

June 19, 2016 The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

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**

Monday, June 20

8:45 a.m. **+Msgr. Michael Kseniak**
By Eileen and Jim Mattison

Tuesday, June 21 *Saint Aloysius Gonzaga*

8:45 a.m. **+Sabina and Sergio Cappelluti**
By Sam and Marietta Tridente

Wednesday, June 22 *Saint Thomas More*

8:45 a.m. **+Gina Aumente**
By Gerry and Brian Moss

Thursday, June 23

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

Friday, June 24 **NO MASS**

Saturday, June 25

5:00 p.m. **+Ron Semonche**
By Family

Sunday, June 26

8:00 a.m. **Blessings for Eileen and Jim Mattison on
their 51st Wedding Anniversary**
By Family

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

The third Sunday in June is observed each year in the United States as Father's Day. The origins of this national event are not clear. Some records suggest that it was first celebrated as a church service some 100 years ago in Fairmont, West Virginia, at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, now known as Central United Methodist Church. Whether this is true or not, the impulse to honor fathers is a worthy one and it comes with the biblical admonition to honor our fathers and mothers.

In the Bible it is Abraham who is counted as the father of faith and he is revered in Judaism, Islam and Christianity. The word "faith" is an important component to remember because it means trust in God--being able to rely on that which is dependable. Abraham trusted God's assurance that his children would become a great nation. The promise came at a point when he and his wife, Sarah, were elderly and childless. And yet Abraham believed that God could do what was foretold to him. He went forward in

confidence that God could accomplish, through him, a benefit for all of the world.

Joseph of Galilee is an exemplary father in the Bible. He married Mary, despite the unusual circumstances of her pregnancy. He dared to be unconventional because he trusted that God was working through her and him. He was a righteous man who dared to take on the roles of husband and foster father. And as refugees from danger, after the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, it is clear that he protected his family by going beyond what was familiar to find a safe haven. We can learn much about fatherhood from Joseph.

Another father that captures the imagination is a man called Jairus. We read about him in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. He was a man of importance whose daughter was dying and he came to Jesus, fell at his feet and begged Jesus to help his child. The actions of Jairus revealed his character. He trusted that God could help and it didn't matter that he had wealth and prestige. He humbled himself for the sake of his daughter.

A final father from the Bible that is impressive is the one who had two sons, one of whom went astray. This is, of course, the story told by Jesus of the prodigal son. The father in the parable teaches his two sons powerful lessons of love: the one who went astray who discovered that his father's care came to him even when he had run away from it and the other who struggled to understand such extravagant love in the face of his brother's failures and his own fidelity. The father in the story, like God, never gave up on either of his children.

On Father's Day let us remember that we have been given a heritage of dedication and faithfulness from the fathers we encounter in the Bible and from those fathers who exemplify the best qualities of parenting.

May all the Dads of St. Theodore Church have a blessed, wonderful Father's Day.



Thomas More served as an important counselor to King Henry VIII of England, serving as his key counselor in the early 1500s, but after he refused to accept the king as head of the Church of England, he was tried for treason and beheaded (he died in London, England, in 1535). More is noted for coining the word "Utopia," in reference to an ideal political system in which policies are governed by reason. He was canonized by the Catholic Church as a saint in 1935, and has been commemorated by the Church of England as a "Reformation martyr."

Around 1494, his father, a prominent attorney, brought More back to London to study common law. More managed to keep up with his literary and spiritual interests while practicing law, and he read devotedly from both Holy Scripture and the classics.

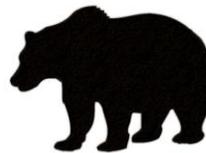
More was, meanwhile, torn between a life of civil service and a monastic calling, and he made the decision to work toward becoming a monk. To that end, in 1503, he moved to a monastery outside the London city limits and subjected himself to the discipline of the Carthusians, taking part of the monastic life as much as his legal career would allow. The prayer, fasting and partaking in penance would stay with him for the rest of his life (as would the practice of wearing a hair shirt), but his sense of duty to serve his country overcame his desire for monasticism, and he entered Parliament in 1504. He also was married for the first time around this time, either in 1504 or early the following year.

In 1516, More published *Utopia*, a work of fiction primarily depicting a pagan and communist island on which social and political customs are entirely governed by reason. The description of the island of Utopia comes from a mysterious traveler to support his position that communism is the only cure for the egoism found in both private and public life—a direct jab at Christian Europe, which was seen by More as divided by self-interest and greed. *Utopia* covered such far-reaching topics as theories of punishment, state-controlled education, multi-religion societies, divorce, euthanasia and women's rights, and the resulting display of learning and skill established More as a foremost humanist. *Utopia* also became the forerunner of a new literary genre: the utopian romance. **Thomas More is the patron saint of attorneys; his feast day is June 22.**



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.

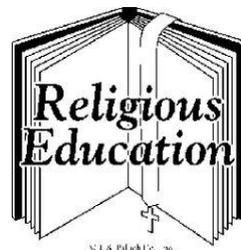


BEAR SIGHTING

Parishioners, please be cautious while on church property. At approximately 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 12 a bear was seen crossing Rt. 57 and entering the church property. As the story was related to me, the large bear approached the front of the church and then lingered by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel statue before traveling to our back parking lot. From that point, sighting was lost. Attentiveness is urged! –Mary Rupell

Our Offering: 5/29/16: \$2,312 2015: \$2,511.75

It's Time to Register your child for Religious Education



PLEASE DOWNLOAD FORMS ONLINE: www.sttheodorenj.com

What is needed for Registration?

- 1) Registration form completed for each child (one form per child)
- 2) A check payable to St. Theodore Church must be received no later than July 11th

3) 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)

Saints Philip & James School Registration Open House

Open House will take place on Wednesday, June 29 from 10 am to 11:30 am. You are most welcome to meet the teachers, tour the classrooms and see first-hand why SSP&J is an exceptional elementary school, enrolling Pre-K (3 & 4 yr. old) to 8th grade. Full sports programs...Chrome Books and Google Classroom for 6, 7 & 8th grades, also Tech lab and dual 30iPads Mobile Labs...after school clubs. Please RSVP by June 24—908-859-1244 or email mtalpas@rcn.com.

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