

October 18, 2009 *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Saturday, October 17

5 p.m. **Deceased Members Guerriere Family**
r/o Nancy & Charles Guerriere

Sunday, October 18

8:00 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

10:30 a.m. **Nick Cirone**
r/o Marchese Family

Monday, October 19

8:45 a.m. **Mary & Tony Falvo**
r/o Barbara, Angela, Maria & Anthony

Tuesday, October 20

8:45 a.m. **Marion Walsh**
r/o Mary & Bill Supple

Wednesday, October 21

8:45 a.m. **Rose B. Kane**
r/o Mary Farrell

Thursday, October 22

8:45 a.m. **For the Beatification of Fr. Francis Jordan**
r/o Fr. Zenek

Friday October 23 No Mass

Saturday, October 24

5 p.m. **William Mitchell**
r/o Nancy & Charles Guerriere

Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m. **Rocco & Angelina Saponaro**
r/o Sam & Marietta Tridente

10:30 a.m. **Edward Ruszczyk**
r/o Maguire Family



St. Theodore Church Welcomes
New Member!

Adam Jeffrey Eresman
Son of David and Jessica

Eresman

Baptized on October 11, 2009

Mass Intentions Book is Open

- **The 2010 Mass Intentions Book is open.** You may stop at or call the Parish Office to reserve a date.
- If you wish to commemorate a special day in memory or thanksgiving of a love one, **Tabernacle candle is available.** The name of your love one and the intention will be published in that week's bulletin.

Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan SDS

As long as there is one person on earth who does not know God and does not love Him above all things, you dare not

allow yourself a moment's rest. As long as God is not everywhere glorified, you dare not allow yourself a moment's rest.

Dear Parishioner!

WHY PRAY THE ROSARY?

The Rosary, as we know it today is composed of four sets of five Mysteries, each represented by one Our Father, 10 Hail Mary's, the Glory Be, which is often followed by the Fatima prayer. The set of beads that we pray on consists of 59 beads with a Crucifix and a medal, arranged in the standardized order of five beads between the Crucifix and medal, followed by a loop containing five sets of 10 beads, separated by four beads, which may be the same or different.

Tradition holds that the Rosary in its present form was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. Originally, the Rosary was the people's attempt to emulate the prayer of monastic monks, who prayed the 150 Psalms daily. At that time, most people were illiterate and could not read the Psalms to pray them, so they substituted 150 prayers that were easily memorized, usually the Our Father and the Hail Mary. The method of reciting and the beads counted on were not standardized. Eventually, the Mysteries were added, to focus the prayer.

The Mysteries, as they are called, recount the story of the Gospel - of the miraculous birth, childhood, suffering, death, and resurrection of Our Lord and the promise of eternal life to those who follow Him.

But, why pray the Rosary? Why say so many Hail Mary's? Doesn't that give more importance to Mary than to God? The Rosary is a Gospel prayer, to the glory of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We focus our prayer on God from the very beginning with the Apostles Creed, which contains the basic beliefs of all Christians. We begin each decade, or mystery, with the Our Father, the prayer that Jesus himself taught his disciples to pray. We conclude each decade with the Glory Be, which is to the Holy Trinity. In between, we pray 10 Hail Mary's to invite the Blessed Mother of Jesus to pray with us and for us. She is our prayer partner as we contemplate the life of her Son.

Whatever your choice in beads, pray your Rosary often. Focus on the Gospel Mysteries and how they tie into your life and the lives of those you pray for. This devotion is one of the great gifts of our Catholic faith tradition.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Zenek, SDS*

October 24 & 25. The sale of roses supports the local *Right to Life* cause and other charities in the community.

Tricky Tray Event Update



The event will be held on December 4 in the Parish Center and are hopeful that it will be even more successful than last year's.

However, As of today, fewer families have sign up to do a basket than last year. We are

asking that each family donate a basket (of at least \$25 value). Basket suggestions and sign-up sheets can be found in the Narthex or, if you prefer, you can create your own basket. **Next meeting of the Tricky Tray Committee: Wednesday Oct 21 @ 7 p.m.**

Bishop's Annual Appeal

This week follow-up letters were mailed to parishioners who have yet to respond to the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you received this letter after you made your gift, please accept my apologies and my thanks for your generosity. Otherwise, I ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift. Thank you.

