October 9, 2016 The Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 8

5:00 p.m. +Florence and Michael Jablon

By Grace Jablon

Sunday, October 9 Vocation Awareness Sunday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Mary and Bill Supple on

their 59th Wedding Anniversary

By Family

10:30 a.m. The Altar Rosary Society

Monday, October 10

8:45 a.m. +John Voorhees

By Karl and Rose Strohmaier

Tuesday, October 11 Saint John XXIII

8:45 a.m. +Robert Gross and Charles Folk

By Angela Gross

Wednesday, October 12

8:45 a.m.

+William Supple, Sr.

By Mary and Bill Supple

Thursday, October 13

 $8{:}45\ a.m.$ Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church

Friday, October 14 NO MASS

Saturday, October 15

5:00 p.m.

+Joseph Jablon

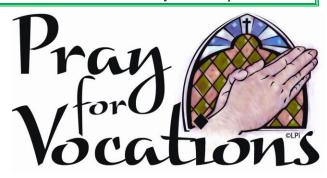
By Grace Jablon

Sunday, October 16

 $8\!:\!00~a.m.$ Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church

10:30 a.m. +Ann Sniezek

By Irma Marquart



Vocation Awareness Sunday

Jesus began his ministry in Galilee, northwest of Lake Galilee. Peter, Andrew and Matthew were from Capernaum. In Luke's Gospel, there is an indication that Jesus had a home there, also. James, John, Philip and Nathaniel were from nearby villages.

Although we don't know much about most of the disciples, we know that when Jesus called Peter, he was a married man with a family and a fishing business with his brother Andrew. Matthew was the tax collector at a key post on the trade route from Syria to Egypt.

All of the disciples left families, homes, social obligations and business commitments when they chose to follow Jesus. Having already "emptied himself of glory," as Paul wrote to the Philippians, Jesus had also emptied himself of his home and possessions. When a lawyer came to Jesus saying, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go," Jesus knew the cost of following. "I have nowhere to put my head," he said.

WHAT are YOU willing to give up to follow Jesus?

"Let the dead bury their own dead," Jesus told another would-be-disciple. Maybe Jesus isn't calling us away from things so much as he is calling us away from deadening attitudes and life-robbing assumptions. "I'm too young, or old, or poor." Or maybe it's "women can't..., or men must...., or they always...".

When we stop long enough to listen to God, to hear his voice in our darkness, we know deep down, it is our own "death grip" that holds us back.

Let us open our hearts. Let go and let God!

Prayer For Vocations

Father, help all people to know their vocation in life, and assist them to prepare for it. For your glory, and for the service of your people, call many to be Priests and Religious. Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and persevere faithfully.

Mary, Mother of the Church, show your care for the body of Christ, encourage many vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Amen



Volunteers Needed for

St. Theodore Church Trunk or Treat for Children

Parishioners, we are in the planning stage of

holding our first *Trunk or Treat* outing for the children of the parish. What we need is: at least 10 people (the more, the better for the kids!) to decorate their car trunks and buy candy to hand out to the little ones, who will be coming to our back parking lot dressed in their Halloween costumes to receive their treat from the trunk of your car. The church plans on serving cider and DD munchkins donuts.

We plan on holding it on Saturday, October 22 from 2pm to 3pm. If interested in donating your time, trunk and candy, please email Mary Rupell at sttheodorenj@gmail.com or Ginny Moran at sttheodorereled@gmail.com

Church Schedule

Oct. 8: After the 5pm Mass: Ministry Fair Oct. 9 after 8 & 10:30 Masses: Hospitality and Ministry Sign-up Fair

Oct. 10: Parish and Religious Edu Offices closed.

Oct. 29: Giving Tree Outreach begins

Bible Workshop- Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm:

First Phase: One-hour sessions on Catholicism and Bible Study conducted by Father Damian. Join Father to learn more about our faith. A beautiful DVD series on Catholicism will be shown and discussed. *Second Phase*: Bible Study, also conducted by Father Damian.

Our Offering: Oct. 2: \$2,215.; 2015: \$2,790.

Charismatic Healing Mass: October 26 at 7 p.m. at SS Philip & James Church, 430 So., Main St., Phillipsburg with Fr. John Campoli as the celebrant. For info call 732-514-7160 or dmhealing@aol.com



October 8 & 9 after the 5, 8 and 10:30 Masses there will be sign-up for various ministries. *Hospitality Sunday will be after the 8 & 10:30 Masses*.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the ministries, just sign your name to the list. The various ministries are:
Hospitality, Altar Rosary Society, Lector, Grounds Keeping, Church Cleaning, Altar Servers, Ushers, Youth Group, Religious Education, Adult and Youth Choir, Fund Raising (includes Tricky Tray, Giving Tree, 50/50), Knights of Columbus, Respect Life, Prayer Chain.

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Oct. 10: No Religious Education Classes Oct. 17: 6:15: 2nd Grade Parents Meeting Oct. 31: No Religious Education Classes Nov. 1: 6:15: All students report to church



Stephen, Anthony Vitale, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Keira H., Maryann Vaughan, Robert

Dicheck, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Maryann Vaughan, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Kerry Kraft, Patty Mahoney, Martin G., Cheyann Miller

Bible Trivia:

How many times was Peter delivered from prison by an angel?

Twice

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