

August 14, 2016 The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 13

5:00 p.m. +**Paul Kappus**
By The Kappus Family

Sunday, August 14

8:00 a.m. **Blessings for Angela and Dan**
By Uncle Ivins and Aunt Joanne Smith

10:30 a.m. +**Victor W. Vallo, Sr.**
By Victoria and Bob Dicheck

Monday, August 15 *Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:45 a.m. +**Maria Swierad**
By Friend

Tuesday, August 16 *Saint Stephen of Hungary*

8:45 a.m. +**Maria Swierad**
By Friend

Wednesday, August 17

8:45 a.m. +**Maria Swierad**
By Friend

Thursday, August 18

8:45 a.m. +**Maria Swierad**
By Friend

Friday, August 19 *NO MASS*

Saturday, August 20

5:00 p.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

Sunday, August 21

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

10:30 a.m. +**Maria Swierad**
By Friend



When we remember someone at a celebratory meal, make a sacrifice to fund a scholarship in a person's memory, or contribute to a charitable work to which someone was dedicated throughout his life, in a certain way the one we remember seems to be present. Sometimes a plate is set at table for a loved one who has died, or a picture or some memorabilia of that person is set out to help us remember. The remembrance of Christ in the Eucharist is much more than that, however. Jesus Christ is truly present. The presence of Jesus is substantial, and the bread and wine are transubstantiated. Substance is the very being or reality of someone or something, and the very reality of Jesus—Body, Blood, soul, and divinity (Council of Trent, DS 1640; 1651)—is present in the Eucharist. Most of us are familiar with the word

“transubstantiation,” which describes the changing over (trans) of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This is a change of substance, meaning that the reality of bread and wine are changed over into the reality of the Body and Blood of Christ. Though still under the appearances of bread and wine, the reality is the person of Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God who has shared our human nature.

This is truly the real Jesus as he walked on earth, God and man, but more: It is Jesus on the Cross, who has died, risen, and entered into glory, truly present to us in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not only a sign of Jesus, pointing beyond itself to him. It is not merely a metaphor, conjuring up Jesus by virtue of some similarity or correspondence to him. If we call the Eucharist a symbol of Jesus, a representation of him, we must remember that this symbolic representation re-presents him, makes present again the reality of Jesus, the eternal Son of God, divine and human, truly present in the Eucharist. Let us reflect on the spiritual and practical meaning for us of this theological understanding of the Eucharist.

There is an ongoing, disturbing pattern taking place in St. Theodore Church perpetrated by an unknown at this time; however, measures are being formulated to identify the person or persons responsible.

Someone has been desecrating the Body of Christ after having received the Eucharist. Consecrated hosts have been found on the floor of pews, in the hymnals and in the hymnal book cases in the pews.

It is difficult to fathom that any Catholic who has reached the age of reason would not understand and believe that this consecrated host is the Body of Christ. The sinful, irreverent, irreligious, unholy, and disrespectful disposal of the Body of Christ as if it were a piece of trash has to stop now!

If this act is being committed by a child: Parents—it is your responsibility to see that the Eucharist is consumed totally by your child and to re-educate them on the teachings of the Catholic Church.

If this is being committed by an adult: There is no valid reason for you to do this. However you justify your act, please know that you are wrong and you should stop this act against our Lord immediately. If you have problems swallowing or have an intolerance to wheat—don't receive the Body of Christ. You can receive Christ under either species—the Body or the Blood—the Church teaches, "Anyone who receives only the form of bread or wine receives the living Christ in Communion."

Parishioners, if you see the Body of Christ being desecrated, say something and report it to Father Damian. Thank you.



September Religious Education Schedule

- Sept. 8, 7 pm—Catechist and Aides Meeting (Parish Ctr.)
- Sept. 10, 6 pm—Grades 1-4, Parish Center to meet teachers and receive books
- Sept. 11, 11:30 am—Grades 5-8, Parish Center to meet teachers and receive books
- Sept. 12, 6:15 pm—All grades at school
- Sept. 19, 6:30 pm, Grades 7 & 8 at church with parents; 6:15 pm all other grades at school
- Sept. 26, 6:15—All grades at school

We are in the final stages of assigning children to classes and reporting to the Mansfield Township School the number of classrooms needed. **Please Register Your Child As Soon As Possible!** PLEASE DOWNLOAD FORMS (one per child): www.sttheodorenj.com
 Fee: 1 child-\$120; 2 children-\$240, 3 children-\$240
 Grades 2 & 8: Additional \$50 per child for Sacrament fee. (If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please see Father Damian so arrangements can be made.)



The St. Theodore Church cleaning crew's schedule has change. The crew will clean the church after every Monday morning Mass. We desperately need more helpers. Would you consider giving up an hour of your time and help us, please? Coffee and dessert served in the Rectory follows the cleaning.



Stephen, Anthony Vitale, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Keira H., Maryann Vaughan, Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Maryann Vaughan, Robert Dicheck, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Kerry Kraft, Barbara K., Patty Mahoney

Our Offering: August 7: \$2,054; 2015: \$2,486.56

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



is the process by which adult converts are received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Normally, it starts in September and takes place in four stages. It gathers information, answers questions and corrects misunderstandings about Catholicism. It is a process of spiritual formation and introduction to the Catholic parish life. The RCIA program was initiated by Pope Paul VI on January 6, 1972. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, are considering becoming a Catholic, or have any questions about the process, please contact Father Damian at 689-8318, ext. 4. Please give name and phone number if leaving voice mail.

Items Needed for Tricky Tray



Dear Parishioners:
 We are hoping to get an early start with supplies and would be most appreciative if you can help. To get us started we need baskets, medium to large, shred, cellophane gift bags—large, cellophane wrap, & ribbons. Prizes that we can use to make up baskets are candles, lotions, new or unused items. Of course, we accept your finished tricky tray basket at any time. Gift cards are a great item—you can get them from our Altar Rosary Gift Shop on weekends. Thanks for your help.