

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2008



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY October 18

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

SUNDAY, October 19

8:00 AM ANTHONY & MARY FALVO.
r/o Daughters, Maria & Barbara

10:30 AM ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

MONDAY, October 20

8:30 AM GRACE TIRINO
r/o Paul & Norma Licitra

TUESDAY, October 21

8:30 AM WENDY MAE MOSCETTI
r/o Cahty & George Yonki

WEDNESDAY, October 22

8:30 AM VERONICA HANSEN
r/o Ann Weber

THURSDAY, October 23

8:30 AM PATRICIA RAMSTAD
r/o Altar Rosary Society

FRIDAY, October 24

8:30 AM No Mass

SATURDAY October 25

5:00 PM MARINA & GIOVANNI NAPPA
r/o Family

SUNDAY, October 26

8:00 AM THOMAS URMANOWICZ JR,
r/o Paul & Lorraine Buckley

10:30 AM GRACE TIRINO
r/o Mary & Phil Koskoff

Dear Parishioners,

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's" (Matthew 22:21).

What do we owe God and our neighbor? Scripture tells us to give to everyone whatever is their due and to "owe no one anything, except to love one another" (Romans 13:6-8). The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested. Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness – "God created man in his own image –male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1). Do you acknowledge that your life and everything you possess belongs to God and not to yourself? And do you give to God what rightfully belongs to Him?

In Christ,

Fr. Zenek, S.D.S

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

This week I mailed a follow-up letter to parishioners yet to respond to Bishop Bootkoski's request to support the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If this letter arrived after you made your gift, please accept my apologies and my thanks for your generosity. Otherwise, I ask that you please make your gift or pledge to the 2008 Appeal as soon as possible. Please pray for the success of the Appeal. To date our parish has received **\$ 1,783.88** in pledges/gifts to the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal from **21** families. Our parish has been **assessed \$ 8,700**. **Short of Goal: \$ 6, 916.12**. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can.

Thank you.

St. Theodore Fundraising Committee Sale

The Committee will be taking orders for handmade religious bracelets and special awareness bracelets to benefit the Religious Education Program. Orders will be taken from now and until November 10. Please stop and shop!

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Will be held on Monday, October 20 at 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Center. Members are encouraged to attend and other ladies of the Parish are welcome to join us.

Feast of St. Theodore Celebration

There will be a light reception after all masses on the weekend of November 8th -9th to honor the Feast of St. Theodore and the Bishop's visit. We need volunteers to help with baking, donating items and assisting at the reception. Sign-up sheets are available in the Parish Center this weekend. Contact Mary Zeiss for further information 908-852-6948.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Senior Choir: Sundays 9 a.m. Oct. 19 , Nov. 2, 16, & 30
Tuesdays 7 p.m. Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, & 25

Junior Choir: Sundays 9 a.m. Oct. 26, Nov. 9 & 30
Saturdays 4 p.m. Nov. 1 & 8

Cards/Packages for Mansfield Twp Military

With the holidays fast approaching, perhaps now is a good time to let our military know that we are thinking about them, and wishing them a peaceful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas by sending cards and packages to them. We are providing address of several local men (and hope to get the addresses of others) serving in the Middle East. We know that they would be thrilled to hear from us and understand that we appreciate their service to our country.

- **Capt. Matthew E. Falvo, G Company 4-320 FA, Task Force Glory, FOB Salerno, APO AE09314**
- **1st Lt. M.S. Hussey, 3/7 Kilo Co CAG, Unit 41585, FSPO AP 96426-1585;**
- **Sgt. Robert Haring, C 1-21 FA, Camp Basarah, Unit #033, APO AE 09375**

Catholic Girl Scouts interested in earning religious recognition medals should contact the Diocese; Girl Scout Ministry to purchase workbooks for medals. The **26th Annual Catholic Girl Scout Gathering** will be held on November 1, 2008 in Piscataway at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center from 9-2:30. The cost is \$12.00 per girl which includes program supplies, patch and lunch. Contact Judy Orgonas for registration forms 732-562-2446.

God's Plan for Giving

October 11 & 12, 2008: \$ 3, 270.59

Last Year: \$ 3, 883.30

The Second Collection is for Propagation of Faith
May God bless you for your continued support of St. Theodore Parish.

Tricky Tray Fundraiser on Dec. 5th - 6pm

We ask that each family make up a basket of their choice (sign-up sheets & theme suggestions are located at the back of the church.). Please wrap your basket and include it's value and return it to the Parish Center by November 17th.

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations (\$1) for Roses for Life after this weekend's Masses.

Interested in Joining the Knights of Columbus? E-mail Mike at Kennedy205@Comcast.net or check out the following websites: Supreme Council: www.KofC.org NJ State Council: www.NJKofC.org or our local Council Joyce Kilmer 2483: www.KofC2483.org.

MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS

- Oct. 18 Sean Flaherty & Evan Moran (5 pm)
Oct. 19 Mackenzie & Robert Mason (8am)
Walter & William Gonsiewski (10:30am)
Oct. 25 Luke Gleba, Calee Moran (5pm)
Oct. 26 Juliette & Robert Capaldo
Kaitlyn Gagliano, Angelica Jackson,
Gianna Orrechio(10:30am)

LECTORS

- Oct. 18 John Haines
Oct. 19 Ken Moschetti (8am)
Helene Picht (10:30am)
Oct. 25 Jeanine Gleba
Oct. 26 Mary Rupell (8am)
Bob Gagliano (10:30am)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Oct. 18 Jim Mattison (C) Eileen Mattison (E)
Charles Shipley (C)
Oct. 19 Dianne Moschetti (E) Nadie Hill (C)
Diane Keggan (C) (8am)
Phil Koskoff (C) Mary Koskoff (E)
Patricia Kollar (C) (10:30am)
Oct. 25 Ginny Moran (E) Tim Moran (C)
Jim Mattison (C)
Oct. 26 Bill Supple (E) Joan Capaldo (C)
Monica Merkel (C) (8am)
Helene Picht (C) Jane Labato (C)
Tina Jackson (E) (10:30am)