

October 1, 2017 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 30

5:00 p.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

Sunday, October 1

8:00 a.m. **The Altar Rosary Society**

10:30 a.m. **For Blessings of Health**

By Anonymous

Monday, October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

Tuesday, October 3

8:45 a.m. **+Charlotte Klein**

By Sam and Marietta Tridente

Wednesday, October 4 *Saint Francis of Assisi*

8:45 a.m. **+Marion and Roy Mattison**

By Jim and Eileen Mattison

Thursday, October 5 (NO MASS)

First Friday, October 6 *Saint Bruno*

8:45 a.m. **+Theresa Rebinski**

By Henry Rebinski

First Saturday, October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:45 a.m. **+Theresa Rebinski**

By Henry Rebinski

5:00 p.m. **In Honor of the Blessed Mother**

By Mary Kovacs

Sunday, October 8

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

10:30 a.m. **+Magdalena Sulek**

By The Neulinger Family

The Month of October is dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary.

On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on October 1 in memory of a 10th-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition.

Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the

subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate.

In the first of them, 1883's "Supremi Apostolatus Officio," he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer (known in the Latin tradition as the "Sub Tuum Praesidium"), when he wrote, "It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary."

"This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven," Pope Leo continued, "has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies." Foremost among such "attacks" was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history.

Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570.

The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States – formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571.

Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle – as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces.

Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary.

When prayer requests are entrusted to Mary, we are entrusted to the heart of a mother who cherishes and desires the best for her children.

Let the Rosary beads, which are draped on our church pews be a reminder for this simple but powerful devotion of the Holy Rosary!

Saint Theodore Parish Fundraiser

Beer and Wine Tasting Festival

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.

Saturday, October 14, 7 p.m. in our Parish Center

\$45 per person (ages 21 and older only)
RSVP: 908-642-5587 or 908-689-8318

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

UPCOMING MEETING: 10/2, 6:30 P.M.



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.

Soon will be putting basket theme suggestions in the Narthex and again will ask that each family donated a basket of items with a value of at least \$25.

Life Chain Event

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent and non-confrontational demonstration, which brings together people of all faiths and all ages to make a powerful visual statement about the value and dignity of every human life.

Please join others in a silent prayer chain for the protection of the unborn on October 1, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in front of Sts. Philip and James Church, Phillipsburg, NJ

Our Weekly Offering

Sunday collections needed to meet

Needed Weekly: \$3,637

September 3: \$2,312; September 10: \$2,192

September 17: \$1,738, September 24: \$2,291

(September deficit to date: \$6,015)

(August deficit: \$7,116)

September Calendar

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

October Calendar

10/1, 11:30 a.m.: Pastoral Council Meeting

10/2, 6:30 p.m.: Tricky Tray Meeting

10/4, 7 p.m.: Altar Rosary Society Meeting

10/8: Hospitality Sunday after both Masses

10/9: No Rel. Ed. Classes

10/9: Parish and Rel. Ed. Offices closed

10/12, 7 p.m.: *Protecting God's Children* session for Religious Ed Teachers and Aides in our Parish Center

10/14, 7 pm: Wine Tasting Fundraiser Festival

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

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, Al DiFonzo, Gerard

Schnaars



St. Theodore Church participates in collecting food

for the Food Pantry in

Washington. Donations are

needed to feed the hungry in

our area. If you are able to

donate nonperishable food,

please drop off your

provisions in the Parish Center. We make weekly

deliveries to the Food Pantry. Donation suggestions

are posted on the bulletin board. Thank you and God

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