

# September 13, 2009 *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



following website and let your voice be heard.  
[www.stoptheabortionmandate.com](http://www.stoptheabortionmandate.com).

## Saturday, September 12

5 p.m. **Jim Ackerman**  
r/o Eileen & Jim Mattison

## Sunday, September 13

8:00 a.m. **Jennie & Corrado Tridente**  
r/o Sam & Marietta Tridente

10:30 a.m. **Ann Marie Dickson**  
r/o Maguire Family

## Monday, September 14

8:45 a.m. **Michael Kelleher**  
r/o Ouellette Family

## Tuesday, September 15

8:45 a.m. **Souls in Purgatory**  
r/o Cathleen & Don DeLorenzo

## Wednesday, September 16

8:45 a.m. **Sabino Antinolfi**  
r/o Family

## Thursday, September 17

8:45 a.m. **Elizabeth Valega**  
r/o Paul Valega & Denise Marrotta

## Friday September 18—No Mass

## Saturday, September 19

5 p.m. **Peter Falvo Sr.**  
r/o Susie Falvo

## Sunday, September 20

8:00 a.m. **Health of Bobby Greco**  
r/o Eileen & Jim Mattison

10:30 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

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If you wish to commemorate a special day in memory or thanksgiving of a love one, Sanctuary candles are available. The name of your love one and the intention will be published in that week's bulletin.

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### Are you aware where your tax dollars will be going????

Under the proposed healthcare plan, virtually every American will eventually be forced into a plan that mandates abortion. If the law does not clearly state that abortion is excluded, abortion automatically becomes a minimum required benefit. Many Americans don't support this and don't support paying for abortion. The proposed bill would basically be a bailout for the abortion industry, which is already swimming in profits. Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize this controversial industry. Our Lord wants to hold His protective hand over our country and our love of Him should drive us to uphold His desire to respect life at every moment. It is important that we contact our representatives and ask them to vote against all Americans' health plans to cover abortion. Please visit the

Dear Parishioners!

**WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!**

It is a NEW YEAR in many ways and isn't it a great gift to be offered a time for the new? After we step back from all the busyness, take a deep breath, and look at the NEW of this year. Your child(ren) are in a NEW year of religious education with New PCL Mrs. Elisa Sforza, some NEW students and NEW catechists—all opportunities for new relationships and perhaps friendships. There is a NEW curriculum for the year with new learning's about their faith, how to live life as a faith-filled person and NEW experiences of what it means to BE church. There's a freshness about starting a new year and I invite you to consider this year as a gift to you also. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to meet your child(ren)'s catechists. You and they are partners, co-workers in the faith development of your child(ren). And one of the most important things you can do is come to worship each weekend with your children.

As I begin my second year as Pastor at Saint Theodore, I welcome once again the opportunity to walk with you on this journey of continuing to build a strong religious education program. Saint Theodore has a history of good religious education and together we will continue this legacy. **WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!**

Father Zenon Boczek, SDS

**Interested in Becoming a Catholic?**

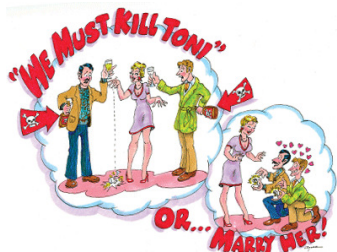
Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Or, having been baptized Catholic, have you considered completing the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation (Sacraments of Initiation)? If you have answered "Yes", the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) will help with your journey. This program will bring you together with others who desire to know the Lord Jesus Christ in the truth of the Catholic faith. As you undergo catechesis, reflect on the scriptures and contemplate the call to faith in Christ, you will be preparing for Baptism and/or reception and completion of the Sacraments of Initiation. Also invited to attend are adults who are interested in broadening their knowledge of and intensifying their commitment to the Catholic faith. Meetings will begin in October. Contact Rose Strohmaier: 908-689-5173 or 908-303-9692 or Father Zenek at 908-689-8318. When leaving a message, please give your name and telephone number

**Tricky Tray Event**

Our annual Tricky Tray event will be held on 12/4/09 in the Parish Center. We hope to receive from you theme baskets, new gifts, gift certificates to restaurants, concerts, theater, sporting events. We also need shrink wrap, empty baskets, basket bags, bows, ribbons, tissue paper and packing materials, etc. Our first planning meeting will be held on September 27 at 7 p.m. in the Rectory. We hope many parishioners will attend.

