November 8, 2009 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 7
5 p.m. ***Deceased Members of Olche Family***
r/o Nancy & Charles Guerriere
Sunday, November 8
8:00 a.m. ***Phyllis Borzin***
r/o Family
10:30 a.m. ***Chester Adams***
r/o Jane & Rocky Labato
Monday, November 9 Saint Theodore
8:45 a.m. ***Margaret & Karl Salerno***
r/o Altar Rosary Society
Tuesday, November 10
8:45 a.m. ***Dorothy & Frank Edolo***
r/o Mary Rupell
2:30 p.m. ***Mass at Warren Haven for Gerald Tolomeo***
r/o Rose Strohmaier
Wednesday, November 11
8:45 a.m. ***Souls in Purgatory***
r/o Cathleen & Don DeLorenzo
1 p.m. ***Mass at Colonial Manor for Marie Dalrymple***
r/o Karl & Rose Strohmaier
Thursday, November 12
8:45 a.m. ***For the Beatification of Fr. Francis Jordan***
r/o Fr. Zenek
Friday November 13 No Mass
Saturday, November 14
5 p.m. ***Julia Cacciarelli***
r/o Jeanne Szamreta
Sunday, November 15
8:00 a.m. ***Nicolo Cirone***
r/o Joe & Emily Cirone
10:30 a.m. ***Mary Rusnock***
r/o Ann Marie Ksarda

Sanctuary Candle in Loving Memory of
Peter Matthew Albano
By Mom and Dad

Dear Parishioners!

We belong to Saint Theodore Church. When people question us who was Saint Theodore how many of us can respond?

Saint Theodore of Amasea (d. 306; *Amasenus*, now Amasya, Turkey) is one of the Greek military saints of the 4th century, the earlier patron saint of Venice, now outshone there by Saint Mark, but

still represented atop one of the two Byzantine columns standing in the Piazzetta of the

Piazza San Marco, treading upon the sacred crocodile of Egypt.
According to his hagiography Theodore was a soldier in the legions. He is often named **Theodore Tyro** ("of Tyre"), according to some sources because for a time he belonged to the *Cohors Tyronum*; according to others because he was a *tiro*, or recent recruit. In Western Christianity he is usually called of Amasea from the ancient city in Pontus where he suffered martyrdom. Sometimes he is **Theodore Euchaita** from the place, Euchais, to which his body had been carried, and where he was held in such veneration that the city came to be frequently spoken of as Theodoropolis. In Eastern Christianity he is more often known as **Theodore the Recruit**.
His martyrdom and feast are dated in the Menologies February 17, 306, under the Emperors Galerius, Maximian and Maximinus. The Eastern Orthodox honor him on the first Saturday of Great Lent, while the Roman Martyrology records him on November 9.
In the 12th century his body was transferred to Brindisi, and he is there honored as patron; his head is enshrined at Gaeta. There are churches bearing his name at Constantinople, Jerusalem, Damascus, and other places of the former Christian east. An ancient church of San Teodoro in Venice is said to have been founded by Narses. The church was later demolished when the basilica of Saint Mark was expanded. At the foot of the Palatine in Rome is a very old church, circular in shape and dedicated to San Teodoro, whom the Roman people call San Toto, which was made a collegiate church by Felix IV. The people showed their confidence in the saint by bringing their sick children to his temple, as to an asclepieion, or healing-temple.
St. Theodore is said to have been born in the East (Syria or Armenia are mentioned). He enlisted in the army and was sent with his cohort to winter quarters in Pontus in Anatolia. When the edict against the Christians was issued by the emperors, he was brought before the magistrates at Amasea and ordered to offer sacrifice to the gods. When he refused, the magistrates gave him some time, because of his youth, for reflection. "This he employed in burning the Temple of Cybele", the *Catholic Encyclopedia* reports. He was quickly taken and burned at the stake.
Brothers and Sisters it is good to know our Patron and make every year **November 9th** day a holiday. Saint Theodore pray for us.

