a vocation begins with an attentiveness to the Holy Spirit, followed by a journey of prayerful discovery. Seeking guidance from someone who knows authentic Carmelite life, reading the lives of Carmelite Saints and deepening your commitment to prayer, are good ways to begin. The formation program includes postulancy, two years of Novitiate, and at least three years in temporary vows before Solemn Profession.

A Carmelite Life is Prayer

Scripture calls Carmelites to pray always, to seek God in all that they do. The Carmelite life is based on living this Divine request. The Mass is the highlight of each day; Our Lord's abiding Presence draws every other activity into a continual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

**A very special ceremony took place for the daughter of our parishioners William and Josephine Bonnah.** Barbara Bonnah received the traditional habit of a Carmelite nun at the *Clothing Ceremony* on Saturday, November 26 at the



Carmelite Motherhouse.

Please pray for Barbara and her family.

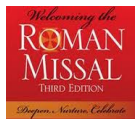
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*As we pray for N. during Mass it is good to remember that the Mass is the greatest prayer for the dead. St. Malachy didn't get along with his sister, lost contact with her and didn't see her any more before she died. After she died, he heard a voice one night telling him that his sister was hungry, she hadn't eaten for thirty days. He remembered it was thirty days since he had offered Mass for her. He began to offer Mass for her again, saw her coming up to the door of the church, but she couldn't enter and was wearing a black garment. He continued to say Mass for her and the next time she was dressed in a lighter garment and the final time he saw her she was dressed entirely in white surrounded by blessed spirits. This incident in the life of St. Malachy shows us the importance of praying for the dead.*



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Probably you noticed cards (in English) in your pews. These cards will assist you in learning and praying the people's parts of the Mass that are changing. For example, the "Holy, Holy, Holy" the "Gloria" and the "Creed" are among the people's parts that are changing. This process of re-translating the texts of the Mass from Latin to English has been underway for over 10 years. Our English prayers – the priest and the people's – will be a much more accurate translation than what has been used for the past 40 years.





**Dec. 18 after the 10:30 Mass.** Practices: 11/27, 12/4, 12/11.

**Saint Theodore Parish Christmas Giving Tree**  
Kindly return **unwrapped** gifts by November 26/27.

**Regina Nostra medals**  
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**Tricky Tray Bake Sale**  
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**CHOIR SCHEDULE**  
**Junior Choir Rehearsal Schedule for Christmas Vigil:** 12/20 @6 pm; 12/22 @6 pm  
**Senior Choir Schedule:** Dec 2—4pm/5 pm Mass  
Dec 6—7pm; Dec 7—6:15 Mass/7pm rehearsal

Sanctuary Candle in Loving Memory of **Laurentina Mateus**  
By Jack Mateus and Sons

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
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Nov. 29 @7pm—Advent Evening of Recollection  
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Dec. 3: TRICKY TRAY EVENT 9:30 am  
Dec. 4: 10:30 Mass—Third Grace  
Dec. 5: NO Religious Education Classes  
Dec. 7: @6:30: Holy Day of Obligation: All Students & Parents in Church

*Peace on earth has already come over 2,000 years ago. But it has not fully come yet. It has only come as a glimpse of what can be. The fulfillment of the promises has become new promises and expectation. And so we dream Isaiah's dream again. We dream the dream of a divided people that God will bring wholeness. When? How long? When will that day come? We do not know. But we hope and wait expectantly. I have heard the story of a wise old Rabbi who instructed his students by asking questions. He asked, "How can a person tell when the darkness ends and the day begins?" After thinking for a moment, one student replied, "It is when there is enough light to see an animal in the distance and be able to tell if it is a sheep or a goat." Another student ventured, "It is when there is enough light to see a tree, and tell if it is a fig or an oak tree." The old Rabbi gently said, "No. It is when you can look into a man's face and recognize him as your brother. For if you cannot recognize in another's face the face of your brother, the darkness has not yet begun to lift, and the light has not yet come." Please remember! Advent is a time for reconciliation*  
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### Evening of Recollection

At Saint Theodore Church  
Tuesday, November 29,  
7 p.m. Join us for Mass,  
Adoration, and  
Reconciliation!

Eucharistic



December 2 & 3

### First Friday & First Saturday

Adoration First Friday Mass at 8:45 a.m. followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**First Saturday Mass at 8 am—no adoration (Tricky Tray event)**

### Tricky Tray Event December 3

Doors open 9:30 am; drawings at 11:00am

Admission \$10 (includes 1 sheet of tickets)

Refreshments available. **Parishioners if your schedule won't permit your attendance on Dec 3, we will open the doors for you on Friday, Dec. 2 @ 7pm so you won't miss out on the drawings.**

### Christmas Pageant and Brunch w/

Santa

St. Theodore's will be hosting a Christmas Pageant and Brunch with Santa on



***Please pray for:*** Chris, Keira, Anna & John Saks, Theresa, Stephen, Bobby Gross, Lillian Shaffer, Bridget, Erin Stanton, Katlyn Faulkner, Barbara Zack, Bobby Greco, Frances Fiumefreddo, Stanislaw Rogulski, Jay Mildrum, Enrico Staiano, Emir Kane, Gracie Witte, Billy, Carol A. **Call the office to add or remove a name (unless notified, after 6 months on list, name will be removed.)**