

**Saturday, March 12**

5 p.m. **+Norman Baines**  
By The Kappus Family

**Sunday, March 13**

8:00 a.m. **In Honor of Saint Patrick**  
By Bill and Mary Supple  
10:30 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

**Monday, March 14**

8:45 a.m. **+Robert Gross and Charles Folk**  
By Angela Gross

**Tuesday, March 15**

8:45 a.m. **+Corrado and Jennie Tridente**  
By Sam and Marietta Tridente

**Wednesday, March 16**

8:45 a.m. **+Patrick Hague**  
By The Hague Family

**Thursday, March 17**

8:45 a.m. **+Patrick Meilan**  
By The Hague Family

**Friday, March 18**

2:30 p.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

**Saturday, March 19**

5 p.m. **+Jeanne McCormick**  
By Rachael Semonche

**Palm Sunday, March 20**

8:00 a.m. **+Rose Kane**  
By Susan Reynolds  
10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**



**Pascal Candle and Matching**

**Altar Candles:** if you would like to donate funds for either the Paschal candle or the Altar Candles (or all of them), in Loving Memory of, in Honor

of a loved one, or in Thanksgiving of...please call Mary, 689-8318, ext. 1 (Paschal Candle \$180; Altar Candles Set \$105)

**Easter Triduum**

The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, is continued through Good Friday with the celebration of the passion of the Lord on Holy Saturday, reaches its high point in the Easter vigil, and concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

The Season of Lent ends on Thursday of Holy Week. Then the Church remembers the death and resurrection of Jesus during the Easter Triduum. These three days are the most important time of the Church year.

***Mass of the Lord's Supper***

On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper and that Jesus gave himself in the Eucharist. We recall that Jesus chose his apostles to serve and lead the Church. Remembering that Jesus washed their feet at the Last Supper, the priest washes the feet of members of the congregation. Holy Thursday is a special day for all priests since it is a day to mark the beginning of the ordained priesthood.

The evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is a beautiful and joyful celebration. During the singing of the Gloria, the church bells are rung and then remain silent until the Easter Vigil of Holy Saturday night. Because Holy Thursday is a feast day of the Blessed Sacrament, there is a procession of the Eucharist after the Mass to an altar of repose set up for the occasion. Then the main altar is stripped bare.

***Good Friday***

On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus. According to an ancient custom, Mass is not celebrated on this day or before the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The celebration of the Lord's passion and death takes place in the afternoon. There are three parts to the liturgy of the day: the Liturgy of the Word; the Veneration of the Cross; and Holy Communion with Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday.

***Easter Vigil***

On Holy Saturday the Church meditates on the suffering and death of Jesus. Then the Church gathers to celebrate the Easter Vigil. The celebration of the Easter Vigil should take place at night, beginning after nightfall or ending before the dawn of Sunday.

The Easter Vigil has four parts: The Service of Light; the Liturgy of the Word; the Liturgy of Baptism; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

During the Service of Light, all the lights in the church are turned off and a fire is prepared outside the church. Then the fire is blessed and the Paschal Candle is lighted from the new fire. The candle is carried into the dark church. It is a sign of Christ, the Light of the World, who has overcome the darkness of sin and death. The lighted Paschal Candle provides the only illumination. Then, from the flame of the Paschal Candle, members of the congregation light the small candles that they are holding. The flame is passed from person to person until everyone is holding a lighted candle. The light from the Paschal Candle and all the small candles provides the only illumination in the church during this portion of the liturgy. This section concludes with the singing of the Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet.

During the Liturgy of the Word, the story of God's great love for us is proclaimed in readings from the Old and New Testaments. There are seven Old Testament texts. Although it would be preferable that all seven Old Testament readings be proclaimed, the number of readings may be reduced if the circumstances necessitate. However, three Old Testament readings should be proclaimed.

Minimally, two Old Testament readings must be proclaimed. The readings recall the great events of salvation, beginning with creation itself and were selected to dispose people to celebrate the sacraments of Christian initiation with great faith.

During the Liturgy of Baptism, those who have been preparing for Baptism and their godparents are called forward. The priest and ministers then go to the baptismal font, if this can be seen by the congregation. Otherwise a vessel of water is placed in the sanctuary. After the candidates are baptized, all present stand with lighted candles and renew their baptismal promises as a sign that they share the new life of Jesus through his resurrection. The newly baptized and confirmed await their first sharing in the Eucharist.

The Easter Vigil concludes with the celebration of the Eucharist. This is a joyous sharing in the sacrificial meal of Jesus Christ, Lord and Risen Savior.

#### Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday

Father Damian will be washing the feet of twelve people during the Mass on Holy Thursday. If you wish to be one of the twelve participating in this tradition, please sign your name to the list located in the Sacristy. This list must be completed by Sunday, March 20. On this sign-up sheet there will be the information on the process.

#### Holy Week Schedule

##### Penance Service

**March 24:** 6 pm to 7 pm; 9 pm to 10 pm

**March 25:** 4 pm to 5 pm; 6:30 pm-8 pm

**March 26:** 12 pm to 1 pm

##### Holy Thursday, March 24

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm

Visit to Repository until 10 pm

##### Good Friday, March 25

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, and Holy Communion: 5 pm; Stations of the Cross and Day 1 of Divine Mercy Novena after the Liturgy

##### Holy Saturday, March 26

Prayers and the Easter Blessing of food, Day 2 of Divine Novena: 1 pm

Easter Vigil, Mass: 8 pm

#### Easter Sunday, March 27

Day 3 of Divine Mercy Novena

Procession and Mass: 7:30 am

Mass: 10:30 am, followed by Children's Easter Egg Hunt



Stephen, Elizabeth  
Ondroczy, 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 Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Eleanor D., Kerry Kraft

**Our Offering:** \$2,439.      **2015:** \$2,831.  
3/20: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Diocesan Retired Priest

#### February & March Schedule

**Mar. 14, 6:15 pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Penance practice

**Mar. 19 & 20:** Altar Rosary Bake Sale

**Mar. 20: 10:30:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Penance Service

**Mar. 21 & Mar. 28:** No Religious Education & Parish & Rel. Ed. Offices Closed

#### A BIG SHOUT OUT GOES TO All Seasons

Pest Control for their service to our church, free of charge because we are a house of worship. Mr. Lattig provided expert service and valuable information to us. We highly recommend their services. We feel you can't go wrong having them take care of your house too! Give them a call: 908-850-8206.



**Thank you Mary Zeiss** for your more than ten years of service as Hospitality Committee Chairperson. Your dedication to St. Theodore Church is inspiring. Your shoes will be difficult to fill.



#### Bakers Needed for Altar Rosary Bake Sale

Baked goods will be on sale after the Masses March 19/20. Volunteers are needed to donate items for the sale.

#### Adult and Teenage Helpers Needed

for the cleaning of grounds on March 19 at 10 a.m. Please bring a rake. Students will be granted Service Hours.