

October 15, 2017 Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 14

5:00 p.m. +**Charlotte Agyekum**
By The Ocran Family

Sunday, October 15

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

10:30 a.m. +**Nicholas DeSanto**
By Ivins and Joanne Smith

Monday, October 16

8:45 a.m. +**Nicholas DeSanto**
By Helene Picht

Tuesday, October 17

8:45 a.m. **In Thanksgiving of Saint Jude**
By Angela Gross

Wednesday, October 18

8:45 a.m. +**Marion Walsh**
By Bill and Mary Supple

Thursday, October 19 (NO MASS)

Friday, October 20

8:45 a.m. +**Ann Snezek**
By Irma Marquart

Saturday, October 21

5:00 p.m. +**Bill Mitchell**
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

Sunday, October 22

8:00 a.m. **Intentions of Father Damian Tomiczek**
By Spann Family

10:30 a.m. +**Nicholas DeSanto**
By The Slattery Family

The Bishop has asked parishes to publish his letter:

October 15, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On World Mission Sunday, October 22nd, Pope Francis invites each of us to promote change that comes from responding to the lifesaving message of the Gospel. We have been given a tremendous gift in the fact that someone has shared their love of Jesus Christ with us. Because of our baptism and confirmation, we are set on mission; we have the mandate to share as a gift what has been given to us as gift.

This year as we celebrate the 91st World Mission Sunday, our diocesan family of Metuchen will join our sisters and brothers around the world, as we gather to celebrate our

faith at the Altar of the Lord. With them, we will celebrate our common vocation as missionaries. We participate in this world wide mission through our own prayers and financial sacrifices, and through the Church's missionary arm, The Propagation of the Faith. In this way, we continue to be faithful to the mission of Jesus in His Church.

In the words of Pope Francis, as we witness to Christ and serve the poor: "Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all humanity."

One way that we open our hearts is to make a sacrificial offering for the work of the world wide missionary efforts of the Church. We give not so much because there is a great need, of which there is, but more importantly because we have a need to give; to be part of the mission making Jesus known and loved throughout the world.

I am delighted with all that I have learned about how generous this diocese has been in the past to this critical dimension of our walk with the Lord. I wish to encourage you to continue to give sacrificially in next week's collection for World Mission Sunday, so that the Joy of the Gospel may go forth to help those spiritually and physically in need, that everyone will know the personal love of the Lord Jesus.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

CHAT WITH POPE FRANCIS

Next weekend is World Mission Sunday; this celebration leads us to the heart of our Christian faith—leads us to mission, as Pope Francis explains. Through the work and witness of mission priests, religious and lay leaders, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, his hope and peace.

You are invited to a special opportunity to engage with Pope Francis and learn more about his missions. To do so, visit ChatWithThePope.org

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



Once again, we are calling on parishioners to help us with Tricky Tray supplies. It has been our experience that many items are delivered unwrapped, which leads to our appeal to you for donations of basket filler (Easter basket grass or basket shred

paper), shrink wrap, clear cellophane gift bags, bows, ribbon, baskets, clear packaging tape. 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. *Gift and Grocery cards are always welcome. Our Altar Rosary Society sells Grocery Cards after all the Masses.*

Its Cleanup Time!

Dear Parishioners—we need helping hands to spruce up our grounds before winter sets in. Are you able to pitch in to make our church look presentable?



We could really use the help. Please join us on

Saturday, November 4 at 10 a.m. We are asking you to bring your rake. Service hours will be granted to our 7th & 8th Religious Education students.



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

Our Weekly Offering

**Sunday collections needed to meet
Needed Weekly: \$3,637**

October 8: \$1,624.50 (-\$2,012.50)

October 1: \$2,720 (-\$917.)

October deficit: (- \$2,929.50)

(September deficit: \$6,015)

(To Date -\$16,060.50)

September Calendar

Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

October Calendar

10/16, 6:15: 2nd Grade Parents Meeting @ school

10/20, 6 p.m.: Trunk & Treat at our church

10/28: *Giving Tree* in Narthex

10/28, 6 p.m.: *Game Night* in Parish Center

Our Church's Anniversary



Saint Theodore Anniversary Celebration

We will be celebrating our parish's anniversary on November 11 and 12. This year we will be having a covered dish after the 5 pm, 8 am, and 10:30 am Masses. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex for those kind souls who kindly will provide a covered dish. After the 8 am Mass, the dish should be a breakfast dish; the 10:30 dishes could be brunch or lunch. 5 pm will be a dinner dishe.

Please Note: Our financial statement that was published last week **does not state all our expenses**, because the bulletin is limited in space (this has been the practice for many years and never before was it a problem for parishioners.) Items not published were small expenditures.