

July 16, 2017 The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 15

5:00 p.m. **+Anna Kane**
By Susan Reynolds

Sunday, July 16

8:00 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Andy Ryan, II**
By Mom and Dad

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

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18 *Saint Camilus deLellis*

8:45 a.m. **+Linda Bellmund**
By Mildred Bellmund

Wednesday, July 19

8:45 a.m. **+William and Jean Wolverton**
By Theresa Cappello

Thursday, July 20 *(NO MASS)*

Friday, July 21 *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi*
8:45 a.m. **+William and Helen Wolverton**
By Theresa Cappello

Saturday, July 22 *Saint Mary Magdalene*

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

Sunday, July 23

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**
10:30 a.m. **+Beatrice and Thomas Nappi**
By Angela Gross

Mass Intentions Book for 2018 is Now Open

The \$10 stipend is due at the time the intention is reserved. If you reserve a date by phone or email, the stipend is due no later than 10 days before the scheduled Mass Intention. Please have your requests in writing (with dates desired) when you come to the office to book the Masses. **We limit weekend Masses (Sat & Sun) to six Masses. If you desire more than six, the rest will be scheduled for weekdays.**

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the

scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.

There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God.

During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.

Parish Office Hours: Until further notice the office hours are as follows:

Monday & Wednesday—8:30 am to 12:30 pm;
Tuesday & Thursday—9 am-1pm

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week \$2,107. Last Year \$1,995.

Parish Support

If you are away at any time during the summer please remember to make up any envelopes or contributions that you might miss. Most of our expenses remain fixed throughout the year and we depend on your regular financial support of the parish, even during the summer to meet our obligations.

Sts. Peter and Paul Walking Pilgrimage



The pilgrimage conducted by Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Great Meadows will commence on August 10 and end on August 13 at Our Lady of

Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA. People of all ages are welcome to join the pilgrimage and walk as many days as desired.

To qualify for a discount, please register by July 31. For more information call 908-637-4269 or www.wlakingpilgrimage.us

Again this year, **St. Theodore Church** will welcome the priests, religious brothers and sisters of the pilgrimage to our Parish Center for respite. We are asking parishioners, if they are able, to donate water, cookies, fruit. The pilgrims will stop at our parish on August 10 at 12 noon. Please put your donations in the Narthex. Thank you.

HOW TO DRESS FOR CHURCH

By Flor de Maria Rivera, *Cosmopolitan Magazine*

Like a good Catholic girl I went to church on Sunday and as I was trying to concentrate on the mass, a girl stood up and all I could think was "did she go to the wrong place?"

Obviously she was not dressed appropriate for mass—a tight dress with over the knee boots screams more clubbing than church if you ask me. So, if you want to look fashionable at mass but still be on God's good list, here are few ideas that will send you straight to heaven

You will never go wrong with a shift, an A-line or a wrap dress. Just make sure the dress hits you right on the knees or below. I would stay away from dresses that are too short or too tight. Add a cardigan, (think Michelle Obama), some pearls and you are set.

If you are not into dresses, try a pencil skirt (make sure it's not extremely tight—leave that

for your next hot date) or an A-line skirt. They are not only feminine but also look good on most body types. Pair it with a pretty blouse and pair of pumps.

If you are more of a pants kind of *chica*, why not wear your favorite pair of jeans? Of course you have to dress them up! I once wore a pair of blue colored jeans with a pretty yellow blazer, a white t-shirt and some flats. I went straight from church to a date—all I did was changed my shoes! You can wear your jeans or pants with pretty much everything, just make sure you don't wear crop tops, spaghetti straps or show too much cleavage.

Tip: leave the high stilettos at home. As much as I love my prosti shoes (aka heels), I don't wear them to church. Instead, try heels that are lower than 3 inches. Pumps are a great choice to wear with a shift dress, a pencil skirt or pants. Other pieces to stay away from are shorts, leggings, tight or short dresses and skirts, sandals, flip flops, and of course, see through blouses.



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



Registration for Religious Education students is open. We are asking parents to please take time out of their busy schedule to register their children ASAP. It would really

help take the guessing out of ordering text books and reserving classrooms if we had a head count before the end of July. In your kindness, please send in your registrations forms along with your tuition before then. Forms can be downloaded from our web site: www.sttheodorenj.com. Please use one form per child and fill in all the required information.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.