

October 7, 2018 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 7 *Respect Life Sunday*

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

10:30 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**

Monday, October 8

8:45 a.m.

Tuesday, October 9 *NO MASS*

Wednesday, October 10 *NO MASS*

Thursday, October 11 *NO MASS*

Friday October 12

8:45 a.m.

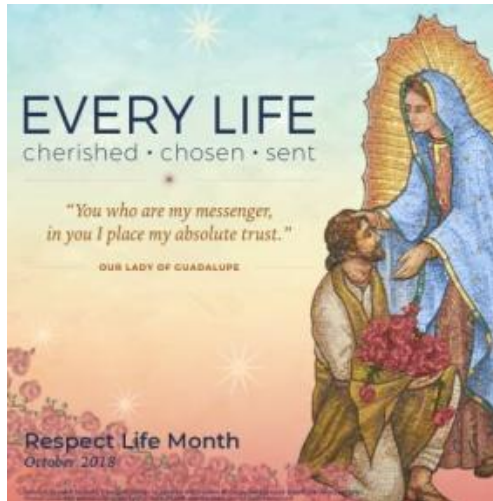
Saturday, October 13

5 p.m. + **Charles and Helen Kelton**
By The Shipley Family

Sunday, October 14

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

10:30 a.m. + **Joseph Cong Tran**
By Family



In Washington, DC in 1994 Mother Teresa said that we fight abortion by teaching the mother what love really means: "to be willing to give until it hurts...So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child." Gustave Thibon has said that the true God transforms violence into suffering, while the false god transforms suffering into violence. The woman tempted to have an abortion will transform her suffering into violence unless she allows love to transform her, and make her willing to give herself away. The Eucharist gives both the lesson and the power. Mom is to say "This is my body, my blood, my life, given up for you my child."

“Make no mistake, abortion-on-demand is not a right granted by the Constitution. No serious

scholar, including one disposed to agree with the Court's result, has argued that the framers of the Constitution intended to create such a right. Shortly after the Roe v. Wade decision, Professor John Hart Ely, now Dean of Stanford Law School, wrote that the opinion "is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be." Nowhere do the plain words of the Constitution even hint at a "right" so sweeping as to permit abortion up to the time the child is ready to be born. Yet that is what the Court ruled. As an act of "raw judicial power" (to use Justice White's biting phrase), the decision by the seven-man majority in Roe v. Wade has so far been made to stick. But the Court's decision has by no means settled the debate. Instead, Roe v. Wade has become a continuing prod to the conscience of the nation.”

-- President Ronald Reagan, in his book *Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation* (1983).

A major Vatican document reminds us that the right to life is primary: “The teachings of Pope John XXIII, the Second Vatican Council, and Pope Paul VI have given abundant indication of the concept of human rights as articulated by the Magisterium. Pope John Paul II has drawn up a list of them in the Encyclical *Centesimus Annus*... The first right presented in this list is the right to life, from conception to its natural end, which is the condition for the exercise of all other rights and, in particular, implies the illicitness of every form of procured abortion and euthanasia.”

-- *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Vatican City, 2004.

Longtime country music singer Kenny Rogers has a song called “Water and Bridges,” which highlights a father's pain after losing a child to abortion. Rogers told CNN that the song is not about him, but is "really about choices you make when you're young that you pay for when you're old." He goes on to explain, "It starts off with a young couple who have an abortion, and the guy says, 'If a father could hold his son, I could undo what's been done, but I guess everyone is living with water and bridges.'" Counseling and healing is available for any man or woman who has lost a child to abortion.



Our choir will be presenting new musical Mass parts from the *Mass of Glory*. The experience will be very spiritual, featuring a Gospel-like aspect. Your feedback is welcome, so please share

your opinion with me.

Those who play an instrument, both adults and children, are invited to share their musical gifts at the Family Mass every Sunday at 10:30 with rehearsal every Sunday at 10 a.m.

Vocalists and musicians are sought to participate in the St. Theodore Anniversary Mass on November 18. Our bishop, along with several of our former pastors, will celebrate the Mass at 10:30.

Many years ago, I started a Christmas Invitational Concert while serving as Music Director of St. Mark's Church and this ecumenical tradition is ongoing there. Father Damian has requested that our church provide our own Invitational Christmas Concert, which will take place on Sunday, December 9 at 4 p.m.

Please contact me if you are interested in participating in any of the events. I am available Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9.

--Chris Lance, Musical Director



**St. Theodore Church
Wine Beer and Cheese
Tasting
October 13 at 7 p.m.**

For an evening of fun and fellowship, join us at our Beer and Wine Tasting Festival. A variety of wine and beer will be available for your pleasure. To whet your palate, scrumptious appetizers, along with a variety of cheeses will be served.

There will be door prizes and a 50/50 Raffle.



TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER
Tricky Tray: 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 perseverance of the Church of Metuchen.—Father Damian

Our Offering

9/2: \$2,662; 9/9: \$2,434.85
9/16: \$1,813; 9/23: \$2,638.78
9/23:Kerala: \$277; Assessment \$794.25
9/30: \$1,908.



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.



10/8: No Rel. Ed. Classes
10/8: Parish Office closed
10/9 & 11: No Mass (only Communion Service)
10/13 & 14: World Mission Sunday Collection

10/13, 7 p.m.: Wine & Beer Tasting Event
10/14, 10:30: 7th Grade Mass
10/14, 9 & 11am: Hospitality Sunday
10/15, 6:15: 8th Grade Parents meet w/
Fr. Damian at the school

10/15, 6:15: All Rel. Ed. Grades at school
10/21, 10:30: 6th Grade Mass
10-/22, 6:15: All Rel. Ed. Grades at school
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)