

September 18, 2016 The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 17

5:00 p.m. +**Helen Kelton**
By The Shipley Family

Sunday, September 18

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**
10:30 a.m. +**Irene Agaciak**
By Jack Agaciak

Monday, September 19 *Saint Januarius*

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

Tuesday, September 20 *Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon*

8:45 a.m. +**Vincent Perna**
By Carol Perna

Wednesday, September 21 *Saint Matthew*

8:45 a.m. +**Frank Corigliano**
By The McLaughlin Family

Thursday, September 22

8:45 a.m. +**Robert Ober Schmidt**
By Karl and Rose Strohmaier

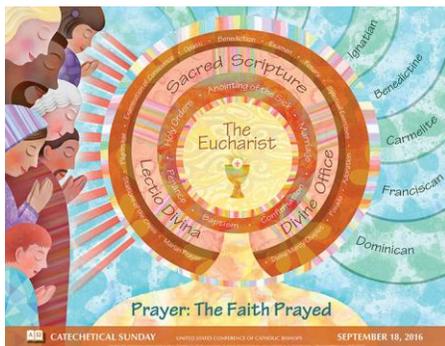
Friday, September 23 **NO MASS**

Saturday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 25

8:00 a.m. +**Erna and Josef Marquart**
By Irma Marquart
10:30 a.m. +**Joseph Walsh**
By Bill and Mary Supple



The third Sunday of September in the United States is celebrated as Catechetical Sunday in order to acknowledge, appreciate and commission those who are catechists. In his encyclical letter *Redemptoris Missio* Pope John Paul II, said: “Among the laity who become evangelizers, catechists have a place of honor...Catechists are among those who have received Christ’s command to ‘go and teach all nations’” (*Guide for Catechists*, 33).

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith.

On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

The idea of establishing a catechetical day in each parish was presented by Pope Pius XI in his instruction entitled *On Better Care for Catechetical Teaching (Provido sane consilio)* published in 1935.

The first celebration of a national catechetical day in our country is recorded to be on October 30, 1935, in Rochester, N.Y. By 1944, the practice was in every part of the union and by 1955 most dioceses celebrated the day on the third Sunday in September.

On behalf of Saint Theodore Church, Father Damian wishes to thank the wonderful, dedicated people who volunteer to help lead our youth on their journey of faith: **Dawn Barbara, Jennifer Cagnassola, Annette Codispoti, Dana Croce, Mary Elizabeth DeStefano, Desiree Dillon, Sharon Dunn, Sara Felix, Marlene Fontana, Sarah Fontana, Nancy Guerriere, Kelly Hayes, Kathy Kochan, Sarah Kochan, Linda Leidner, Kevin McLaughlin, Lisa Magistrado, Lisa Misertino, Karen Mele, Hannah Mele, Casandra Riedinger, Tuyet Trinh, Yamir Vitale, Laura Watt, and our PCL, Ginny Moran.**

Prayer for a Catechist’s Soul

Gracious God, Open the door to my soul and bring me peace and perspective. May I learn to be at home with myself, and to extend a hospitable welcome to your indwelling Spirit.

Open the door to my heart and grace me with compassion and understanding. May I see with the eyes of Christ all of those I am called to catechize. Open the door to my mind and soften my thoughts. May I make room for both ideas and imagination,

ever aware that knowledge is a gift of your Spirit. Give me a joyful soul, heart, and mind so that I share with others the great news of salvation and redemption. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioner,
Mary Walsh
and Father Damian's father
Ludwik Tomiczek

From the Catholic Q & A Book

Q. When and why did the Church originate receiving Communion on the tongue? It does not seem likely that the bread was distributed in this manner at the Last Supper.

A. You are right. Communion was received in the hand for about the first 1,000 years of Christian history. It was only in the late Middle Ages, generally in the 10th and 11th centuries, that the change was made, about the same time that the use of unleavened bread became common in the celebration of the Eucharist. The reason seems to have been a feeling that receiving directly in the mouth was somehow more reverent.

By this time, the practice of receiving Communion was very infrequently, perhaps once a year or less, had become well accepted. Reception of the Eucharist by anyone but the priest had become so rare that missals of that period don't even mention Communion for lay people. Related to this decline, various customs developed with the intention of emphasizing the separation and distance between God (Jesus Christ) and ourselves. Receiving Communion on the tongue was one of them. The elevation during Mass, introduced into the liturgy much later (about 1200) was another.

The same reason, a sense of reverence as well as history, inspired a return to Communion in the hand in our own century. Sticking out one's tongue is not usually considered a sign of respect in our age; extending one's hand was again seen as a sign of openness and acceptance of the gift God gives us in the Eucharist.

Our present ritual for receiving in the hand is patterned after that prescribed in the Jerusalem Catecheses about the year 400. Not everyone has the same feelings about this, of course. Thus the Church today provides the option for each communicant.



Religious Education Schedule

Sept. 19, 6: 30 pm, Grades 7 & 8 at church with parents; 6:15 pm all other grades at school.

Sept. 26, 6:15 pm—All grades at school and **PARENTS MEETING W/ FATHER AT THE SCHOOL AT 6:15 PM on Sept. 26.**



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, Robert Dicheck, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Kerry Kraft, Barbara K., Patty Mahoney, Martin G., Cheyann Miller, Alexander DiFonzo, Jr.

Our Offering: Sept. 11: \$2,207 -- 2015: \$2, 574



On the first Sunday of every October, Life Chain invites churches to stand on a designated local

sidewalk or grassy area, and pray for 30 minutes, while holding an approved pro-life sign message.

Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 360 Rt. 46, Great Meadows will hold a Life Chain on Sunday, October 2nd starting in the church at 1:30 p.m. Please come and show your support for the unborn.

