

April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 21

5:00 p.m. +**Andrew Peterson**
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

Sunday, April 22 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 a.m. +**Maria Korkoszka**
By Anna Kuruc

10:30 a.m. +**Helen Dicheck**
By Victoria and Robert Dicheck

Monday, April 23 Saint George

8:45 a.m. +Thomas, Elizabeth and Louis DeBari
By Angela Gross

Tuesday, April 24 Saint Fedelis

8:45 a.m. + **The Kane and Urbano Families**
By Susan Reynolds

Wednesday, April 25 Saint Mark

8:45 a.m. +**Sergio and Sabina Cappelluti**
By Sam and Marietta Tridente

Thursday, April 26 NO MASS

Friday, April 27

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Saturday, April 28

5:00 p.m. + **Nettie, Joseph, and Joseph, Jr. Roche**
By The Wyker Family

Sunday, April 29

8:00 a.m. +**Berndino Iannelli**
By Paul and Elisabeth Boccolini

10:30 a.m. +**Janet DiFonzo**
By Family

and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institutes* in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of *mission "ad gentes"*.

Message from Pope Francis:

2018 marks the 55th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Fifty-fifth World Day of Prayer for Vocations once again proclaims this good news to us, and in a decisive manner. We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events; on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation!

Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, who walks along the often dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy. In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to *listen, discern* and *live* this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness.

These three aspects – *listening, discerning and living* – were also present at beginning of Jesus' own mission, when, after his time of prayer and struggle in the desert, he visited his synagogue of Nazareth. There, he listened to the word, discerned the content of the mission entrusted to him by the Father, and proclaimed that he came to accomplish it "today" (Lk 4:16-21).

Prayer for Vocations

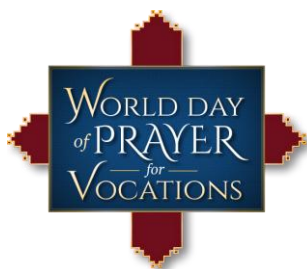
Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today.

World Day of Prayer is observed on Sunday, April 22nd, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for

Vocations is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the *ordained ministries* (priesthood and diaconate), to the *Religious life* in all its forms (male and female, contemplative



Give us the energy and courage
of Your Spirit to shape its future
Grant us faith-filled leaders
who will embrace Christ's Mission
of love and justice.

Bless the Church of Saint Theodore
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters,
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Dear Parishioners,

As mentioned in past bulletins, we count on
the Sunday First Collection for our routine
expenses.

Following is an overview of how our
collections are allocated:

The Second Collection (excluding Diocesan,
National Collections, Salvatorian Collections) as
in the past are used for extraordinary expenses—
e.g. tractor and truck repairs, heating and air
conditioning repairs, etc.

Easter and Christmas Collections, along with
Sunday First Collections, Second Collections and
Fundraisers, are used to subsidize our Property
Insurance and Diocesan Assessment payments.

Our church attendance has gone down
considerably in the last few years, which has
impacted our operating capital. Our Sunday First
Collections were down \$19,621 from Fiscal Year
2015-2016 to Fiscal year 2016-2017, and the
decline continues this fiscal year.

It is extremely difficult to meet our financial
responsibilities with this large a deficit. I am
asking you, parishioners, in your goodness, if it
is at all possible, to increase you weekly
contribution to help us in this difficult time. With
God's grace we will overcome this set back. May
the Lord bless you for your continued generosity
to the church.

In Christ,

Father Damian



Please pray for the repose of
the soul of our parishioner,
Joseph Cong Tran.
May he rest in peace.

Theodore Church Fundraiser

50/50 Raffle: (May 27): Parishioners will be
receiving in the mail soon a book of tickets for
our annual 50/50 Raffle. As in the past, the books
are \$100-\$10 per ticket. These chances will be
sold before and after the weekend Masses in the
Parish Center.



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah
Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira
Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan
Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren
Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip
Kinney, Peter S., Mary Supple,
Mary Rupell, Susan Reynolds,
Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara,
Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma
Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars,
Glenda L., The Rasimowicz Family, Michael
Dante, Joseph Boyle, Rosemarie Freeman, Tony
Santos

April Calendar

Bible Study Every Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

April 23, 6:15 pm: 2nd Grade in Church

April 30, 6:15 pm: 2nd Grade in Church for First
Communion Rehearsal

Our Offering

April 15: \$1,715.50

April 8: \$1,977.

April 1: \$1,941.17

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

Saint Theodore contributions as of April 13.

Pledges: \$5,385; Payments: \$4,027.50

Parishioner Families: 40;

Amount is 76.9% of our \$7,000 Goal
