

# September 20, 2009 *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## 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**

## Monday, September 21

8:45 a.m. **Peter Martinez**  
r/o Rose Strohmaier

## Tuesday, September 22

8:45 a.m. **Joyce Spoor**  
r/o Ann & Dave Dymski

## Wednesday, September 23

8:45 a.m. **Jim Karpinski**  
r/o Wife Betty

## Thursday, September 24

8:45 a.m. **Joseph Walsh**  
r/o Mary & Bill Supple

## Friday September 25—No Mass

## Saturday, September 26

11 a.m. **Funeral of Veronica Gender**

5 p.m. **Jacob Carbone**  
r/o Theresa Carbone

## Sunday, September 27

8:00 a.m. **Michelina & William Juliano**  
r/o Family

10:30 a.m. **Peter Martinez**  
r/o Strohmaier Family



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**Tabernacle Candle in Loving Memory of  
Peter Matthew Albano  
By Mom and Dad**

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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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### 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.

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**Baptism Class** for first-time parents:  
Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners!

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests", which began with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father from June 9-11, 2010.

With the announcement of this Year for Priests, the Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé d'Ars.

Christ, The Good Shepherd, is calling. Amongst the flock of His Church are people who follow Him in so many ways whether it's as a Teacher, Doctor or Care Worker. There are others who follow Christ in their vocation to be a parent or as a married person. But there are others who feel a call to take a particular role of leadership in the Church's flock, as priests, deacons or in consecrated life. Like the sheep it's not that these people are necessarily the quickest or smartest, but they too recognize something in the Shepherd that attracts them. These are not people who will succeed in getting a greater reward when the Good Shepherd brings them to their promised pasture; they are simply the ones who take a lead because of their overwhelming desire to follow.

People who have answered the call to these vocations are seen as leaders because their visible desire to follow Christ encourages others to ask

“Why?” What is it that attracts them to follow this true God, true man? Jesus Christ? However, unlike the great footballers they are not the star players in God’s team. On the



contrary, to truly be a follower of Christ is to want what Christ wants. The

greatest desire of a priest, deacon or one in

consecrated life is to enable others to be stars. Stars, who in the life of the Church, are the saints.

This Sunday gives us an opportunity to look behind the stars and acknowledge the leaders who accompanied us in our journey. We also pray that others of those people amongst, who we know to have an overwhelming desire to follow Christ, will be open to the call of leadership in the Church, the flock of Christ.

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 29 (**note change in**

**date**) at 7 p.m. in the Rectory. We hope many parishioners will attend.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Kof C Council 5170, St. Joseph Parish, Washington**

is sponsoring a soccer challenge for children ages 10 to 14 on 9/27 @ 2 p.m., Boro Park (Rt. 31 S-2 blocks S of Rt. 57). Local winners are eligible to participate in a district competition. Competition will be a penalty-kick contest; all players will be recognized for participating. Children must provide parental consent and proof of age. Need more info? Call Jeff Milardo 908-339-1364; Terry Finnegan 908-689-3505

**Our Weekly Offering**

Last Week \$3,368.25                      Last Year \$3,081.75  
Major Maintenance \$1,185.97                      \$1,180.

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**The Civil Union Act**

As part of the Statewide Initiative for Marriage Protection, all parishioners in the Diocese of Metuchen are asked to reflect on the true meaning of marriage and show your concern to our NJ State Legislators by signing the Petition to Preserve the Definition of Marriage, which states:

We, the undersigned parishioners, petition our members of the NJ General Assembly and Senate to preserve the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The institution of marriage existed long before any government, religion or law. The Civil Union Act (NJ Statutes 37:1-28) Chapter 103 of the laws of 2006 was enacted to give same sex couples all the same rights and benefits as married couples. We respectfully ask you to enforce the Civil Union Act and to reject all efforts to redefine marriage. Petitions will be collected after Massed 9/19-20 and 9/26-27.

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**Religious Education Information:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Whenever a Student has attended Mass at a church other than St. Theodore, he or she must give a bulletin from that church to their Catechist at the next Rel. Ed. class.

**9/28/09, 6:15 Mass for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders** all other students are to report to the school for Religious Education classes

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**Margaret Glackin, Chris, Bree, Anna & John Saks,**  
**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:*  
*[strohmaierr@yahoo.com](mailto:strohmaierr@yahoo.com) to add name to the Prayer Chain*

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**Altar Servers**

**Sept 26:** Grace Gleba, Carlee Moran  
**Sept 27:** Robert & Juliette Capaldo-8;  
Philip Koskoff-10:30  
**Oct 3:** Christopher Pollack, Sean Flaherty  
**Oct. 4:** Mackenzie & RobertMason-8; Melody  
Haag, Justin Watt, Sarah Kochan-10:30

**Lectors**

**Sept 26:** Jeanine Gelba  
**Sept 27:** Mary Rupell-8; Elmer Kollar-10:30  
**Oct 3:** Christine DeLellis  
**Oct. 4:** Theresa Lucas-8; Elmer Kollar-  
10:30

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**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  
**Oct 3:** Denise Flaherty E, Tim Flaherty C,  
Jim Mattison C  
**Oct. 4:** Emily Cirone E, Monica Merkel C,  
Bill Supple C

