

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 20

5 p.m. + **Bill Mitchell**
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

Sunday, October 21 World Mission Sunday

8:00 a.m. + **Father John Basil**
By Rich and Maryjane Petteruti

10:30 a.m. **Saint Theodore Parishioners**

Monday, October 22 Saint John Paul II

8:45 a.m.

Tuesday, October 23 Saint John of Capistrano

8:45 a.m. + **Gil Ackert**
By Ginny, Tim and Children

Wednesday, October 24 Saint Anthony Mary Claret

8:45 a.m.

Thursday, October 25 NO MASS

Friday October 26

8:45 a.m.

Saturday, October 27

5 p.m. + **Roseann Pietro**
By Rachael Semoche

Sunday, October 28

8:00 a.m. + **Eric Riso**
By Jim and Eileen Mattison

10:30 a.m. + **Ann Stuart**
By Rich and Maryjane Petteruti



The Vatican on Saturday released the message of Pope Francis for this year’s World Mission Sunday, in which the Pontiff is inviting young men and women who want to follow Christ, to seek, to discover and to persevere in

their vocation.

Observed by the Catholic Church on the penultimate Sunday of October every year, World Mission Sunday in 2018 falls on Oct. 21.

Instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, the annual day encourages prayers, cooperation and help for missions as well as reminds Christians about the fundamental missionary character of the Church and of every baptized person.

The theme of this year’s observance, “Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all,” echoes the upcoming synod of bishops, scheduled from October 3-28 in the

Vatican, whose theme is “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.”

In the message addressed to all Christians, but especially to young people, the Pope reminds all that “we are not in this world by our own choice,” and hence there is “an initiative that precedes us and makes us exist.” Each one of us, he says, is called to reflect on the fact that ‘ I am a mission on this Earth,” which is why we are here in this world.

In fact, the Pope says, “every man and woman is a mission.” “To be attracted and to be sent are two movements” of the heart that “hold out promise for our future and give direction to our lives.”

In his message, the Pope urges young people not to be afraid of Christ and his Church, because, he says, “it is where “we find the treasure that fills life with joy.”

Speaking from his own experience, he says that through faith he found the sure foundation of his dreams and the strength to realize them. “For those who stand by Jesus,” the Pope continues, “evil is an incentive to ever greater love,” because “from the cross of Jesus we learn the divine logic of self-sacrifice as a proclamation of the Gospel for the life of the world.

The Pope thus invites young people to ask themselves, “What would Christ do if he were in my place?”

All Christians by Baptism, the Pope recalls, have received the mission to bring the Gospel to everyone. Young people too are part of that great stream of witnesses, in which elder persons with their wisdom and experience become a witness and encouragement to the young. This way, he says, the mission of the Church bridges the generations bringing about unity.

The heart of the Church’s mission, the Pope continues, is the infectiousness of love, where joy and enthusiasm become the expression of a newfound meaning and fulfillment in life. The spread of the faith “by attraction”, he says, calls for hearts that are open and expanded by love.

The Holy Father expresses satisfaction that through numerous ecclesial groups such as parishes, associations, movements, and religious communities, young people find in missionary volunteer work a way of serving the “least” of our brothers and sisters, promoting human

dignity and witnessing to the joy of love and of being Christian.

After recalling the contribution of the Pontifical Mission Societies to the human and cultural growth of many populations, the Pope says that who are helped in their personal needs can in turn bear witness to the Gospel in the circumstances of their daily lives. "No one is so poor as to be unable to give what they have, but first and foremost what they are," the Pope says.

Thank You!

Thank You Knights of Columbus, Joyce Kilmer Council, for the time and effort you donated to the cleaning and buffing of our Parish Center floor. It looks fantastic!



10-/22, 6:15: All Rel. Ed. Grades at school
10/23: 6:30 pm and every Tuesday: Bible Study:
The Book of Revelation

10/27: Giving Tree begins
10/28, 10:30: 5th Grade Mass

10/29, 6:15: All Rel. Ed. Grades at school
11/1, 6:30: ALL students & parents at Mass For All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)



The Knights of Columbus, Joyce Kilmer Council, sent us a message thanking parishioners for their donations to the *Roses for Life* fund drive, which took place last weekend. The Knights

raised \$204 that will support local *Right to Life* organizations.



Saturday, October 27 marks the kickoff of our annual *Giving Tree* charity drive. The tree will remain in the

Narthex until December 2. Please remember to return the tree ornament with you donation.

Our Offering

October 14: \$2,085. ; Assessment Fund \$732.

TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER



December 1 @ 9:30 a.m. at the Mansfield Township School

Check out our Basket Theme suggestions posted in the Narthex and again we ask that each family donated a basket of items with a value of at least \$25.

Dear Parishioners, You are encouraged to join me every Friday after the morning Mass, to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and on the First Friday pray the chaplet in front of the Blessed Sacrament. To follow Bishop James's invitation, we will dedicate these prayers for the healing of the victims of clergy sexual abuse and for strength, courage and perserverence of the Church of of Metuchen.—Father Damian



Prayer Requests

Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Peter S., Mary Rupell, Susan

Reynolds, Maryanne C., Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars, Glenda L., The Rasimowicz Family, Michael Dante, Joseph Boyle, Tony Santos, Tina Delrosso, Gaspar Scozzati, Eleanor D., Tom and Jean C., Helene Picht, Tom M.



A sincere thank you goes out to the parishioner (who wishes to remain anonymous) for donating \$400 towards the purchase of a set of tires for the church's pick-up truck.