

July 29, 2018 The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 28

5:00 p.m. +**Lori Baldwin**
By Jim and Eileen Mattison

Sunday, July 29

8:00 a.m. +**Joseph C. Tran**
By Family

10:30 a.m. +**Julie Malia**
By Elmer and Pat Kollar

Monday, July 30 *Saint Peter Chrysologus*

8:45 a.m. +**Msgr. John Szymanski**
By Elmer and Pat Kollar

Tuesday, July 31 *Saint Ignatus of Loyola*

8:45 a.m. +**Barbara D. Loughney**
By Pat and Arta O'Malley

Wednesday, August 1 *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

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

Thursday, August 2 **NO MASS**

First Friday, August 3

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

First Saturday, August 4 *Saint John Vianney*

8:45 a.m. +**Pat Santillo**
By Pat and Arta O'Malley

5:00 p.m. +**John, Theresa and John Jr. Adamiak**
By The Wyker Family

Sunday, August 5

8:00 a.m. +**Catherine Holmann**
By Nellie Haddick

10:30 a.m. +**Sergio and Sabina Cappelluti**
By Angela Gross

The Rite of Peace at Mass

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.

After petitioning the Father for the gift of peace, the priest now addresses Jesus, recalling his words to the apostles at the Last Supper: "Peace I leave with you; peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27). In this verse, Jesus goes on to explain that the kind of peace he offers is "not as the world gives."

Many people seek the security and peace of this world, which is a peace based on success, on everything going well, on avoiding problems and suffering. But this kind of peace is quite fragile and fleeting. It is dependent on external

circumstances that can easily change (one's health, one's job, one's financial situation, how one is viewed by others). To base one's life on these shaky foundations does not bring real peace at all. It breeds insecurity.

Christ, however, offers us a deeper, longer-lasting peace—one that the world does not give. When we allow Jesus to be the foundation of our lives and live according to his plan for us, he gives us an internal spiritual peace that can withstand life's many disappointments, trials, and sufferings. This is the kind of peace of heart that also builds true unity within marriages, families, communities, parishes, and nations. And this is what the priest prays for at this moment in the Liturgy. He then turns toward the people and addresses them with words of peace that recall St. Paul's greeting of peace found in many of his letters: "The peace of the Lord be with you always."

Next comes the Sign of Peace, which reflects ancient Christian practice and the exhortation of Saints Peter and Paul: "Greet one another with a holy kiss". The "holy kiss" expressed the fellowship in charity that the early Christians shared and fittingly found its way into the Liturgy. As early as 155, Justin Martyr mentioned the exchange of the kiss in the Mass. Tertullian, in about AD 200, referred to the ritual as a seal on prayer.

In the Mass today, we exchange some sign that expresses peace, communion, and charity. The sign may vary, depending on local custom. In some settings, it might involve shaking hands. In others, it might entail bowing one's head or some other sign.

Whatever the gesture, the Rite of Peace can be seen as connecting the Our Father with the reception of Holy Communion about to take place. On one hand it serves as a beautiful ritual enactment of the Lord's Prayer, which, as we have seen, expressed the unity of all God's children. We call on God not individualistically, separated from each other, but together as brothers and sisters in God's covenant family, saying, "Our Father who are in heaven." Now, the Sign of Peace expresses this unity in ritual. On the other hand, the Sign of Peace

symbolically anticipates the profound unity the people will share with each other when they receive Holy Communion.—Edward Sri “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”

WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Great Meadows, NJ will host a spiritual 4-day Walking Pilgrimage on August 9th – 12th, starting at their church to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA. Walkers range from infants to people well into



their 70's. You may join their spiritual trip any day of the journey and for as many days as you wish.

More information can be found on www.walkingpilgrimage.us, or call 908-637-4269. Register on-line before July 31 for a discount.

St. Theodore Parishioners: The pilgrim priests, brothers, and nuns will be stopping by our church again this year for lunch. Again, we are counting on your generous donations of water, fruit, cookies, cakes, snacks, etc.

They will be here on August 9 before 12 noon. Supplies can be dropped off at the Narthex or Parish Office.

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Mass Intentions

There are Masses available for 2018 from August 24 on.

The Mass Intentions Book for 2019 is now open.

To schedule your Masses for 2019, please write your dates on a piece of paper, state if person is living or deceased. If any of your dates are not available, please indicate if it's ok to book a date closest to the original or if the date has to be a Saturday or Sunday. If not indicated, I will book the next available day. The stipend is still \$10 per Mass.

Thank you. —Mary Rupell

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It is time to register your child!

What is needed for Registration?

- Registration form completed for each child (one form per child)
- Your check is to be made out to St. Theodore Church.
- Payment -Anyone experiencing financial difficulties should still register & contact Fr. Damian.

What is the tuition cost?

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

Sacraments Fee Additional \$50 (Grades 2 & 8) For more information and to download forms go to <http://sttheodorenj.com> or call 908-689-8318, ext 2.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Religious Education

Two Aides Needed

Every Monday at 6 p.m.:

- * Two Aides needed for the classrooms to assist teachers
 - * Aide to assist Ginny at school
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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.

Our Sunday Offering

July 1: \$2,269 July 8: \$2,371. July 15: \$2,379
July 22: \$1,888. Assessment Fund: \$ 703.

**Next Week's Second Collection:
Air Conditioning**
