

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2008



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY October 4

5:00 PM ANTOINETTE SIGNORELLO
r/o Diane Thomas

SUNDAY, October 5

8:00 AM GRACE TIRINO

r/o Paul & Lorraine Buckley

10:30 AM ANTHONY S. SIRIANNI

r/o Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Flaherty

MONDAY, October 6

8:30 AM ROBERT BURGER

r/o Dan & Mary Bitecola

TUESDAY, October 7

8:30 AM DANIEL BRADY

r/o Rose & Karl Strohmaier

WEDNESDAY, October 8

8:30 AM CHARLES FOLK

r/o Angela Gross

THURSDAY, October 9

8:30 AM ROGER A. CASSENTI

r/o Matt Wilmot

FRIDAY, October 10

8:30 AM No Mass

SATURDAY October 11

5:00 PM WILLIAM & MICHELINA JULIANO

r/o Family

SUNDAY, October 12

8:00 AM WILLIAM SUPPLE SR.

r/o Mr. & Mrs. William Supple Jr.

10:30 AM LUCILLE MANN

r/o Diane Thomas

It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the ground of choice is fundamentally flawed. USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (Nov. 14, 2007)

Sanctuary Candle



In Memory of Rita Shaffer
By Kathleen, Bob & Scott Farley

Dear Parishioners!

We are shocked when well known institutions collapse and are no more. One of the American investment banks that collapsed in recent weeks was founded at the time of the American Civil War. Critics of the Catholic Church often predict the imminent end of the Church when yet another crisis strikes the Church, be it the sexual abuse scandal, the declining Sunday Mass attendance or some other crisis. While acknowledging that the Church continues to be under threat to this day, nevertheless the very nature of the Church as founded by Christ can never fail.

The Church has, and is now and will continue to be, under threat. The Church and its clean Christ-given direction inevitably challenges the society in which it finds itself. Christ tells us to love God and neighbor, the two bases of Christian living. To deny God's existence directly, or to deny God's existence by default puts people directly in conflict with the Church and its mission. In the parable of the landowner who leased his vineyard to tenants who violently attacked and killed the landowner's slaves and ultimately his son to seize the son's inheritance, we have Jesus again attacking the chief priests and Pharisees and their refusal to recognize Jesus and his Mission.

The inference in the parable is for us to recognize that our hold on the kingdom of God as established by Jesus is not secure unless we hold ourselves accountable for what we have been given. Unlike human institutions, the Kingdom of God, the Church, will survive because Jesus is the cornerstone of the Kingdom. Unless we expose ourselves to judgment, make ourselves accountable to the demands of the kingdom we will surely lose the kingdom as the wretched tenants lost the vineyard. The demands on us as the new tenants of the kingdom are heavy, but we are constantly nurtured by God's Word, by God's table (the Eucharist), by God's commandment to love God and neighbor. To be faithful tenants we must constantly ask ourselves, are we serious about being members of the kingdom, what product have we produced in the kingdom and have I assisted others to produce fruit in the kingdom?

In Christ,

Fr. Zenek, S.D.S.

2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Continuing the Mission of Christ

To date our parish has received **\$ 224.92** in pledges/gifts to the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal from 2 families. Our parish has been **assessed \$ 8,700**. To meet this assessment, we must have the support of all of our families. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can.

Thank you.

Mass at Warren Haven

Tuesday, October 14 at 2:30 PM for "Intentions of Siobain Duffy" by Cathleen & Don DeLorenzo

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Senior Choir: Sundays 9 a.m. (Oct. 5, & 19) and Tuesdays Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

Junior Choir: Sundays 9 a.m. (Oct. 12 & 26)

October is Respect for Life Month

Critical Life Issues Conference: October 25th at St. John Neumann Conference Center in Piscataway from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629.

Do you want to Serve the Lord?

Is Priesthood or religious life a possibility for you? If so, consider joining our monthly discernment group, which is open to men ages 18-50, who wish to discern God's will and find out more about priesthood and consecrated religious life. St. John Vianney House of Discernment, Hopelawn. Tuesday October 21, November 25, and December 9, 2008 at 7:30 pm. To sign up please call Father Randy Vashon at the Office of Vocations 732-562-2457 or e-mail at vocations@diometuchen.org.

Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies

23rd Annual Convention and Memorial Mass

On Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at **St. Bernard of Clairvaux** in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Convention topics followed by dinner. \$20.00 donation or \$25.00 at the door. Open to wives and friends of Holy Name Members. For more information call Bob Fasanello at 908-537-2803.

If you know of anyone in need of a used computer (10 yrs old) have them call the parish office for details: 908-689-8318

God's Plan for Giving

September 27 & 28, 2008: \$ 3, 221.33

Last Year: \$ 3,604.05

Oct. 18th Second Collection is for Propagation of Faith

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

Tricky Tray Fundraiser

We are in need of items for the Tricky Tray. We'd welcome baskets of any size, new gifts, gift certificates, tickets to sporting events, concerts, theater, restaurant gift certificates, get-away weekends, ski passes, clear plastic basket bags, bows, ribbon, tissue paper, packing materials, etc. **For those interested in the planning and helping for this fundraiser, please join Fr. Zenek at a meeting on Wed. Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS

- Oct. 4 Evan & Ryan Moran
Oct. 5 Mackenzie & Robert Mason (8am)
Melody Haag, Melissa Cairo, Justin Watt
(10:30am)
Oct. 11 Phillips Koskoff, Austin Viotto (5 pm)
Oct. 12 Robert & Juliette Capalo (8am)
Gianna Orrechio, Mackenzie & Samantha Sbashnig
(10:30am)

LECTORS

- Oct. 4 Nancy Guerriere
Oct. 5 Mary Rupell (8am)
Elmer Kollar (10:30am)
Oct. 11 Jeanine Gleba
Oct. 12 Theresa Lucas (8am)
Mary Rupell (10:30am)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Oct. 5 Monica Merkel (E) Emily Cirone (C)
Bill Supple (C) (8am)
Joy Haag (C) Patricia Kollar (E) Jane Labato (C)
(10:30am)
Oct. 11 Mary Koskoff (C) Charles Shipley (E)
Phil Koskoff (C)
Oct. 12 Karl Strohmaier (E) Rose Strohmaier (C)
Joan Capaldo (C) (8am)
Tina Jackson (C) Helene Picht (E) Joy Haag (C)
(10:30am)