

August 26, 2018 The Twentieth-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 25

5:00 p.m. +**Dolores LaVacca**
By Rich and Maryjane Petteruti

Sunday, August 26

8:00 a.m. +**Margaret Conroy**
By Bill and Mary Theroux

10:30 a.m. +**Julia Malia**
By Bernice Frankenfield

Monday, August 27

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

Tuesday, August 28

8:45 a.m. +**Eric Riso**
By Rich and Maryjane Petteruti

Wednesday, August 29

8:45 a.m.

Thursday, August 30 NO MASS

Friday, August 31

8:45 a.m. +**Nicholas DeSanto, Sr.**
By Desiree Dillon and Family

Saturday, September 1

8:45 a.m. +**George Reynolds**
By Susan Reynolds

5:00 p.m. +**Arthur Elliot**
By Rich and Maryjane Petteruti

Sunday, September 2

8:00 a.m. +**George Reynolds**
By Andy and Bernadette Ryan

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit and the Joy of the Lord

All were amazed. (Luke 1:63)

What do you think is the most amazing thing about John the Baptist? His uncompromising zeal for the Lord? His clear, passionate preaching? Maybe his gift of self-denial, or the humility he displayed despite his fame.

How about this: that even as a fetus, John leapt for joy in the presence of Mary and Jesus. Imagine: Here was an unborn baby, barely aware of life outside of the womb, and yet the muffled, quiet sound of Mary's greeting filled him with the Holy Spirit and caused such a dramatic reaction.

This leap may remind us of Isaac's wife, Rebecca, who also felt an unusual amount of activity from the twins in her womb. Rebecca

asked the Lord why this was happening, and he told her that something spiritual and prophetic was going on inside of her (Genesis 25:20-23). King David also leaped before the Ark of the Covenant. He loved God so much he could not contain himself (2 Samuel 6:14-15). The prophet Isaiah wrote that in the age to come, when the glory of the Lord is made manifest, the lame will leap for joy (Isaiah 35:4-6).

John's leaping shows us that there is a part of us that can recognize God, regardless of what we do or who we are. It's encoded into the way he made us. This ability to recognize the Lord is not limited to unborn babies or to great saints like John. It's in all of us, and it's something that the Holy Spirit wants to bring to life so that we too can recognize Jesus more deeply—and rejoice in his presence.

So on his great feast day (August 29), let's honor John the Baptist for all that he did for Jesus and for us. John truly is one of the greatest saints of the church. But let's never forget that the relationship between John and Jesus is something each one of us can experience. We can all leap for joy as we prepare this world for the coming of Christ the King!

"Come, Lord, and fill my heart with joy."



To those parents who have not registered their children as yet: do so now, please.

Religious Education Help Needed

Mondays at 6 p.m.

An Aide Needed to assist Ginny
Substitute Aides needed to assist teachers

Healing Mission at Saint Theodore Church

Two dates significant to remember:
 September 13 & 14, 2018
 7:00 p.m.

On those dates we will begin our Healing Mission and are hoping that you will be attending at least one of the services. Each service is unique; however, forgiveness and confessions are the main drive and the mission director, Mr. Paul Rymniak, feels very strongly that your healing will begin in the confessional.

For 31 years, Paul has been to various churches in the United States as well as to churches in many other countries and, at times, worked with interpreters for nine different cultures. During his mission he worked with Native Americans for three years, people of the Caribbean, Canada and Mexico.

Mr. Rymniak has stated that he is ordinary and will argue that point because he knows where the power of healing he witnessed comes from; he will tell you it is from God.

You needn't take the words and accomplishments of Paul's past endeavors. Come and see for yourself; you may be surprised. You may leave with a HEALING!



Almighty and ever-living God, physician who brings eternal healing to those who believe, hear us as we ask your compassionate help for

your servants who are sick.

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 Rupell, Susan Reynolds, Maryanne C., 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, Tony Santos, Tina Delrosso, Gaspar Scozzati, Eleanor D., Tom and Jean C.

Give them back good health, and enable them to return thanks to you in the assembly of the faithful. Amen

Our Sunday Offering

August 5: \$2,576; August 12: \$1,717 August 19: \$1,451. **Weekly needed: \$4,100.**
 Assessment Fund: \$648.

