

August 27, 2017 Twentieth-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 27

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

10:30 a.m. **+Helen Stoffel**

By Charlie and Nancy Guerriere

Monday, August 28

8:45 a.m. **Blessings for Gae Savino**

By Georgianne and George Merlo

Tuesday, August 29

8:45 a.m. **+James Aumente**

By Brian and Gerry Moss

Wednesday, August 30

8:45 a.m. **+Robert Farley**

By Ruth Woods

Thursday, August 31 (NO MASS)

First Friday, September 1

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

By Andy and Bernadette Ryan

Saturday, September 2

8 45a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

5:00 p.m. **+George Reynolds**

By Susan Reynolds

Sunday, September 3

8:00 a.m. **+George Reynolds**

By Larry and Susan Rineer

10:30 a.m. **+Thomas, Elizabeth and Louis DeBari**

By Sam and Marietta Tridente



Religious Education

Dear Parents of Religious Education Students,

Thank you for registering your child/children in St. Theodore's Religious Education Program. For those who have not registered yet, please do so by September 1. The forms are available in the Narthex or can be downloaded from our website at www.sttheodorenj.com.

On Sunday, September 9 after 5 p.m. Mass, grades 1-4 will meet their teachers and receive their books in the Parish Center. Sunday, September 10, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, grades 5-8 will meet their teachers and receive their

books in the Parish Center. If you have children that have different dates for their books, please call to make arrangements for the books to be at the Mass of your choice.

The first day of Religious Education is Monday, September 11 (6:15 at the school). Parents are to remain at the school for a meeting with Father following the opening prayer.

Tuition Cost: \$120 for one child; \$200 for two, \$240 for three or more children.

Sacraments Fee \$50 for grades 2 and 8.

God has given each of us free will to make our own choices, but with choices there are always consequences. This summer many families have chosen not to attend Mass. The Bible says, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." Your love of God will be returned hundredfold. The foundation of our faith is in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the gift of himself in the Holy Eucharist. The Monday evening classes are to educate your children more about the Catholic faith, but it will have no meaning without their participation in the Mass.

Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our pick-up policy from Religious Education. It is for their safety and our peace of mind that you come to your child's table in the All Purpose Room to pick them up. It is a very hectic time and we need to be sure that every child is arriving home safely after class. I realize, that it may seem acceptable to stand near the door and wave to your child; however, it is not. Please walk to the table and gather your child from there. This will help cut down on the confusion at that very busy time. The teachers cannot possibly keep an eye on every child that runs to the door. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to your child's teacher so they can recognize you. Thank you for your cooperation with this serious matter.

We look forward to another active and rewarding year with you and your family here at St. Theodore's Church. God bless you.

Father Damian Tomiczek, S.D.S. Administrator
Ginny Moran- Parish Catechetical Leader



Teachers and Aides: Please keep the date **September 7** free. All teachers and aides are to meet at **7 p.m.** in the Parish Center for the

Religious Education meeting. It is important that you attend this meeting. Thank you!



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Kerry Kraft, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds, Millie B., Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y.

September Calendar

Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

9/7, 7 pm: Rel. Ed. Teachers & Aides Meeting

9/9, 5 pm: Rel. Ed. Students-Gr. 1-4 meet teachers & get books

9/10, 10:30 am: Rel. Ed. Students-Gr. 5-8 meet teachers & get books

9/10: Hospitality Sunday: after both Masses:

9/11, 6:15 pm: First Day of Rel. Ed. Classes

9/11, 6:15 pm: Rel. Ed. Parents meeting with Father Damian at the school

9/30, 6 pm: Game Night in the Parish Center

October Calendar

10/8: Hospitality Sunday after both Masses

10/9: No Rel. Ed. Classes

10/9: Parish and Rel. Ed. Offices closed

10/14: 7 pm: Wine Tasting Fundraiser & Social in Parish Ctr. (currently in planning stages; details will be posted at later time)

First Friday and First Saturday

September 2 and September 3

8:45 a.m.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Our Weekly Offering

Church weekly expenses \$3,637

<u>August Collections:</u>	<u>Deficit</u>	<u>Total Deficit</u>
Aug. 20: \$1,885	-\$1,752	-\$1,752
August 13: \$1,672	-\$1,965	-\$3,717
August 6: \$1,925	-\$1,712	-\$5,429

Our past bulletins have shown the amount of weekly contributions vs last year's. However interesting that may be to you, it doesn't address the financial health of the parish. To give you an indication if we are meeting the budget requirements or falling short, from now on the bulletin will show the amount needed for weekly expenses vs the amount of Sunday's collection.

- A significant portion of expenses is our **Diocese Assessment, Property & Liability Insurance and Catholic School Assessment: \$40,987 for 2017.**
- Some additional expenses: Priest salary, health insurance, pension, social security, food and household expenses, weekend and/or weekday priest assistance; staff salaries; pick-up truck insurance; pick-up truck & lawn mower expenses; utilities; liturgy & worship supplies; office supplies; Religious Education books & supplies; postage; children bulletins; heating & AC repairs.

If you have any ideas that could help us reach these goal, please email them to

sttheodorenj@gmail.com. Your ideas will be welcome and taken under consideration.

Thank you, parishioers, for your devotion to the parish and your willingness to support all the church's endeavors.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."