

November 13, 2016 The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 12

5:00 p.m. +**Mary Walsh**
By The Altar Rosary Society

Sunday, November 13

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

10:30 a.m. +**Jean Moss**
By Gerry and Brian Moss

Monday, November 14

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

Tuesday, November 15 *Saint Albert the Great*

8:45 a.m. +**Mary Walsh**
By The Maryview Hospital School of Nursing Alumni

Wednesday, November 16 *Saint Margaret of Scotland*

8:45 a.m. +**Ludwik Tomiczek**
By Karl and Rose Strohmaier

Thursday, November 17 *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*

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

Friday, November 18 **NO MASS**

Saturday, November 19

5:00 p.m. +**Charles C. Guerriere**
By Mary Rupell

Sunday, November 20

8:00 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**
10:30 a.m. **Special Intentions Novena for Gifts of
the Holy Spirit**
By A Friend

were taking part in services to the pagan gods. Since he was a Christian, he knew that these gods did not exist. So Theodore refused to join in the pagan rites. He was arrested. "How dare you profess a religion which the emperor punishes with death?" demanded the governor. Without hesitation, the young soldier answered, "I do not know your gods. Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, is my God. If you take my answer as an offense, cut off my tongue. Every part of my body is ready to suffer when God calls for this sacrifice."

The pagan judges let Theodore go this time. Then he was arrested later. The judges first tried to win him with kindness. When that treatment did not work, they tried to frighten him by describing the tortures he would go through. In the end, they turned him over to the torturers.

When the suffering soldier was led back into prison, some said that angels came to comfort him. After he had been questioned three times, he was finally condemned to death by fire in the year 306. A beautiful church was later built to enshrine his ashes. Great crowds of people began going to it to pray to the martyr.

Prayer to St. Theodore:

O Heavenly King, Saint Theodore was a young soldier in the Roman army when he converted to Christianity. Though he was ordered to fight enemies of the empire, he believed that the devil was the only true enemy. Soon, he was killed for being a Christian, thus winning the battle against the demons who wanted to keep him out of Heaven. I ask him to pray for my fight against evil and temptation and to pray for all my loved ones during their battles. Help us, O victorious Jesus, to turn away from sin and to grow in holiness. Teach us how to always wear the armor of God. Saint Theodore, pray for us. Amen.



St. Theodore Tiro

(also known as Saint Theodore of Amasea and Saint Theodore the Recruit, 286-306), one of the oldest of the eastern martyrs. While little is known about his life, he is included in the Roman martyrology, and greatly venerated in the Eastern Church as one of the three "Soldier Saints," with Saints George and

Demetrius.

Theodore lived in the third century. He was a new soldier in the Roman army when he was called to die for the faith. Although he was young, he knew how to keep his soul pure. He was a prudent person who considered the devil a real enemy. When his legion had camped for the winter in the country of Pontus, all the soldiers



Feast of St. Theodore Celebration

November 13

**9 am & 11:30 am
in the Parish Center**

St. Theodore Church
Tricky Tray Event
At the Mansfield Township School
December 3



Dear Parishioners,
We are just 20 days from our Tricky Tray Event. To date, our basket count is low. I am asking that those who have not donated yet, please consider doing so. If you do not have the financial means to donate a basket, please help us with your prayers.
Thank you so much and may God bless you.
--Father Damian

Doors open 9:30 am; drawings at 11:00am
Admission \$10 (includes 1 sheet of tickets)
Table for 10 Reservations--\$100—deadline Nov. 25—includes admission & one sheet level 1 (small) tickets for 10 people
Presale Ticket Bundles: \$25 ea—deadline Nov. 25—includes 3 small, 4 medium, 3 large, 1 grand (at the door \$30)
Baskets: Small, Medium, Large, Grand; 50/50 drawing.
Refreshments available for purchase.
****We ask that each family donate a gift basket, basket items or gift card/s (any value appreciated).**
Baskets should be delivered by Sun.11/25.
For more information call 908-313-0081

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

Nov. 14: Grades 4-8 in Church; Grades 1-3 at school
Nov. 20, 10:30: 7th Grade Mass Participation
Dec. 10, 1:30: Leaving for Warren Haven Christmas Mass. Service Hours will be granted.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!
Our Offering: Nov.6: \$2,184 ; 2015: \$3, 210


Church Schedule

Wednesdays 6:30 pm: Bible Workshop
Nov. 13, 9a.m. & 11:30 a.m.- St. Theodore Church Anniversary Celebration
Nov. 19 & 20- Altar Rosary Society Bake Sale
Nov. 24: Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec. 3, 9:30 am- Tricky Tray at the school
Dec. 8: Holy Day of Obligation (Immaculate Conception). Mass schedule to follow.
Dec. 10: Warren Haven Christmas Mass
Dec. 11, 11:30: Brunch with Santa
Dec. 17, 4 p.m.: Christmas Confessions
Dec. 17, 6 p.m.: Visiting Choir performing Christmas music.



Stephen, Anthony Vitale, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Keira H., Maryann Vaughan, Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Maryann Vaughan, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Kerry Kraft, Patty Mahoney, Martin G., Cheyann Miller, Cathy Moncello, Louise C.

Saint Theodore Parish Giving Tree

The Christmas **Giving Tree** Gift Tags will remain until Nov. 27 (please return your **unwrapped gift (with the original gift tag)** by December 3rd/4th. Parishioners are encouraged to help the needy by selecting a gift donation ornament from the tree.

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