

October 30, 2011 Thirtieth–first Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠ Saturday, October 29

5:00 p.m. **Vinzenzo Filoso**
by Emily and Joe Cirone

✠ Sunday, October 30

8:00 a.m. **Vincent Perna**
by Father Zenek

10:30 a.m. **Giam Battista**
by Margaret and Dan Bitecola

✠ Monday, October 31

NO Morning Mass

6:30 p.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore**

✠ Tue, Nov. 1 All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore**

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✠ Wednesday, November 2 All Souls Day

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore**

✠ Thursday, November 3 St. Martin de Porres

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore**

✠ First Friday, November 4 St. Charles Borromeo

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore**

✠ First Saturday, November 5

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore**

5:00 p.m. **Ron Majeleski**
by Ray and Joanne Malejko

✠ Sunday, November 6

8:00 a.m. **Third Anniversary of Theresa Rebinski's Passing**
by Henry Rebinski

10:30 a.m. **Paul Horochowski**
by Family

live our lives as the saints of God. And there is no other life that lasts forever, or that gives us a holy day of our own every year on All Saints' Day.



All Souls Day

Though officially Catholics believe in purgatory and Protestants do not, unofficially almost everyone seems to believe in an interim state of purification before heaven. When we lose loved ones, Catholics and

Protestants alike pray for the dead. We all say, "May their souls rest in peace." Wait a minute. If the souls of are in hell, why pray for them? Our prayers cannot help souls in hell. And if they are in heaven, why pray for them? Our prayers cannot help those in heaven either. They are already in heaven. Any sort of prayer for the dead has meaning insofar as the souls of the dead are in an interim state where they have not yet reached perfect union and peace with God, and where our prayers can help them get there. That is purgatory.

In the feast of All Souls we pray for the souls of the faithful departed who are being purified in purgatory. For us the belief in purgatory is Good News: even though we may not in this life be perfect as our heaven father is perfect (Matthew 5:48) we can still hold fast to the hope that there are mansions for us in the kingdom of heaven.

In the feast of All Saints we, the saints who are still struggling on earth (the church militant), celebrate fellowship with the saints who have already arrived in heavenly glory (the church triumphant). Today we celebrate our fellowship with the saints in purgatory, a state of temporary suffering for departed souls who are not yet fully ready for full fellowship with God in the glory of heaven (the church suffering).

All Christians believe in the Four Last Things: death, judgment, heaven and hell. Purgatory is not mentioned as one of the "last things" because, strictly speaking, purgatory is a part of heaven. Purgatory is the remedial class for heaven-bound souls. Souls who go to purgatory are those who have been judged worthy of heaven, but not straightaway. They still need some purification (purgation) before they are ready for heaven because, according to Revelation 21:27, "**nothing unclean shall enter it.**"

In Christ, Fr Zenek, SDS



Holy Day of Obligation!

Event "Holy" isn't something we become through our own good works, or through anything else we can do for ourselves. Holiness is a gift from God. We are made

holy by Christ, as he pours out his own Blood to cover our sinfulness and weakness.

A saint is only this: a human being who belongs to God, who has been set apart from the world by the Blood of Jesus Christ, shed on a cross and received in the Holy Communion. Nobody else is a saint, and there is no other qualification. We are holy because of God's action in our lives, or we are not. Every member of the Church in heaven is a saint; and every member of the Church on earth whose broken heart is faithful to Jesus Christ, who puts his trust in Jesus Christ and in nothing else, not even in himself, is just as much a saint right now.

This is the only definition of the word saint that the Bible allows, in whatever language we read it. It is the definition we must embrace, if we are going to

2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal
In Faith, With Hope

Ministering to those experiencing pain, confusion and fear, and those preparing for death is the role of the clergy assigned to *Hospital Ministry*. They respond to calls at every hour of the day and night providing sacramental and pastoral presence in hospitals and health care facilities throughout the diocese. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry.

Our donations to date: \$3,155 toward our goal \$10,100.



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.

Help is needed before the event to organize & wrap (watch the bulletin for dates when we will meet) and also help is needed at the event to sell tickets, refreshments, deliver prizes to winners, etc.

We ask that each family donate a gift basket with a starting value of \$25. ***Rather not do a basket? We'll gladly accept gift cards (grocery, department store, etc.) and lottery tickets in its place!***

Baskets should be delivered by Sunday, Nov. 27.
Next Tricky Tray Meeting: Nov. 7 @7:30- Parish Ctr.



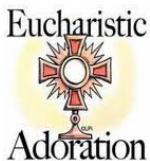
Christmas Pageant and Brunch w/ Santa

St. Theodore's will be hosting a **Christmas Pageant and Brunch with Santa on Dec. 18 after the 10:30 Mass.** Practices: 11/27, 12/4, 12/11 (all practices after the 10:30 Mass).



All those who have died will be remembered in a special way on Wednesday, November 2th.

Remembrance envelopes-please take one and inscribe the names of those who have died, they will be remembered throughout the month of November (7 Masses) and each time we gather to celebrate Eucharist together.



November 4 & 5
First Friday & First Saturday
Mass at 8:45 a.m. followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thank You St. Theodore Church
WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!
Last week \$3,046.25 ; Last Year \$3,312.96



Sanctuary Candle in memory of
The Souls in Purgatory
By Nadia Mateus



We are proud to announce that our parishioner **Joanne Malejko** was inducted into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre on October 1.

Congratulation Joanne!

The mission of the Order is to strengthen in its members the practice of Christian life, absolute fidelity to the Supreme Pontiff and the teachings of the Church, observing its foundation principles of charity, which make the Order a fundamental means of assistance to the Holy Land. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre is the only lay institution of the Vatican State charged with the task of providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and of all the activities to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

A Notice from Father Zenek to the Parents of Second Grade Religious Education Students: The requirements for First Reconciliation must be met by your child in order for them to be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 25. **The must know completely: the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Confessional Procedure (Bless me Father for I have sinned... and the Act of Contrition).**

Oct. 31: No Religious Education classes; however, **all students** must attend Mass—either the Vigil Mass on Oct. 31 at 6:30 p.m. or on Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. for All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Nov 7@6:30: Religious Ed. classes for all grades in the church.

Nov. 7 @7:30: Tricky Tray Meeting—Parish Center

Nov. 9 @7pm: Moms/Ladies Club (now meeting 2nd Wed. of Month)

Nov. 12@5pm--Bishop Bootkoski here to celebrate the Feast of St. Theodore; reception in the Parish Center will follow the Mass.

Nov. 14--Religious Ed. 4th Grade in church; all others at school.

Nov. 19 & 20---Rosarians' Bake Sale
in Parish Center

Nov. 20@10:30 Mass—Religious Ed. 4th
Grade participation

Nov. 26 & 27: Implementation of
changes to Roman Missal begins!

Nov. 29 @7pm—Advent Evening of
Recollection

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