

September 17, 2017 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 16

5:00 p.m. +**Antonietta and Sabino Antinolfi**
By Daughter

Sunday, September 17

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

10:30 a.m. +**James Harris**
By St. Theodore Choir

Monday, September 18

8:45 a.m. +**Irena Agaciak**
By Jack Agaciak

Tuesday, September 19 *St. Januarius*

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

Wednesday, September 20 *St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon*

8:45 a.m. **In Honor of the Madonna of Health**
By Angela Gross

Thursday, September 21 (NO MASS)

Friday, September 22

8:45 a.m. **Blessings for Gae Savino**
By George and Georgianne Merlo

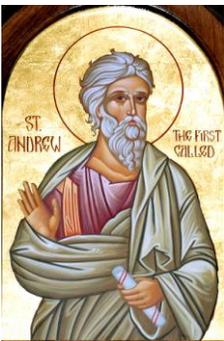
Saturday, September 23

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

Sunday, September 24

8:00 a.m. +**Erna and Josef Marquart**
By Irma Marquart

10:30 a.m. +**Frank Corigiliano**
By Theresa McLaughlin & Family



Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle

St. Matthew knew what it was like to feel excluded. Although he was Jewish, he was shunned by other Jews, because his work as a tax collector made him a collaborator with the hated Romans. Socially, he was an

outsider, and outcast. His fellow countrymen wanted nothing to do with him.

We can only imagine that this exclusion filled him with loneliness and pain. Maybe that's why, when Jesus said to him, "Follow me," Matthew jumped at the chance. He wanted desperately to be welcomed and included. Which is precisely what Jesus does.

When Jesus dined at Matthew's house later that day, Jesus was happy to sit and eat with more excluded people- other tax collectors and people

identified only as "sinners." Jesus welcomed them as well- something he does throughout the gospels, including the one that bears St. Matthew's name.

Jesus invites everyone to be his disciple and enter his kingdom- regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, age, education, income or appearance. Jesus welcomes all people without exception, because all of us are sinners in need of redemption, and all of us are equally loved by God the Father.

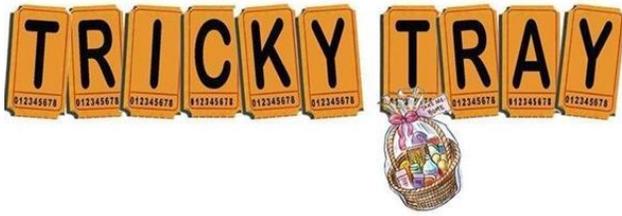
Jesus challenges us today to be as welcoming and inclusive as he is. This may involve examining some of our actions and attitudes. For instance, do we harbor racist thoughts or tendencies? Do we look down on people we think are beneath us economically or socially? Do we envy or resent those we think are above us economically or socially? Do we scorn the young or marginalize the elderly? Are we intellectual snobs or athletes who mock non-jocks? Are we indifferent to the needs of persons with disabilities? Are we the pious who scorn the unbelieving or unrighteous? Do we ignore or avoid those who are different from us in some way? If we answer "Yes" to any of these questions, it's time for an attitude adjustment, so we can each do our part to bring about the vision St. Paul spoke: that we be one family, celebrating one faith, united in one Lord.



On this Catechetical Sunday, I wish to thank our Parish Catechetical Leader, Catechists and Aides for giving up their

precious time to instruct our children on the Catholic Faith. Many hours are devoted by you instructing the children in our Religious Education Program and guiding them on their faith Journey. Without you there would be no program and our children would, perhaps, have no enhanced instruction in our faith. May God reward you for your selflessness.

Father Damian



Tricky Tray meeting Monday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. New volunteers are needed. Please consider joining this fundraiser.

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.



Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance – Wave of Light

October is Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Month. **October 15th** is Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance day. Everyone is invited to light a candle on **October 15th** at 7pm in all time zones all over the world and keep it burning for at least one hour. This will create a continuous wave of light over the entire world in memory of our babies. Those we cannot hold in our arms, we hold forever in our hearts!

www.october15th.com

Our Weekly Offering

Sunday collections needed to meet expenses: (based on last year's data):

Needed Weekly: \$3,637

August deficit: \$7,116

September Calendar

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

9/18, 6:30 p.m.: Tricky Tray Meeting; new volunteers needed and welcomed

9/30, 6 pm: Game Night in the Parish Center

October Calendar

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

10/8: Hospitality Sunday after both Masses

10/9: No Rel. Ed. Classes

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10/14: 7 pm: Wine Tasting Fundraiser & Social in Parish Ctr.



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, 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.



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 bless.