

August 28, 2016 The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 27

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

Sunday, August 28

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

10:30 a.m. **+Elza Kuncewitch**

By Irma Marquart

Monday, August 29

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

By Friend

Tuesday, August 30

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

By Friend

Wednesday, August 31

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

By Friend

Thursday, September 1

8:45 a.m. **+Edward Bartholomey**

By Jim and Eileen Mattison

First Friday, September 2

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

By Susan Reynolds

Saturday, September 3

8:45 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

5:00 p.m. **Thomas, Elizabeth and Louis DeBari**

By Sam and Marietta Tridente

Sunday, September 4

8:00 a.m. **+Patrick and Anna Kane**

By Susan Reynolds

10:30 a.m. **+George Reynolds**
By Susan Reynolds and Family



The remarkable woman who would be known as Mother Theresa began life named Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Born on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, she was the youngest child born to Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu, the

following day she was baptized. Receiving her First Communion at the age of five, she was confirmed in November 1916. Her father died while she was only eight years old leaving her family in financial straits.

Gonxha's religious formation was assisted by the vibrant Jesuit parish of the Sacred Heart in which she was very involved as a youth.

Subsequently moved to pursue missionary work, Gonxha left her home in September 1928 at the age of 18 to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland. She received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux. In December of 1929, she departed for her first trip to India, arriving in Calcutta. After making her First Profession of Vows in May 1931, Sister Teresa was assigned to the

Loreto Entally community in Calcutta and taught at St. Mary's School for girls.

It was on September 10, 1946 during a train ride from Calcutta to Darjeeling for her annual retreat, Mother Teresa received her "inspiration, her call within a call." On that day, in a way she would never explain, Jesus' thirst for love and for souls took hold of her heart and the desire to satiate His thirst became the driving force of her life.

By means of interior locutions and visions, Jesus revealed to her the desire of His heart for "victims of love" who would "radiate His love on souls." "Come be My light, "He begged her. "I cannot go alone." Jesus revealed His pain at the neglect of the poor, His sorrow at their ignorance of Him and His longing for their love. He asked Mother Teresa to establish a religious community, Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to the service of the poorest of the poor. On August 17, 1948, she dressed for the first time in a white, blue-bordered sari and passed through the gates of her beloved Loreto convent to enter the world of the poor.

Starting in 1980 and continuing through the 1990s, Mother Teresa opened houses in almost all of the communist countries, including the former Soviet Union, Albania and Cuba.

In order to respond better to both the physical and spiritual needs of the poor, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity Brothers in 1963, in 1976 the contemplative branch of the Sisters, in 1979 the Contemplative Brothers, and in 1984 the Missionaries of Charity Fathers.

During the years of rapid growth the world began to turn its eyes towards Mother Teresa and the work she had started. Numerous awards, beginning with the Indian Padmashri Award in 1962 and notably the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, honored her work, while an increasingly interested media began to follow her activities. She received both prizes and attention 'for the glory of God and in the name of the poor.'

There was a heroic side of this great woman that was revealed only after her death. Hidden from all eyes, even from those closest to her, was her interior life marked by an experience of a deep, painful and abiding feeling of being separated from God, even rejected by Him, along with an ever increasing longing for His love. She called her inner experience, the darkness. The "painful night" of her soul, which began around the time she started her work for the poor and continued to the end of her life, led Mother Teresa to an ever more profound union with God. Through the darkness she mystically participated in

the thirst of Jesus, in His painful and burning longing for love, and she shared in the interior desolation of the poor.

In spite of increasingly severe health problems towards the end of her life, Mother Teresa continued to govern her Society and respond to the needs of the poor and the Church. By 1997, Mother Teresa's Sisters numbered nearly 4,000 members and were established in 610 foundations in 123 countries of the world. In March 1997 she blessed her newly-elected successor as Superior General of the Missionaries of Charity and then made one more trip abroad. After meeting Pope John Paul II for the last time, she returned to Calcutta and spent her final weeks receiving visitors and instructing her Sisters.

On September 5, Mother Teresa's earthly life came to an end. She was given the honor of a state funeral by the Government of India and her body was buried in the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity. Her tomb quickly became a place of pilgrimage and prayer for people of all faiths, rich and poor alike.

Mother Teresa left a testament of unshakable faith, invincible hope and extraordinary charity. Her response to Jesus' plea, "Come be My light," made her a Missionary of Charity, a "mother to the poor," a symbol of compassion to the world, and a living witness to the thirsting love of God. As a testament to her most remarkable life, Pope John Paul II permitted the opening of her Cause of Canonization. On December 20, 2002 he approved the decrees of her heroic virtues and miracles. Mother Teresa will be canonized by Pope Francis on September 4.



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, Martin G., Cheyann Miller

Our Offering: August 7: \$2,120 ; 2015: \$2,545



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 and **PARENTS MEETING W/ FATHER AT THE SCHOOL AT 6:15 PM on Sept. 12.**
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

TO REGISTER, PLEASE DOWNLOAD FORMS (one per child): www.sttheodorenj.com



It's the Dog Days of August, but our minds are on SNOW!

It's coming, there is nothing we can do to stop it...and we will be stuck with the "shock and awe" of these storms. The holy sacrifice of the Mass never gets a "snow day" so we are trying to make sure we are prepared.

Which brings us to this plea: we are in need of several volunteers to help with the snow plowing and sidewalk maintenance (we have a snow blower for the sidewalks.) The ideal situation would be to have three or four people (or more) to rotate snow maintenance duties, so the burden doesn't fall upon just one volunteer.

If you are willing to help us, please give your name and phone number to Father Damian. Thank you for your consideration.

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