

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**September 28, 2008**

SATURDAY September 27

5:00 PM MASE & GAMBUCCI FAMILY  
r/o Stephanie & Corky Pasquini

SUNDAY, September 28

8:00 AM MARY DOWHANIK  
r/o Joe & Emily Cirone

10:30 AM ANTHONY S. SIRIANNI  
r/o Charlene Cote

MONDAY, September 29

8:30 AM ROCCO & ANGELICA MARONE  
r/o Roseann Marone

TUESDAY, September 30

8:30 AM GRACE TIRINO  
r/o Paula Marchese

WEDNESDAY, October 1

8:30 AM WILLIAM KEATES  
r/o Fr. Anthony

THURSDAY, October 2

8:30 AM IN THANKSGIVING FOR CARMELITE  
SISTERS  
r/o Fr. Anthony

FRIDAY, October 3

8:30 AM No Mass

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



## Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Rita Shaffer

By Kathleen, Bob & Scott Farley

### 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)

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

### Prayer Chain Contact

Rose Strohmaier has been selected to head our prayer chain. You may contact Rose via e-mail [strohmaier@yahoo.com](mailto:strohmaier@yahoo.com) or call the Parish Office 908-689-8318

Dear Parishioners!

An associate pastor, new to the parish, sees the need to start a Bible study group where people could learn to read the word of God and deepen their faith. After service one morning, he presents the idea to the people and receives a unanimous and enthusiastic feedback. "It is a wonderful idea," they all say. Then the young associate pastor goes and tells the pastor that the people are happy with the idea of starting a Bible class. The older and more experienced pastor tells the associate to rephrase the question and consult the people again. The following day the young priest asks the same congregation, "Who would like to sign up for the Bible study group? Only four hands go up. Then it dawns on the young man that saying yes to an idea is one thing and doing what is required is another.

In today's gospel Jesus tells the parable of two sons who say one thing and do another. Asked by the father to go and work in the vineyard the first son says no but later reconsiders his decision and does the work. The second son, on the other hand, courteously says yes to the father but fails to do the work. Who actually did what his father wanted? Clearly it is the first son, the same one who had earlier said no to him.

Jesus told this parable in the temple in Jerusalem just days before they would arrest him and put him to death. For three years he had been preaching to the people, inviting them to repent and believe the Good News. He had discovered that, in fact, it was public sinners like the tax-collectors and prostitutes who responded to his invitation.

Then there are those of us who have the fine words: who come to church every Sunday and say to God "Amen! We believe." We wear badges and medals as ways of professing our faith. But sometimes when it comes to concrete action in support of what we know to be the will of God, we are found wanting. If we carry on like this, then we should heed the warning that those other folks are going into the kingdom of God ahead of us.

To conclude, we need to point out that today's parable is really the parable of two bad sons. Which of the two boys would you have as an ideal son: the one who bluntly says no to his father's face or the one who says yes and does not follow up on it? The answer is none of the above. Ideal sons and daughters are those who say yes to their parents and then go on to do what is commanded. This is what we should aim to be -- men and women who profess our faith in word and deed -- knowing that "**Not all those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven**" (Matthew 7:21).

In Christ,

Fr. Zenek,

S.D.S.

**2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal**  
***Continuing the Mission of Christ***

Thank you to the parish families who made a gift or pledge to the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift makes a difference and every gift is appreciated.

**Warren Hills High School Clothing Drive**  
**For Project Graduation Class of 2009**

Oct. 3- 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Oct. 4. 9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Collection Site: Warren Hills High School

They accept items lightly used and in good condition: Clothing, blankets, stuffed animals, shoes, sheets, sleeping bags, belts, pillows, draperies, handbags, towels. Money is earned by the pound. Please place all items in well tied bags.

**Project Graduation 2009**

Fall Festival & Haunted High School at Warren Hills High School Oct 24, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Oct 25, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Activities for all ages. Cost: Students \$5.-Adults \$7. Proceeds benefit Project Graduation 2009

**October is Respect for Life Month**

***Breakfast for Life*** October 1st – Breakfast for Life – Interfaith Prayer Breakfast held at the Heilson Dining Hall, Rutgers University, Douglas Campus 7:30-9am. Rev. Bill Halbing is the guest speaker and his topic “The Freedom of Choice Act”. To reserve a seat, call Barbara at 732-297-2778.

***Life Chair of Warren County*** October 5th our church will join with churches throughout Warren County to stand along the sidewalks in Phillipsburg holding signs stating, “Abortion Kills Children” and “Adoption: The Loving Option” in silent, peaceful, and prayerful witness against the unmerciful killing of God's innocent pre-born babies. For information call 908-213-6974.

***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.

**R.C.I.A. Are you Interested in Becoming a Catholic?**

Or perhaps you are a baptized Catholic who never completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation). The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is just for you! Gather with others who desire to know the Lord Jesus Christ in the truth of the Catholic Faith as we undergo catechesis, reflect on the scriptures, and contemplate our call to faith in Christ in preparation for Baptism and/or reception and completion of the Sacrament of Initiation. Meetings will be held on Saturdays at the 5 p.m. Mass, after the Liturgy of the Word. If you are interested, please see after any Mass or call the Parish office at 908-689-8313 (leave your name & phone number)

**God's Plan for Giving**

September 20 & 21, 2008: \$ 4,105.13

Last Year: \$ 4,367.69

*October 18<sup>th</sup> Second Collection is for Propagation of Faith*

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

**Invitation to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

To visit Bethlehem Catholic High School, Bethlehem PA on Tuesday, September 30, 9:15a.m. to 1:15 p.m. If needed, transportation will be provided to and from Sts. Philip & James School in Phillipsburg. The bus will arrive at the school at 8:20 a.m. and will return at approximately 1:30 p.m.. For details and to register for the day, please call 610-866-0791, ext. 21.

**Tricky Tray Fundraise 12/5/08, 6 p.m.**

**Benefit of Religious Education School Rental**

Following items are needed; donations can be left in the Parish Center bins: new gifts; baskets-any size, shape; clear plastic basket bags; bows, curling ribbon, tissue paper, packing materials (i.e. Styrofoam); gift certificates, tickets to sporting events, concerts, theater, restaurant gift certificates; get-away weekends, ski passes, etc. For more information, please contact Marta Jackson at 908-689-8393

**MINISTRIES**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sept. 27 Carlee Moran & Sean Flaherty

Sept. 28 Mackenize & Robert Mason (8am)

Mackenzie & Samantha Sbashnig & Gianna

Orrechio (10:30am)

Oct. 4 Evan & Ryan Moran

Oct. 5 Mackenzie & Robert Mason (8am)

Melody Haag, Melissa Cairo, Justin Watt

(10:30am)

**LECTORS**

Sept. 27 John Haines

Sept. 28 Theresa Lucas (8am)

Mary Rupell (10:30am)

Oct. 4 Nancy Guerriere

Oct. 5 Mary Rupell (8am)

Elmer Kollar (10:30am)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sept. 27 Paul Buckley (C) Lorraine Buckley(C)  
(E)

Sept. 28 Diane Keegan (C) Nadie Hill (C) (E) (8am)

Tina Jackson (C) Helene Picht (C) Jane Labato (E)

(10:30am)

Oct. 4 James Mattison (C) Eileen Mattison (E)

Ray Vonderheide (C)

Oct. 5 Monica Merkel (E) Emily Cirone (C)

Bill Supple (C) (8am)

Joy Haag (C) Patricia Kollar (E) Jane Labato (C)

(10:30am)