**Food Pantry**

Nonperishable food is needed for residents of the Port Murray/Washington area. If you are able to donate, please bring your items to the Parish Center. Our volunteers deliver items weekly to the Food Pantry in Washington.



**Altar Rosary Society Scholarship Fundraiser**

The Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring an outing to the *Hunterdon Hills Playhouse* to see the comedy, "We Must Kill Toni" (or *Marry Her*) to fund their scholarship program. The event will take place Saturday, October 24. Tickets are \$63 per person, which includes dinner and the show. To purchase tickets visit the Society's store in the Parish Center after a weekend Mass. Additional information can be had by calling Ann Morpeth at 852-6406 or by viewing the poster in the vestibule.

**Dutch Valley Florists of Rt. 31, Hampton, NJ**

have been donating beautiful roses and other varieties of flowers to our church. Our Sanctuary has been adorned in splendid style for many months due to their kindness and generosity. It is only fitting that our parishioners show their gratitude by purchasing flowers from them for special or any other occasion. Their work is outstanding.

**Our Weekly Offering**

Last Week \$2,894.80      Last Year \$3,721.62



Special Collection

Sept 12 & 13: Peter's Pence

**Religious Education Information:**

- Religious Education will begin with Mass at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, September 14. All students and their parents are required to attend this Mass and should sit together during Mass. Text books will be given to students after the Mass.

**Margaret Glackin, Chris, Bree, Anna & John Saksa, Heather, Stephen, Ray & Alice O'Donnell, Vickie Li Puma, Theresa, Mary, Robert Gross, Lillian Shaffer, Bridget, Beatrice Gillis, The Hance Family, Erin Stanton, Theresa Kugelman, Katlyn Faulkner, Denise Piazza, Chris Gilheany, Steve, Dolores.** To add Name: Call Parish Office 908-689-8318; email Rose Strohmaier at: [strohmaier@yahoo.com](mailto:strohmaier@yahoo.com) to add name to the Prayer Chain.

**2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

This week marks the beginning of the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal campaign to fund the pastoral, educational & charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen. This year's theme, *Because We Are Church*, reminds us that "church" is more than a building, it is the "people of God" working together to carry on the mission of Jesus Christ. Please take time to read the information packet that will reach your mailbox this week and prayerfully consider a sacrificial donation. Thank you.

**Interested in being an Altar Servers?** If you are in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade or higher and interested in becoming an altar server, please see me after any Mass. Fr. Zenek

**October 18, 10:30 a.m.: World Mission Sunday Family Celebration:** At St. Francis Cathedral CYO, Metuchen; **Walk:** "Going the Extra Mile for Kids in Need of Jesus"—through the neighborhood and back to **Celebrate** Mass at noon (Bishop

Bootkoski); **Share** simple Mission Lunch  
(Cathedral Cafeteria) with Msgr. John Kozar  
Nat'l Director of Pontifical Mission Societies  
Director).  
For info: 732-562-1990 ext 1707

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**Altar Servers**

**Sept 19:** Sean Flaherty & Auston Viotto  
**Sept 20:** Mackenzie & Robert Mason-8;  
William & Walter Gonsiewski, Sarah Kochan-  
10:30  
**Sept 26:** Grace Gleba, Carlee Moran  
**Sept 27:** Robert & Juliette Capaldo-8;  
Philip Koskoff-10:30

**Lectors**

**Sept 19:** Fran Licciardiello  
**Sept 20:** Joan Capaldo 8; Mary Rupell 10:30  
**Sept 26:** Jeanine Gelba  
**Sept 27** Mary Rupell-8; Elmer Kollar-10:30

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Sept 19:** Eileen Mattison E, Jim Mattison C, Tim  
Flaherty C  
**Sept 20:** Bill Supple E, Karl & Rose  
Strohmaier C  
**Sept 26:** Ginny Moran E, Tim Moran C, Ray  
Vonderheide C  
**Sept 27** Emily Cirone E, Nadie Hill C,  
Diane Keggan C-8; Phil Koskoff E, Mary  
Koskoff C, Jane Labato C-10:30