

November 6, 2016 The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

Sunday, November 6

8:00 a.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

10:30 a.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

Monday, November 7

6:30 p.m. **+Theresa Rebinski**
By Henry Rebinski

Tuesday, November 8 *Saint Albert the Great*

8:45 a.m. **+John, Jr., Theresa, and John Adamiak**
By Clem and Clara Wyker

Wednesday, November 9 *Saint Margaret of Scotland*

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

Thursday, November 10 *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*

8:45 a.m. **+Violet and Earl Johnson**
By Jim and Eileen Mattison

Friday, November 11 **NO MASS**

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



Through this month of November, we remember those who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again and all the departed... And we remember Jesus, our brother, who died for us and rose and opened the door to his Father's house and prepared for each of us a dwelling place in his peace. At the heart of all our worship as Catholic Christians, we pause to remember... We remember Christ, and all he did for us; we remember how he suffered, died and rose for us; and in word and sacrament, we remember what he did at table with his friends on the night before he died. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, then, we remember someone who has died: our brother, Jesus.

And every time we celebrate the Eucharist we remember others who have died, too. You know the words as well as I do: *Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest*

in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence... we remember all our brothers and sisters in Christ and not only them but all the departed - everyone who has died - and we pray that through the mercy and love of God every one of them will enjoy the light and peace of God, forever.

Of course, when we pray for those who have died we remember first those whom we loved the most, those whom we miss the most. I'm sure there are names that come to your heart, too. And we pray for them...but why do we pray for them? What do we pray for them?

Our knowledge of human frailty and our faith in God's mercy teach us that when we die, God might not be quite yet finished with fashioning us, making us ready for eternal life. Our whole life on earth is a journey to the dwelling place Christ has prepared and reserved for us in his Father's house. Sometimes we stay right on the path that leads us home and sometimes we take short cuts or make detours or even turn around and walk in the other direction! We need the Lord to shepherd us from death into life...so it might be, it might even be likely, that at the end of our life our rough edges might need some buffing and polishing.

The Church has long taught that after death, those not quite ready for heaven may need some further purification. This has sometimes been called purgatory. But we might have a false picture of purgatory. It's not some "flaming concentration camp on the outskirts of hell." It's not God's last chance to make us suffer!

St. Catherine spoke beautifully of the fire of purgatory as "God's love burning the soul until it was wholly aflame -- with the love of God." It's like the fire mentioned in the book of Wisdom: *"As gold in the furnace, God will prove us, purify us, and take us to himself... we shall shine... and we shall abide forever with God in love..."* If there is pain in purgatory, it is the pain of longing to be with God, to be worthy of the heaven Jesus won for us.

And so we pray for those who have gone before us that God bring to completion the good work begun in their lives while they were still with us. We cannot know how or even if time is measured in this purification. Perhaps one day, one hour, one minute on our clocks of finally and

fully realizing the greatness of God's love for us and how unloving in return we often were, perhaps one second will be all it takes to purify us of the sins of taking God's love and the love of others for granted.

When we remember those who have died some of us might recall those who hurt and harmed others in this life. We can pray for them, too, entrusting them to God who knows how to make even the hardest of hearts ready for his mercy.



AN EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP NOVEMBER 6!



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

December 3

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 with a starting value of \$25 or \$25 Gift Card. Baskets should be delivered by Sun. 11/25.
For more information call 908-313-0081

REIGIOUS EDUCATION

Nov. 14: Grades 4-8 in Church; Grades 1-3 at school
Nov. 20, 10:30: 7th Grade Mass Participation

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!
Our Offering: Oct.30: \$2,037.36 ; 2015: \$2,271.



Feast of St. Theodore Celebration

November 13, after the 8 and 10:30 Masses, we will celebrate the anniversary of our church. We need donated baked goods

for the **Coffee and Dessert Hospitality**, which will follow the Masses.

Please, if you can, bake something; you will find a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Church Schedule

Wednesdays 6:30 pm: Bible Workshop
Nov. 7, 7:30-8:30: Year of Mercy Confession Service
Nov. 13, 9 & 11:30 a.m.- St. Theodore Church Anniversary Celebration
Nov. 19 & 20- Altar Rosary Society Bake Sale
Nov. 27: Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec. 3, 9:30 am- Tricky Tray at the school



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

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