

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2008

That the
World
Might
Be Saved



Through the
Son

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY September 13

5:00 PM WILLIAM & MICHELINA JULINAO
r/o Family

SUNDAY, September 14

8:00 AM DOROTHY DACZEWITZ
r/o Jim & Eileen Mattison

10:30 AM ANTHONY S. SIRIANNI
r/o Paul & Denise Moran

MONDAY, September 15

8:30 AM ANTHONY S. SIRIANNI
r/o Marge & Ron Schmalz

TUESDAY, September 16

8:30 AM CORPORAL JAMES A. MAZZA JR.
r/o Fr. Anthony

WEDNESDAY, September 17

8:30 AM PATRICK KANE
r/o Susan Reynolds

THURSDAY, September 18

8:30 AM CAROL ALEXANDER
r/o Rick & Elaine Hardy

FRIDAY, September 19

8:30 AM No Mass

SATURDAY September 20

5:00 PM PETER FALVO SR.
r/o Susie Falvo

SUNDAY, September 21

8:00 AM ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

10:30 AM ROCCO MARONE
r/o Rosemann Marone

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Bill Mulligan
By Kathleen and Scott Farley

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for the Junior and Senior Choirs will be held on the following dates:

Junior Choir: Saturday 9/13 after 5 p.m. Mass

Senior Choir: Monday 9/15 @ 7 p.m.

Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)

Events

September 15, 6:15 pm – P.R.E.P. classes begin at Mansfield Township School.

Dear Parishioners,

When God forgives us, we must accept God's forgiveness. The gospel then goes on to show us that the way to accept God's forgiveness is not just to say "Amen, so be it!" but to go out and forgive someone else.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant raises the frightening prospect that pardon already granted by God could be revoked. The king who forgave his servant his debt meant it. But when the servant went out and failed to forgive his fellow servant, the king revoked the pardon. By his action the servant had shown that he did not appreciate and therefore was unworthy of the pardon he had been given. Is this a good analogy of how God deals with us? That seems to be the point of the parable. **"So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart"** (Matthew 18:35). In other words, when God gives us His word of forgiveness, everything is not over yet. The deal is finally concluded only when we are able to go out and forgive those who sin against us. The free grace of God's forgiveness needs our response of forgiving our neighbor to be finally ratified. Isn't that a frightening thought? **"Forgive your neighbors the wrong they have done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray"** (Sirach 28:2).

Why do we find it hard to forgive others even though that is the only way to anchor God's forgiveness? I think the reason is because we fail to appreciate and celebrate our own forgiveness. Like the ungrateful servant in the parable, we focus on the 100 denarii our neighbor owes us rather than the 10,000 talents we owe to God, which God has graciously cancelled.

If we find ourselves in the club of those who find it so hard to forgive other people, chances are that we have not come to appreciate and celebrate sufficiently the immeasurable forgiveness that we ourselves have received from God. So, let us pray today for a deeper appreciation of the amazing love that God has shown us in Christ. It is this awareness that will make it easier for us to let others off the hook for their relatively minor offences against us.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Deacon Don DeLorenzo and Cathleen DeLorenzo for their dedicated service to their ministries at St. Theodore's. Please welcome to our Parish our new Music Director, Lisa Sforza

Fr Zenek, SDS

Today's 2nd Collection benefits Major Maintenance

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP AT ST. THEODORE

Thank you to all who signed up for the various ministries that support our church.

Fr. Zenek

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

A meeting of the St. Theodore's Youth Group will be held on September 28 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Proposed activities and meetings for the new school year will be discussed. We hope to see you there!

Sandra and Andrew.

The Catholic Voter: Forming Conscience & Society

The Diocese of Metuchen presents "The Catholic Voter: Forming Conscience & Forming Society," Sept. 16, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Bakita Hall at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway. The symposium will examine the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' document, "Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States;" the role of Catholics in the public square; and how to form and exercise one's conscience in preparation for the November elections. The symposium will feature two speakers: Joan Rosenhauer, associate director of the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace & Human Development, and Father John Fell, moral theologian and pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bernardsville. The public is invited to attend this free symposium. Please pre-register by calling (732) 562-2424 or e-mail news@catholicspirit.com. For information, visit www.diometuchen.org.

Can you save your marriage? If your marriage has become unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but both of you would like to try again, then **RETROUVAILLE** may help you. The next program begins Sept. 19-21, 2008 with six follow-up sessions. No group discussions and all inquiries are confidential. Call 732-562-1990 ext, 1624.

The Diocese of Metuchen has several **Employment Opportunities** available:

- ~ Fiscal Management Analyst
- ~ Risk Manager
- ~ Computer Support Specialist
- ~ Assistant Superintendent of Institutional Advancement
- ~ Assistant Director of Religious Education
- ~ Part Time Administrative Assistant
- ~ Part Time Cook

For more information on each job opening, including instructions on how to apply, please visit www.diometuchen.org/hr/employment

God's Plan for Giving

September 6 & 7, 2008 \$ 3,771.62

Last Year \$ 3,594.59

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

Critical Life Issues Conference 2008

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, the Diocese of Metuchen will be sponsoring this important conference. It will be held at the St. John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway from 8:30-3:30pm. Registration is \$40.00 for general admission and \$20.00 for clergy, religious and students. This fee includes lunch and handouts. To register, please call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629.

MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS

- Sept. 13 Luke Gleba, Phillip Koskoff
Sept. 14 Robert Mason, Mackenzie Mason (8am)
Kaitlyn Gagliano, Walter & William Gonsiewski (10:30am)
Sept. 20 Nick Moorehead, Sean Flaherty
Sept. 21 Robert & Juliette Capaldo (8am)
Melissa Ciaro, Melody Haag, Miranda Vargo (10:30am)

LECTORS

- Sept. 13 Jeanine Gleba
Sept. 14 Ken Moscetti (8am)
Bob Gagliano (10:30am)
Sept. 20 Nancy Guerriere
Sept. 21 Joan Capaldo (8am)
Helene Picht (10:30am)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Sept. 13 Mary Koskoff (C) Phil Koskoff(C)
Deacon Don DeLorenzo(E)
Sept. 14 Diane Moscetti (C) Monica Merkel (C)
Deacon Don DeLorenzo (E) (8am)
Joy Haag (C) Jane Labato (C)
Deacon Don DeLorenzo (E) (10:30am)
Sept. 20 Denise Flaherty (C) Ray Vonderheide(C)
Tim Flaherty(E)
Sept. 21 Karl Strohmaier (C) Emily Cirone (C)
Rose Strohmaier (E) (8am)
Joy Haag (C) Mary Koskoff (C)
Phil Koskoff (E) (10:30am)