Fr. Zenek, SDS

Tricky Tray Event December 4

Parishioners, I need your help on this fundraising project. With teamwork we can succeed in making this year's event more successful than last year's. To reach our goal, I ask that every family donate a basket (of at least $25 value). sign-up sheets can be found in the Narthex. **With effort and prayers we can succeed—we are St. Theodore Parish!**

Next Meeting is 11/11 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The weekend of November14-15 you will find Bishop's Appeal contribution envelopes and pencils in the pews for those who have not pledge yet. You can choose between a one-time gift and a statement-plan pledge (4 installments)—just indicate on the envelope your choice and the amount of gift.
After Communion, the ushers will collect the envelopes.

Need Floral Arrangements for the Holidays or Special Occasions?

For many months, the Anema family, owners of Dutch Valley Florist, has donated to us thousands of dollars worth of gorgeous roses and other beautiful flowers for our Sanctuary. They have done this freely, without asking for anything in return (their contribution to us is not allowed as a tax write-off by the IRS). They are a small family-run business and I am asking you to show your appreciation for their generosity to St. Theodore Church by supporting them with your purchases and prayers. Their floral arrangements are exceptional and the flowers they use are of the freshest you can find—their bouquets last a long time! If you visit their shop you will find for sale house plants, mums, beautiful greeting cards. Please give them your patronage. They are located on Rt. 31 South, Hampton, 908-537-1003. Tell them Fr. Zenek sent you!

Blessing of Homes for Christmas

If you wish to have Father bless your home for Christmas, please call the Parish Office to add your name to the list.

Altar Rosary Society Bake Sale

The Bake Sale will be the weekend of Nov. 21-21 after all Masses. The Society is asking parishioners to please assist them with donations of baked items for the sale. Questions? Call Mary Zeiss at 852-6948. Thank you for your continued support!

Thank Your from the Knights of Columbus

Parishioners, thank you for supporting the sale of roses for the Right to Life Cause. We raised $165! We are very appreciative.

Holiday Bazaar at Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Great Meadows, NJ is holding its annual bazaar on Nov. 20 from 8 a to 2 p in their Parish Hall. They will be selling unique gifts from many vendors. Food available: Cabbage rolls, chili, pierogies, dessert. Located at 360 Rt. 46. For more info call: 908-637-4269

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE: 9:45 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sunday & sing at the 10:30 Mass. If a child can read English, he or she can join.
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE: 9:30 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday and Tuesday 7 p.m.

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week	$3,512.00	Last Year	$2,675.32
All Souls	$796.		$ 774.
All Saints	$705.		$ 87.

Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic & Austria

Trip Meeting: Nov. 15 9 a.m.

Please join us (Fr Michael from Hampton, and Fr Zenek) for **pilgrimage to Poland (Krakow, Wadowice, Czestochowa), Czech and Austria (Vienna and Melk). July 7th - 16th, 2010** ***(note change of date for trip)***
Visit our web site www.sttheodorenj.com or call the Parish Office for details.

Religious Education Corner

Parents: Please remember to send in your Tricky Tray items for your child's class participation by Nov. 16.
Mrs. Elisa Sforza's hours: Mon. 1p-8p; Tue. 1p-7p; Wed, Thu, Fri—Off. **Phone 908-689-8318, Option #2**

***Please pray for*:** Chris, Bree, Anna & John Saksa, Heather Rupell, Stephen, Ray & Alice O'Donnell, Vickie Li Puma, Theresa, Mary, Robert Gross, Lillian Shaffer, Bridget, Beatrice Gillis, Erin Stanton, Theresa Kugelman, Katlyn Faulkner, Denise Piazza, Chris Gilheany, Steve, Dolores, Renee Drag, Geri Hedges, John P., Honol Shah, Barbara Zack. *To add Name: Call Parish Office 908-689-8318*

Altar Servers

Nov. 14: Carlee Moran, Christopher Pollack
Nov. 15: Robert & Juliette Capaldo-8: Luke & Grace Gleba, Philip Koskoff-10:30
Nov. 21: Evan & Ryan Moran
Nov. 22: Sarah Kochan, Auston Viotto- 8; Kaitlyn Gagliano, Walter & William Gonsiewski-10:30
Nov. 28: Auston Viotto, Sean Flaherty
Nov. 29: Robert & Juliette Capaldo-8; Walter & William Gonsiewski, Melody Haag-10:30

