

September 27, 2009 *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Saturday, September 26

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

Monday, September 28

8:45 a.m. **Anna & Patrick Kane**
r/o Reynolds Family

Tuesday, September 29

8:45 a.m. **Anthony S. Sirianni**
r/o Barbara, Angela, Maria & Anthony

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

8:45 a.m. **In Thanksgiving Carmelite Sisters**
r/o Parishioners St. Theodore

First Friday October 2

8:45 a.m. **Patrick T. Kane**
r/o Mary Farrell

First Saturday, October 3

8:45 a.m. **The Kane & Urbano Families**
r/o Julia Alliston

5 p.m. **Pauline Yonaitis**
r/o Husband Gus

Sunday, October 4

8:00 a.m. **Robert Burger**
r/o daughter Margaret Bitecola

10:30 a.m. **Ede & Hans Pfeil**
r/o Gerry Moss

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.



First Friday & First Saturday
October 2 & 3: Mass at 8:45 am.
Followed by Exposition and
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament.

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

Dear Parishioner!

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. (Jn 6:53-54)

These words of Jesus remind us as clearly as possible of the centrality of the Eucharist to our Catholic Faith. The Eucharist is, in the simplest yet most profound of terms, the source of life. In giving us the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus gave us his very own body and blood, a priceless gift, one that enriches our spiritual lives here on earth and leads us eventually to the perfection of eternal life in heaven.

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church" teaches us again of the importance of the Eucharist in the life of the Christian.

The obligation is for Catholics to assist at (attend) Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation of the Year. This is the "1st Precept of the Church." The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that this is a "grave" obligation, which means that to fail in it deliberately, and without a proportionate serious or grave reason constitutes for that person a mortal sin.

It is always good to attend Mass on days other than Sundays, but only IN ADDITION TO Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

In closing, dear parishioners please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all that you had done to make my Installation as your Pastor very

memorable. You made this day even more special for me because of your wonderful support. I am very touched by your thoughtfulness, remembering me with you gifts, cooking and baking contributions and especially your prayers. Thank you so much.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Father Zenek, SDS

Sunday October 4th is Respect Life Sunday. Please join us on **S. Main Street in Phillipsburg 2:00 to 3:30** (rain or shine) for **Life Chain**, a peaceful, prayerful, silent and non-confrontational demonstration, which brings together people of all faiths and all ages to make a powerful visual statement about the value and dignity of every human life. Meet at S.S. Phillip and James Church on S. Main Street in Phillipsburg

We look forward to coming together as a parish family to show our love for God and all human life.



*St. Theodore's Respect Life Society
 Thank you and God Bless,
 Joyce Lopez*

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

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week	\$3,689.	Last Year	\$3,411.43
Peter's Pence	\$ 350.50		\$ 492.70

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 8th Graders Only; all other students are to report to the school for Religious Education classes

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

St. Theodore Church Welcomes a New Member



Charles Robert Heath III
 Son of Lori and Charles
 Heath, Jr.

Baptized on September 20, 2009

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Together we are the "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5) that form the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, combined with that of your fellow parishioners, will be used to enrich the lives of so many people throughout Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties. Every gift is important. Thank you for your support.

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, Joshua Zins. To add Name: Call Parish Office 908-689-8318; email Rose Strohmaier at: strohmaier@yahoo.com to add name to the Prayer Chain

Altar Servers

Oct 3: Christopher Pollack, Sean Flaherty
Oct. 4: Mackenzie & RobertMason-8; Melody Haag, Justin Watt, Sarah Kochan-10:30
Oct 10: Luke & Grace Gleba, Nora Renn

Life Chain Reminder:

"Every Child Brings us God's Smile"

Oct. 11: Robert & Juliette Capaldo-8;
Philip Koskoff, Gianna Orrechio, Kaitlyn
Gagliano-10:30

Lectors

Oct 3: Christine DeLellis

Oct. 4: Theresa Lucas-8; Elmer Kollar-
10:30

Oct 10: Jeanine Gleba

Oct. 11: Mary Rupell-8; Bob Gagliano-
10:30

Eucharistic Ministers

Oct 3: Denise Flaherty E, Tim Flaherty C,
Jim Mattison C

Oct. 4: Emily Cirone E, Monica Merkel C,
Bill Supple C

Oct 10: Ray Vonderheide E, Jim & Eileen
Mattison C

Oct. 11: Karl Strohmaier E, Rose
Strohmaier C, Joan Capaldo C -8; Jane
Labato E, Phil & Mary Koskoff C-10:30