

August 21, 2016 The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 22 The Queenship of the BVM

8:45 a.m. +**Henry Rebinski, Sr.**
By Henry Rebinski

Tuesday, August 23 Saint Rose of Lima

8:45 a.m. +**Beatrice and Thomas Nappi**
By Angela Gross

Wednesday, August 24 Saint Bartholomew

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

Thursday, August 25 Saint Louis

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

Friday, August 26 NO MASS

Saturday, August 27

5:00 p.m. Blessings for Nancy and Charlie
Guerriere on their 40th Wedding Anniversary
By Family

Sunday, August 28

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

10:30 a.m. +**Elza Kuncewitch**
By Irma Marquart



Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule

forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, Mary is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

Let the entire body of the faithful pour forth persevering prayer to the Mother of God and Mother of men. Let them implore that she who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers may now, exalted as she is in heaven above all the saints and angels, intercede with her Son in the fellowship of all the saints. May she

do so until all the peoples of the human family, whether they are honored with the name of Christian or whether they still do not know their Savior, are happily gathered together in peace and harmony into the one People of God, for the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity" (Vatican II, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 69).

In this feast, particularly cherished by the Popes of modern times, we celebrate Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Pope Pius XII in the Papal Encyclical *Ad Coeli Reginam* proposed the traditional doctrine on the Queenship of Mary and established this feast for the Universal Church.

Pope Pius IX said of Mary's queenship: "Turning her maternal Heart toward us and dealing with the affair of our salvation, she is concerned with the whole human race. Constituted by the Lord Queen of Heaven and earth, and exalted above all choirs of Angels and the ranks of Saints in Heaven, standing at the right hand of Her only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, she petitions most powerfully with Her maternal prayers, and she obtains what she seeks."

And Pope Pius XII added the following: "We commend that on the festival there be renewed the consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Upon this there is founded a great hope that there will rejoice in the triumph of religion and in Christian peace..."

...Therefore, let all approach with greater confidence now than before, to the throne of mercy and grace of our Queen and Mother to beg help in difficulty, light in darkness and solace in trouble and sorrow...

...Whoever, therefore, honours the lady ruler of the Angels and of men - and let no one think themselves exempt from the payment of that tribute of a grateful and loving soul - let them call upon her as most truly Queen and as the Queen who brings the blessings of peace, that She may show us all, after this exile, Jesus, who will be our enduring peace and joy."

Our Offering: August 7: \$2,036 ; 2015: \$2,213.

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.



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



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

There is less than one month before the start of Religious Education. We need a final count very soon and it would be most helpful if you **Please Register Your Child Now!**

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. No child will be turned away.)



CATHOLIC CHARITIES SOLIDARITY TEAM

The Catholic Charities Solidarity Team strives to be servant leaders in the Diocese

of Metuchen as we carry forth the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' (USCCB) work of Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in our diocese.

One of the coming events that may be of interest to you or those in your circle:

Racial Harmony and Peaceful Communities Friday, September 9: The USCCB has declared a Day of Prayer for Peaceful Communities, in light of events in various cities of the country this summer. The Metuchen Diocese will lead an ecumenical prayer service that day at 9 a.m. at the Sacred Heart/Holy Family Parish, 56 Throop Ave. New Brunswick. Bishop Checchio is expected to lead the service and to preach. For more information and detailed updates of the event, go to the ccsolidarity.org event page.