Lectors

Nov. 14: John Haines
Nov. 15: Theresa Lucas 8; Jeanine Gleba 10:30
Nov. 21: Fran Licciardiello
Nov. 22: Joan Capaldo-8; Bob Gagliano--10:30
Nov. 28: Christine DeLellis
Nov. 29: Joan Capaldo-8; Helene Picht-10:30

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov. 14: James Mattison E, Eileen Mattison & Charles Shipley C
Nov. 15: Rose Strohmaier E, Karl Strohmaier & Joan Capaldo C-8; Phil Koskoff E, Mary Koskoff & Jane Labato C-10:30
Nov. 21: Tim Moran E, Ginny Moran & Ray Vonderheide C
Nov. 22: Monica Merkel E, Bill Supple & Diane Keggan C-8; Helene Picht E, Karl & Rose Strohmaier C-10:30
Nov. 28: Charles Shipley E; Jim & Eileen Mattison C
Nov. 29: Emily Cirone E, Nadie Hill & Diane Keggan C-8ane Labato E, Patricia Kollar & Joy Haag C-10:30

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USCCB NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT

Tell Congress: Remove Abortion Funding & Mandates from Needed Health Care Reform

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation on the House and Senate floors. Genuine health care reform should protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. The U.S. bishops' conference has concluded that all committeeapproved bills are seriously deficient on the issues of abortion and conscience, and do not provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bills will have to change or the bishops have pledged to oppose them.

Our nation is at a crossroads. Policies adopted in health care reform will have an impact for good or ill for years to come. None of the bills retains longstanding current policies against abortion funding or abortion coverage mandates, and none fully protects conscience rights in health care.

As the U.S. bishops' letter of October 8 states:

"No one should be required to pay for or participate in abortion. It is essential that the legislation clearly apply to this new program longstanding and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and mandates, and protections for rights of conscience. No current bill meets this test…. If acceptable language in these areas cannot be found, we will have to oppose the health care bill vigorously."

For the full text of this letter and more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' advocacy for authentic health care reform, visit: www.usccb.org/healthcare.

Congressional leaders are attempting to put together final bills for floor consideration. Please contact your Representative and Senators today and urge them to fix these bills with the pro-life amendments noted below. Otherwise much needed health care reform will have to be opposed. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.

ACTION: Contact Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

☐ **To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to www.usccb.org/action.**

☐ Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices.

☐ Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at www.house.gov & www.senate.gov.

MESSAGE to SENATE:

"During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support an amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights.

If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."
MESSAGE to HOUSE:
"Please support the Stupak Amendment that addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the health care reform bill. Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on this amendment. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."
WHEN: Both House and Senate are preparing for floor votes now. **Act today! Thank you!**

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 1, 2009

Dear Father,

Urgent: Nationwide USCCB Bulletin Insert on Health Care Reform

For many years, the U.S. Bishops have supported decent health care for all, based on our teaching that health care is essential for human life and dignity and on our community's experience in providing health care and assisting those without coverage. We have always insisted that health care reform must protect life, not threaten it and that it cannot be used as a vehicle to advance abortion. Specifically, we have clearly required that longstanding federal protections that restrict abortion funding and mandates and that protect conscience rights must be reflected in health care reform legislation. In addition, we have also focused on efforts to insure that coverage is affordable and that immigrants have better health care as a result of reform. The USCCB principles and priorities are outlined in a series of letters to Congress, fact sheets and other materials on the USCCB health care reform website (www.usccb.org/healthcare).The debate and decisions on health care reform are reaching decisive moments.

The USCCB is asking for our special help in activating our Catholic people. I support this request and appeal that you activate the people of your parish in the following ways:

- Encourage parish-wide distribution of the enclosed "Bulletin Insert" which assists parishioners in sending a message to Congress.
- The Bulletin Insert should be printed or hand-stuffed in every parish bulletin and/or distributed in the pews or at church entrances as soon as possible.
- Congressional votes may take place as soon as early November.
- Direct people to the USCCB health care reform website for updates, additional tools and resources (www.usccb.org/healthcare).
- And finally, encourage the people of your parish to pray that Congress will act to insure that needed health care reform truly protect the life dignity and health care of all and that we will raise our voices to protect the unborn and the most vulnerable and to preserve our freedom of conscience.

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Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely in the Lord,

+ Paul G Bootkoski

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski

Bishop of Metuchen