

August 7, 2016 The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 6

5:00 p.m. **Special Intentions of Mary Probus**
By Mary Probus

Sunday, August 7

8:00 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**
10:30 a.m. **+Carl Sniezek**
By Irma Marquart

Monday, August 8 Saint Dominic

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

Tuesday, August 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

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

Wednesday, August 10 Saint Lawrence

8:45 a.m. **In Honor of the Madonna of Health**
By Angela Gross

Thursday, August 11 Saint Clare

8:45 a.m. **+Ed Hardman**
By Gerry and Brian Moss

Friday, August 12 NO MASS

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

***The 2017 Mass Intentions Book is now open
(no Thursday Masses; Friday Masses
available).***



Edith Stein was born in Breslau (now Wrocław, Poland), Lower Silesia, into an observant Jewish family. She was the youngest of 11 children and was born on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Hebrew calendar, which

combined to make her a favorite of her mother. She was a very gifted child who enjoyed learning, in a home where her mother encouraged critical thinking, and she greatly admired her mother's strong religious faith. By her teenage years, however, Edith had become an atheist. Though her father died while she was young, her widowed mother was determined to

give her children a thorough education and consequently sent Edith to study at the University of Breslau.

A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her Baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Although born into a prominent, observant Jewish family, Edith abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology, an approach to philosophy. Excelling as a protégé of Edmund Husserl, one of the leading phenomenologists, Edith earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. She continued as a university teacher until 1922 when she moved to a Dominican school in Speyer; her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis.

After living in the Cologne Carmel (1934-38), she moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942. Saint John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later.

The writings of Edith Stein fill 17 volumes, many of which have been translated into English. A woman of integrity, she followed the truth wherever it led her. After becoming a Catholic, Edith continued to honor her mother's Jewish faith. Sister Josephine Koeppel, O.C.D., translator of several of Edith's books, sums up this saint with the phrase, "Learn to live at God's hands."

In his homily at the canonization Mass, Pope John Paul II said: "Because she was Jewish, Edith Stein was taken with her sister Rosa and many other Catholics and Jews from the Netherlands to the concentration camp in Auschwitz, where she died with them in the gas chambers. Today we remember them all with

deep respect. A few days before her deportation, the woman religious had dismissed the question about a possible rescue: 'Do not do it! Why should I be spared? Is it not right that I should gain no advantage from my Baptism? If I cannot share the lot of my brothers and sisters, my life, in a certain sense, is destroyed.'

Addressing himself to the young people gathered for the canonization, the pope said: "Your life is not an endless series of open doors! Listen to your heart! Do not stay on the surface but go to the heart of things! And when the time is right, have the courage to decide! The Lord is waiting for you to put your freedom in his good hands." *Her Feast Day is August 9.*



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. Families registering their children after August 14 is problematic for us so, **Please Register Your Child As Soon As Possible!**

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

Fee: 1child-\$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.)



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Charles C. Guerriere



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

Our Offering: July 31 \$2,131; 2015: \$2,845.72



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.