

Saturday, March 5

5 p.m. +**Frank Kinney**
By Vicki and Alex Haines

Sunday, March 6

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

10:30 a.m. +**William Nolte**
By Charlie and Nancy Guerriere

Monday, March 7 *Saints Peperetua & Felicity*

8:45 a.m. **NO MASS INTENTION**

Tuesday, March 8 *Saint John of God*

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

Wednesday, March 9 *Saint Frances of Rome*

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

Thursday, March 10

8:45 a.m. +**Maria and Gitano Antinolfi**
By Granddaughter

Friday, March 11

2:30 p.m. **NO MASS INTENTION**

Saturday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 13

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**
10:30 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**



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)

During the Fridays of the Holy Season of Lent,

2:30 pm Mass; 3 pm.; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy; Confessions 6:30 pm., Stations of the Cross 7 pm and Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 pm

The Precepts of the Church

The precepts of the Church are duties that the Catholic Church requires of all the faithful. Also called the commandments of the Church, they are binding under pain of mortal sin, but the point is not to punish. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, the binding nature "is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit

of prayer and moral effort, in the growth of love of God and neighbor." If we follow these commands, we'll know that we're headed in the right direction spiritually.

You may see different lists of precepts, but this is the current list from the Catechism.

1. The Sunday Duty

The first precept of the Church is "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." Often called the Sunday Duty or the Sunday Obligation, this is the way in which Christians fulfill the Third Commandment: "Remember, keep holy the Sabbath day." We participate in the Mass, and we refrain from any work that distracts us from a proper celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

2. Confession

The second precept of the Church is "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Strictly speaking, we only need to take part in the Sacrament of Confession if we have committed a mortal sin, but the Church urges us to make frequent use of the sacrament and, at a minimum, to receive it once each year in preparation for fulfilling our Easter Duty.

3. The Easter Duty

The third precept of the Church is "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." Today, most Catholics receive the Eucharist at every Mass they attend, but it wasn't always so. Since the Sacrament of Holy Communion binds us to Christ and to our fellow Christians, the Church requires us to receive it at least once each year, sometime between Palm Sunday and Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday).

4. Fasting and Abstinence

The fourth precept of the Church is "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting and abstinence, along with prayer and almsgiving, are powerful tools in developing our spiritual life. Today, the Church requires Catholics to fast only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent. On all other Fridays of the year, we may perform some other penance in place of abstinence.

5. Supporting the Church

The fifth precept of the Church is "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." The Catechism notes that this "means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability." In other words, we don't necessarily have to tithe (give ten percent of our income), if we can't afford it; but we should also be willing to give more if we can. Our support of the

Church can also be through donations of our time, and the point of both is not simply to maintain the Church but to spread the Gospel and bring others into the Church, the Body of Christ.



HOLY WEEK

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



Easter Egg Hunt: Needed: candy-filled eggs for the Hunt on Easter Sunday. If you are able to donate, please fill eggs with non-chocolate candy (Please hand in your eggs by March 19.) Thank you!

Our Offering: \$2,663.17 . **2015:** \$3,538.

Salvatorian Fathers: \$1,025. **2015:** 1,119.

3/13/16 2nd Collection: Spring Collection



The weekend of March 19/20, the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of our retired priests by donating to their retirement fund. Currently the diocese has 28 retired diocesan priests. This collection assists our elderly priests by helping to provide them with a monthly pension. It also subsidizes the operation of the Maria Regina Residence where 14 our retired priests are living.

Your generous response to this special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service.

February & March Schedule

Mar. 2, 7pm: Altar Rosary Society Meeting

Mar. 7: 7th Grade Saints' Papers due

Mar. 9, 7 to 9 pm: Evening of Recollection

Mar. 12, 11am-6pm: 8th Grade Retreat

Mar. 14, 6:15 pm: 2nd Grade Penance practice

Mar. 19 & 20: Altar Rosary Bake Sale

Mar. 20: 10:30- 2nd Grade Penance Service

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

Thank you parishioners for your support of the Youth Group's Meatball Sale. They collected \$400. Your ongoing support of their endeavors is truly appreciated.

Please visit **Dutch Valley Florist** for you your Easter flowers and spring plantings. Their floral



arrangements (for every occasion) are outstanding. Please support them, as they have supported our church with weekly donations of roses and other flowers since 2008. **They are located on Rt. 31, Hampton, NJ**

908-537-1003



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Our Food Pantry Ministry is a vital outreach program pledged to fulfill the continuing needs of our community and those of the surrounding area. In order to meet this commitment we need you to donate nonperishable food items.

Donations have decreased this year and we are asking that, if you are able, please bring food items such as soups, tuna, vegetables, pasta, etc. to our Parish Center. Once weekly, the items we collect are delivered to the Community Food Pantry of Washington, operated from the First Presbyterian Church, which serves more than 100 families. The Food Pantry depends on donations from local churches and organizations.