

November 12, 2017 **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

8:00 a.m. +**Margaret McLaughlin**
By Altar Rosary Society

10:30 a.m. + **Doris Clauer Zaveta**
By Brian and Gerry Moss

Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

8:45 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Mary Rupell**
By Family

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16 **NO MASS**

Friday, November 17

8:45 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Stephen Hedges**
By Grammy Rupell

Saturday, November 18

5:00 p.m. +**Charles C. Guerriere**
By Charlie and Nancy Guerriere

Sunday, November 19

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

10:30 a.m. +**Nicholas DeSanto**
By The Altar Rosary Society

Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul

Today's feast is a spiritual journey to two holy

tombs, that of St. Peter and that of St. Paul in Rome. These two basilicas, marking the place of each apostle's martyrdom, are the common heritage and



glory of Christendom; it is, therefore, easily seen why we observe their dedication.

Abbot Herwegen makes the following observations on St. Peter's in Rome. The Eternal City has two principal churches, St. John Lateran and St. Peter's. Since ancient times the Lateran basilica, the mother of all churches on earth, has been the church proper to the bishop of Rome in his position as head of the local community. Here the Lenten season was opened and the Easter liturgy solemnized. The basilica of St. Peter, on the other hand, was the church of non-Romans,

of pilgrims who journeyed to the city where the two great apostles were martyred. Here those celebrations were held which expressed the universal character of the Roman Church, e.g., Epiphany and the noon Mass on Christmas. The Introits, Lessons, and chants of both these feasts are best explained as proclaiming Christ's universal dominion and His royal majesty. The third lesson gives the history regarding the construction of the two basilicas. Among the holy places which the first Christians held in honor, those sites were especially dear where the bodies of holy martyrs lay. Great veneration was accorded that area of the Vatican Hill where the grave of St. Peter was located. From all lands Christians made pilgrimages to it as to the rock of faith and the foundation of the Church. In due time the legend arose that Emperor Constantine the Great, eight days after his baptism, took off his diadem, threw himself humbly upon the earth, and shed many tears. Then with pick and shovel he started digging and, in memory of the twelve apostles, carried away twelve baskets of ground; thereby he set the boundaries of the basilica to be built in honor of St. Peter. When finished, the edifice was solemnly consecrated by Pope Sylvester I.

Pope Sylvester had ordered the altar to be of stone; he anointed it with chrism and decreed that in the future only stone altars were to be used. A new church, the present St. Peter's, was consecrated by Pope Urban VIII on November 18, 1626. The ancient basilica of St. Paul was destroyed by fire in 1823; a new structure was consecrated by Pius IX on December 10, 1854, the occasion of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

In the perspective of the liturgy, the two churches honored today are prime examples connoting the heavenly Jerusalem. The liturgy excels in the pedagogy of passing from the material to the supernatural — the precedent for which on the point in question was already set by the author of the Apocalypse.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*,
Pius Parsch

December 2, 9:30 a.m. at the Mansfield Township School

St. Theodore Tricky Tray: 12/2/17 at the Mansfield Township School: Opens @9:30 am



Check out our Basket Theme suggestions posted in the Narthex and again will ask that each family donated a basket of items with a value

of at least \$25.

Please wrap you basket with clear cello wrap or clear shrink wrap, if at all possible. It would be helpful if you'd turn in your basket by November 25. **Gift and Grocery cards are always welcome. Our Altar Rosary Society sells Grocery Cards after all the Masses.**



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, 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, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars

For those who are inquiring :
Our Parish Office Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Father is available for additional hours:
Monday, Tuesday, & Friday: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Have you noticed how tidy our grounds now look? That is thanks to our faithful parishioners and our youth. A good many of you showed up and really worked hard to get our property in tip-top shape. And it shows. We thank you and we are confident that the Lord will bless you for your *Corporal Works of Mercy performed for His Church!*

PLEASE NOTE:

We ask those of you who will be contributing gift cards or monetary gifts to the *Giving Tree* to please put your donations in the first collection basket. The ushers and counting teams will see that your donations are handed into the Parish Office for safe keeping. Thank you.

Our Weekly Offering

Sunday collection needed to meet weekly expenses: \$3,637.

(Deficit To Date \$21,516.05)

October 29: \$2,224	-\$1,413.
October's deficit:	-\$5,495.05
November 5: \$2,160	-\$1,477.



For those who attended our first (and hopefully an annual event) *Wine Tasting Festival*, you know it was a smashing success and you also

had a wonderful time. The beverages and the food were terrific. And how about those door prizes!! The parish thanks Stan and Dorothy Wantrobski for their laborious work to make this event a success. We also give thanks to those who helped prepare for the event and those who came in support of the church. God bless all of you.

Income:

Admission Sales	\$3,478.
50/50 Sales	<u>325.</u>
Total	\$3,803.

Expenses:

ABC Liquor Permit	\$100.
Gaming Permits State & Township	30.
Fire Permit	42.
Poster Printing	54.50
Wine and Beer	478.02
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>259.07</u>
Total	\$ 963.59

Profit **\$2,839.41**

A Charismatic Healing Mass will be held at St Philip and James Church [430 south Main Street, Phillipsburg](#) at 7p.m. on Wednesday Nov. 29, 2017. Fr. Tom Ganley will be the celebrant and Deacon Vincent Riccardi, guest speaker. For more details call [732-514-7160](tel:732-514-7160) or dmhealing@aol.com.