

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2008



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, October 27

8:30 AM KATHLEEN F. VELTRI
r/o Matt Wilmot

TUESDAY, October 28

8:30 AM CONNIE SANTORELLI
r/o Russ & Nelli Gambino

WEDNESDAY, October 29

8:30 AM WENDY MAE MOSCETTI
r/o McGrath Family

THURSDAY, October 30

8:30 AM PHILLIP GUTTRIDGE
r/o Kim & David Lorenc

FRIDAY, October 31

8:30 AM No Mass

SATURDAY, November 1

9:00 AM MICHAEL KELLEHER
r/o Fran Ouellette

5:00 PM ANNA CARBONE
r/o Theresa Carbone

SUNDAY, November 2

8:00 AM ANTHONY S. SIRIANNI
r/o Carol & Vincent Perna

10:30 AM WAYNE RIVERS
r/o CHARLENE COTE

2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Continuing the Mission of Christ

Have you made your gift or pledge? The Appeal goal this year is \$6.5 million. To meet this goal we are asking every able family to participate. You may make a one-time gift or spread your gift over a four-month period. Thank you for whatever you can do to support the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal. To date our parish has received \$ **2,733.88** in pledges/gifts to the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal **from 29 families**. Our parish has been assessed \$ **8,700.00**. **Short of Goal: \$ 5,966.12**. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can.

Thank you.

Dear Parishioners,

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." We're told that these are the two greatest commandments. Matthew tells us that the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

It can be tempting for us to examine our consciences using the Ten Commandments we have learned. We can reduce our lives to "actions" and feel good if we avoid certain "actions." It is true though, that a chair can avoid certain "actions." A chair cannot live a good Christian life by just "sitting there." Neither can we!

When we consider the Sacred Heart of Jesus we consider about the life of Jesus, how Jesus' life was filled with action. Besides that, he didn't try to be careful in his actions. If somebody needed help, he opened his heart to that person and helped. If someone needed forgiveness and healing he came into the heart of the person, forgave and healed. He was second-guessed many times. He went to his death because he lived a life of true love.

Love of God needs to be expressed by our love for others. We hear in Scripture that if we say we love God yet hate our neighbor, then we are liars. There is real freedom in giving without hope of getting back. We won't discover that until we've tried it. We'll learn that we have much more left over than we gave in the first place.

You shall love the, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." That's plenty for us to work on these next seven days. Have a good week!

In Christ,

Fr. Zenek, S.D.S

**St. Theodore Church welcomes our new member
Gabriella Lynn Anthony who was Baptized on
October 18, 2008.**

Bishop Bootkoski requests that all Catholics within the Diocese of Metuchen observe a "Day of Prayer" on Monday, November 3, 2008 asking for Divine guidance for themselves and our nations on Election Day. The Church will not tell you how to vote, but your informed conscience should be your guide. You should form your conscience in accord with human reason and the teachings of the church.

If you remain confused, the Bishop says take a look at "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship", which can be viewed at www.faithfulcitizenship.org. This document provides a clear explanation of how conscience is formed and addressed why the Church will not tell you how to vote. It outlines the issues we are to consider in all elections.

Upcoming St. Theodore Calendar:

~ **Nov. 8 & 9 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.

~ **Nov. 10 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.

~ **Nov. 9 – 16. St. Theodore Christmas Giving Tree** Will be displayed in the Church. Kindly return unwrapped gifts November 22 – November 30. Please return the original ornament attached to the gifts.

~ **Nov. 17 Tricky Tray Fundraiser** baskets due in Parish Center. Tricky Tray on December 5th, 6pm.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Senior Choir: Sundays 9 a.m. Nov. 2, 16, & 30

Tuesdays 7 p.m. Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, & 25

Junior Choir: Sundays 9 a.m. Oct. 26, Nov. 9 & 30

Saturdays 4 p.m. Nov. 1 & 8

Religious Education Students are needed to give a helping hand cleaning the church for the Bishop's visit for Feast of St. Theodore. Those interested are asked to come to the church on Nov. 1, from 11 am to 1 pm. These hours will be applied toward their service credits.

God's Plan for Giving

October 18 & 19, 2008: \$ 3881.76

Last Year: \$ 4394.11

May God bless you for your continued support of St. Theodore Parish.

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**

MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS

Oct. 25 Luke Gleba, Calee Moran (5pm)

Oct. 26 Juliette & Robert Capaldo (8pm)
Kaitlyn Gagliano, Angelica Jackson,
Gianna Orrechio(10:30am)

Nov. 1 Carlee Moran, Austin Viotto (5pm)

Nov. 2 Mackenzie Mason, Robert Mason (8am)
Melody Haag, Melissa Cairo, Justin Watt (10:30am)

LECTORS

Oct. 25 Jeanine Gleba

Oct. 26 Mary Rupell (8am)
Bob Gagliano (10:30am)

Nov. 1 Nancy Guerriere

Nov. 2 Theresa Lucas(8am)
Elmer Kollar (10:30am)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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)

Nov. 1 James Mattison(E) Eileen Mattison(C)
Charles Shipley(C)

Nov. 2 Emily Cirone (E) Rose Strohmaier (C) (8am)
(Bill Supple (C)
Joy Haag(E) Patricia Kollar (C)
Helene Picht (C) 10:30am)