

June 12, 2016 The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 11

5:00 p.m. **Blessings for Sam and Marietta Tridente on their 69th Wedding Anniversary**
By Family

Sunday, June 12

8:00 a.m. +**Edward and Anna Durnin**
By Mary Rupell and Family

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

Monday, June 13 St. Anthony of Padua

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

Tuesday, June 14

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

Wednesday, June 15

8:45 a.m. +**Catherine Baines**
By The Kappus Family

Thursday, June 16

8:45 a.m. +**Beatrice and Thomas Nappi**
By Angela Gross

Friday, June 17 NO MASS

Saturday, June 18

5:00 p.m. **Father's Day Mass Remembrance**

Sunday, June 19

8:00 a.m. **Father's Day Mass Remembrance**

10:30 a.m. **Father's Day Mass Remembrance**

The **first reading** is taken from 2 Samuel 12:7-10; 13. This incident in the life of King David has been preserved in the Sacred Scripture because it contains a lesson for all men. It shows us the weakness of human nature, even in one so exalted as the king whom God had placed over his people. At the same time it shows the infinite mercy of God when he is dealing with a repentant sinner.

The **second reading** is from St. Paul to the Galatians 2:16; 19-21. He is speaking here to Peter who had come to Antioch and had given some scandal to the Gentile Christians.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 7:36-50. While the mercy of God for sinners and the willingness, even eagerness, with which He welcomes back the sinner is the principal teaching in this gospel story, most if not all of us, can be cheered by that teaching. But there are two other lessons in it for us. The first lesson is that the pardoned sinner should show gratitude to God. One of the greatest proofs of gratitude is the firm resolution to avoid offending our good God anymore. Do we really mean it when we solemnly

promise in our act of contrition in confession "never more to offend you and to amend my life"?

There is great danger that we may make this promise out of habit of routine, without seriously intending or meaning what we say. Non-Catholics often accuse us of hypocrisy in this. "You Catholics can sin and just tell it in confession, be forgiven, and go back and sin again." This is not so. The priest's power to forgive sin, given by Christ himself, has effect only on a repentant sinner. If one goes to confession with serious sins and has no intention of avoiding those sins and the occasions which cause them, that person is not only not forgiven, but is adding a further sin by abusing and insulting God in that great gift of His mercy, the Sacrament of Penance. Such cases are rare, thank God. We are repentant and we mean to avoid such sins in future. However, the fact that one may fall again is always possible. This does not prove the previous confession to be invalid. But the person's attempts to avoid the occasions will be proof of sincere repentance. It will also be a sign of gratitude to the merciful God who forgave the sins.

The second reading is for those amongst us who succeed, thanks to God's grace, in avoiding serious sins. We must avoid the sin of the Pharisees. They were, on the whole, devout men and did many a good deed. However, they gave all the credit, not to God, but to themselves. They grew proud of their good works and despised all others who did not do as they did.

The good Christian must avoid any such temptation. We must never say, as the Pharisee did, "thank God I am not like the rest of men, tax-gatherers and sinners," but rather say what the saints said when they saw or heard of some great sinner: "there would be St. Francis only for the grace of God."

Yes, the avoidance of serious sin is something for which we must thank God. We should never praise ourselves because of this, and never, never should we despise the neighbor who is not so fortunate. Instead, we must help that neighbor by every means in our power to return to God's friendship through sincere repentance. This will prove our love for God and neighbor, and our sincere appreciation of the great graces given us by our merciful Lord to keep us free from grave sins.



This June marks the 69th wedding anniversary of our parishioners, Sam and Marietta Tridente. Sam and Marietta will begin their celebration with the 5 p.m. Mass Saturday. This couple is a

magnificent example of Christian love and devotion, role models for a happy marriage. Marietta and Sam raised their son, Conrad, in a devout Catholic home and instilled in him the same values passed down to them by their parents.

Today the Tridente's are surrounded by a large, loving and devout family who respect and honor Marietta and Sam for their love of family, their Catholic values, and for their living the definition of a real marriage.

Religious Education Volunteers



Religious Education

Religious Education is a vital part of a church where children of the parish cannot attend a Catholic school.

We are in the planning phase of the new school year and

are in need of volunteers.

It is our duty, parents included, to educate those children in the Catholic faith and to be an instrumental part of their faith journey. It takes many volunteers to run the program and for this ministry to continue, we are asking parishioners (not just parents of students) to take an active part.

Please consider taking on the role of a religious education volunteer and help with our program. Parents who volunteer are given a reduction in fees. All volunteers of the Religious Education Program are required to attend a session of *Protecting God's Children* (one time only and no fee involved), be fingerprinted and fill out a volunteer application. If you have questions, please contact Ginny @ 689-8318- ext 2 or Mary @ ext 1.

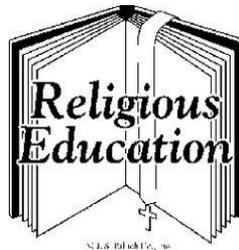
Stephen, Elizabeth Ondroczyk, Rosaria



Incantalupo, 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, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Maryann Vaughan, Charlie Guerriere, Sr., Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Eleanor D., Kerry Kraft, Barbara K.

Our Offering: 5/29/16: \$1,941. 2015: \$2,529.



It's Time to Register your child for Religious Education

PLEASE DOWNLOAD FORMS ONLINE: www.sttheodorenj.com

The first day of class will be September 12th, 2016 at

What is needed for Registration?

- Registration form completed for each child (one form per child)
- A check made out to St. Theodore Church must be received no later than July 11th
- Payment -Anyone experiencing financial difficulties should still register & contact Fr. Damian

If you are delinquent in your prior year(s) tuition you must see Father Damian before your child can be registered.

What is the tuition cost?

If you register on or **before July 11th**: \$100 for one child, \$180 for two, \$220 for three or more children. Sacramental, Fee \$50 (Grades 2 & 8)

Cost per child if Mother or Father is Catechist- \$50 for one child, \$90 for two, \$100 three or more, \$25 Sacramental fee (no late fee)

If you register after July 11th: \$120 for one child; \$200 for two, \$240 for three or more children. Sacramental Fee \$50 (Grades 2& 8)

Your child's faith development ultimately depends on the sharing of your faith with them by going to Mass on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation and living Christian values at home. It is through your efforts and example, more than anything else, that your children will come to know Jesus and grow in their faith. We thank you for allowing us to help you in this process. We look forward to working with you and your children.