From the Bishop's Office

"In light of the recent health concerns that have arisen about the potential spread of "swine flu", it is important to recall Bishop Bootkoski's previous instruction about liturgical practices and the risk of contagion at Mass. If you are sick (and this holds true at all times not just flu season) you should refrain from drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice, receiving the Body of Christ on the tongue and exchanging the Sign of Peace by shaking hands. It is the responsibility of the individual to make this judgment. These practices should never be suspended unilaterally by the priest celebrant or across the board for an entire parish. Of course, the wisest course of action, out of consideration for our fellow parishioners, is to stay home when we are sick. In the event that an epidemic is declared by the health officials responsible for making such a decision, the bishop will judge which liturgical practices should be suspended throughout the diocese and issue instructions accordingly."

Altar Rosary Society

*The Altar Rosary Society will hold its October meeting on Monday the 19th at 7 pm in the Parish Center. We encourage all members to attend.

*The Altar Rosary Society will be celebrating the Feast of St. Theodore by hosting a reception for parishioners on Sunday, November 9 after both Masses. Please help the Society with your donations of finger foods, baked goods and/or assisting at the reception. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Contact person: Mary Zeiss 908-852-6948

Knights of Columbus Roses for Life Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual *Roses for Life* drive after all the Masses the weekend of

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week \$3151.02 Last Year \$3,283.54

Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic & Austria

Please join us (Fr Michael from Hampton, and Fr Zenek) for pilgrimage to Poland (Krakow, Wadowice, Czestochowa), Czech and Austria (Vienna and Melk). July 1th - 10th, 2010

See last week's bulletin. Visit our web site www.sttheodorenj.com or call the Parish Office for details.

Religious Education Corner

October 24: 7th Graders to attend 5 p.m. Mass

October 26: Parents of 2nd Graders are to meet with Father at the school at 6:15 p.m. for First Communion meeting.

NOTICE: Whenever a Student has attended Mass at a church other than St. Theodore, he or she must give a bulletin from that church to their Catechist at the next Rel. Ed. class. We are monitoring Mass attendance.

Please pray for: Margaret Glackin, 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, Joshua Zins, Philip, Renee Drag, Shelly. *To add Name: Call Parish Office 908-689-8318; email Rose Strohmaier at: strohmaier@yahoo.com to add name to the Prayer Chain*

Need Fall Mums or Floral Arrangements for the Holidays?

The Anema family (Dutch Valley Florist) donates roses and other flowers to our church every week. I ask you to return their kindness by calling them when you are in need of a florist. Their talent in fresh flower arrangement is exceptional. They also have mums and other plants for your garden. Please give them your patronage. They are located on Rt. 31 South, Hampton, 908-537-1003.

Altar Servers

Oct. 24: Auston Viotto, Sean Flaherty, Nora Renn

Oct. 25: Mackenzie & Robert Mason-8; Gianna Orrechio, Sarah Kochan, Justin Watt-10:30

Oct. 31: Auston Viotto, Carlee Moran

Nov. 1: Robert & Juliette Capaldo-8; Walter & William Gonsiewski, Philip Koskoff-10:30

Lectors

Oct. 24: Fran Licciardiello

Oct. 25: Theresa Lucas-8; Elmer Kollar-
10:30

Oct. 31: John Haines

Nov. 1: Joan Capaldo-8; Helene Picht-10:30

Eucharistic Ministers

Oct. 24: Tim Flaherty E, Denise Flaherty &
Ray Vonderheide C

Oct. 25: Joan Capaldo E, Monica Merkel &
Emily Cirone C-8; Patricia Kollar E, Tina
Jackson & Jane Labato C-10:30

Oct. 31: Eileen Mattison E, Tim & Ginny
Moran-C

Nov. 1: Diane Keggan E, Rose & Karl
Strohmaier C-8; Mary Koskoff E, Phil
Koskoff & Joy Haag C- 10:30