

September 24, 2017 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Corigliano**
By Theresa McLaughlin & Family

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26 *Sts. Cosmas and Damian*

8:45 a.m. +**Dawn Rudolph**
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

Wednesday, September 27 *St. Vincent de Paul*

8:45 a.m. +**Ed Hardman**
By Brian and Gerry Moss

Thursday, September 28 (NO MASS)

Friday, September 29 *The Archangels*

8:45 a.m. +**William Kehoe**
By John and Eileen Flanagan

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



The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today

is the feast of St. Michael. St. Gabriel is observed on March 24 and St. Raphael on October 24.

Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.

St. Michael



The name of the archangel Michael means, in Hebrew, *who is like unto God?* and he is also known as "the prince of the heavenly host." He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armor and wearing sandals. His name appears in Scripture four times, twice in the Book of Daniel,

and once each in the Epistle of St. Jude and the Book of Revelation. From Revelation we learn of the battle in heaven, with St. Michael and his angels combatting Lucifer and the other fallen angels (or devils). We invoke St. Michael to help us in our fight against Satan; to rescue souls from Satan, especially at the hour of death; to be the champion of the Jews in the Old Testament and now Christians; and to bring souls to judgment.

Prayer to St. Michael:

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

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.

Bus Trip to the National Padre Pio Shrine

Sponsored by St. Joseph Church on October 28 to the shrine in Barto, PA. \$18 per person.

RSVP: Mary Jane Lusardi: 908-689-0257 or
jamlulmin@yahoo.com

Life Chain Event

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

(August deficit: \$7,116)

September Calendar

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

9/24, 11:30 a.m.: Youth Band/Choir practice

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

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

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., Irma Marquart,

Dolores Staiano



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.