

July 30, 2017 The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 29 Saint Martha

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

Sunday, July 30

8:00 a.m. **Blessings of Health for Mary Rupell**
By Family

10:30 a.m. +**Angela Ciarlone**
By Ray and Joanne Malejko

Monday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:45 a.m. +**Claire Gutliph**
By Mary Jane and Rich Pelleiuti

Tuesday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:45 a.m. **Blessings for Gae Savino**
By Georgianne and George Merlo

Wednesday, August 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli

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

Thursday, August 3 (NO MASS)

First Friday, August 4 St. John Vianney

8:45 a.m. **Blessings of Health for Keira Hedges**
By Grammy Rupell

First Saturday, August 5

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

5:00 p.m. +**Carl Sniezek**
By Irma Marquart

Sunday, August 6

8:00 a.m. +**Theresa Rebinski**
By Henry Rebinski

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

Cardinals Press Pope Francis to Clarify Divorce-remarriage Stand

By AMERICA, THE JESUIT REVIEW

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Four cardinals who publicly questioned Pope Francis' opening to divorced and civilly remarried Catholics are pressing their case and arguing that the issue is dividing the Catholic Church.

In a new letter, the cardinals ask Francis for an audience, noting he never responded to their written request for clarification in September.

Francis published "Joy of Love" last year, opening the door to letting civilly

remarried Catholics receive Communion. Church teaching says these Catholics must either obtain an annulment of their first marriage or abstain from sex, if they want to receive Communion.

Since then, bishops and bishops' conferences around the world have issued different interpretations of what Francis wrote. Some bishops have reaffirmed traditional church teaching on the indissolubility of marriage; others have taken Francis' opening and gone further. The bishops of Malta, for example, said sometimes it might be "humanly impossible" for the new couple to abstain from sex.

In the new letter, published by the blog of veteran Vatican journalist Sandro Magister, the cardinals lamented: "How painful it is to see this—that what is sin in Poland is good in Germany, that what is prohibited in the archdiocese of Philadelphia is permitted in Malta."

"Faced with this grave situation, in which many Christian communities are being divided, we feel the weight of our responsibility, and our conscience impels us to ask humbly and respectfully for an audience," said the letter, dated May 6 and signed by Cardinal Carlo Caffarra, emeritus archbishop of Bologna, on behalf of the other three.

Francis hasn't responded, though he has made clear that he wants his church to show a more merciful and less rigid face for Catholics facing difficult family situations. That said, on Wednesday he made clear that marriage is forever.

In his weekly Wednesday catechism lesson, Francis noted that the nuptial Mass invokes the help of saints to help newlyweds live as a married couple forever. "Not like some say 'as long as love lasts.' No: Forever! Otherwise it's better to not get married. Either forever or nothing," he said.

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



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



Bible Study: Aug 1
6:30 p.m. in the Music Room

First Friday & First Saturday:
Aug. 4 & 5: 8:45 a.m.:
Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Be at Peace with Others

On this point, Our Lord is clear. In Matthew 5:23 Christ tells us that if a wall has been built between us and someone else, we must make an attempt to be reconciled with the other person before we can offer our gift at the altar and be united to God and His People in the Eucharist. We must make an attempt to overcome those things that separate us from others, for these only serve to separate us from God: "If we say that we love God and hate our brothers, we are liars, for if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses [1 John 4.-20; Matthew 6:14]. Hence, before we can receive God's forgiveness, we must be willing to forgive others, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Ask forgiveness of those against whom you have sinned. Forgive those who have sinned against you. Make every attempt to heal the hurts you have caused others and to be healed of the hurts others have caused you.

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week \$2,016.04

Last Year \$2,725. .



We are the hands of Christ!
The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support our parish faith community. Therefore, we encourage our parishioners to use your weekly offertory envelopes for the success of the operation of the Parish and for their sacrificial gift to the Parish. We also depend on the financial support of our people in all its endeavors. We are called to be good stewards of all God entrusts to us, especially our time, talent and treasure. If you are absent for any reason on a particular weekend Mass, please mail your contribution or put it in next week's basket.



Sts. Peter and Paul Walking Pilgrimage. 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.

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.



Mary Walk at the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The World Apostolate of Fatima USA (The Blue Army) is planning to have *Mary Walk* for all women. (Date to be announced.) We will pray the Rosary every Monday evening from 7-8 pm. All women and children are invited to experience the Visitation as we imitate Mary on her walk to visit Elizabeth. The walk will begin at the Holy House USA and proceed to the Upper Shrine path, and also at the Rosary Garden with seating available. The Holy House USA will be open during this time for anyone. There is no charge for the walk. Come join us and be a part of this holy walk. A representative from each parish will be ideal for contact. If you would like to represent your parish in this holy encounter, please email cferanec@bluearmy.com, or call [908-852-1120](tel:908-852-1120)