

September 2, 2018 The Twentieth-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 1

5:00 p.m. +**Arthur Elliot**
By Rich and Maryjane Petteruti

Sunday, September 2

8:00 a.m. +**George Reynolds**
By Andy and Bernadette Ryan

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Monday, September 3

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

Tuesday, September 4

8:45 a.m. +**Patrick and Anna Kane**
By Susan Reynolds

Wednesday, September 5

8:45 a.m. +**Thomas, Elizabeth and Louis DeBari**
By Sam and Marietta Tridente

Thursday, September 6 **NO MASS**

First Friday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 8

5 p.m. +**Ed, Brian, Scott and Dot Wyker**
B The Wyker Family

Sunday, September 9

8:00 a.m. **Birthday Blessings for Michael Kovacs**
By The Kovacs Family

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**



In order to respond better to both the physical and spiritual needs of the poor, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity Brothers in 1963, in 1976 the contemplative branch of the Sisters, in 1979 the Contemplative Brothers, and in 1984 the Missionaries of Charity Fathers.

Yet her inspiration was not limited to those with religious vocations. She formed the Co-Workers of Mother Teresa and the Sick and Suffering Co-Workers, people of many faiths and nationalities with whom she shared her spirit of prayer, simplicity, sacrifice and her apostolate of humble works of love. This spirit later inspired the Lay Missionaries of Charity. In answer to the requests of many priests, in 1981 Mother Teresa also began the Corpus Christi Movement for Priests as a “little way of holiness” for those who desire to share in her charisma and spirit. During the years of rapid growth the world began to turn

its eyes towards Mother Teresa and the work she had started. Numerous awards, beginning with the Indian Padmashri Award in 1962 and notably the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, honored her work, while an increasingly interested media began to follow her activities. She received both prizes and attention “for the glory of God and in the name of the poor.”

During the last years of her life, despite increasingly severe health problems, Mother Teresa continued to govern her Society and respond to the needs of the poor and the Church. By 1997, Mother Teresa’s Sisters numbered nearly 4,000 members and were established in 610 foundations in 123 countries of the world. In March 1997 she blessed her newly-elected successor as Superior General of the Missionaries of Charity and then made one more trip abroad. After meeting Pope John Paul II for the last time, she returned to Calcutta and spent her final weeks receiving visitors and instructing her Sisters. On 5 September Mother Teresa’s earthly life came to an end. She was given the honor of a state funeral by the Government of India and her body was buried in the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity. Her tomb quickly became a place of pilgrimage and prayer for people of all faiths, rich and poor alike. Mother Teresa left a testament of unshakable faith, invincible hope and extraordinary charity. Her response to Jesus’ plea, “Come be My light,” made her a Missionary of Charity, a “mother to the poor,” a symbol of compassion to the world, and a living witness to the thirsting love of God.

Less than two years after her death, in view of Mother Teresa’s widespread reputation of holiness and the favors being reported, Pope John Paul II permitted the opening of her Cause of Canonization. On 20 December 2002 he approved the decrees of her heroic virtues and miracles. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 19 October 2003. The decree on the miracle required for her canonization was approved on 17 December 2015 and she was canonized by Pope Francis on 4 September 2016.

Please help us with our fundraisers!

We need to have successful fundraisers to supplement our Sunday collections. To make these affairs profitable we need parishioners to step up and give us a hand. We can't do without your support!



The **Tricky Tray Event** is our biggest fundraiser and we are in great need for volunteers. Our first meeting will be in the Parish Center on September 4 at 6:30. Can we count on you to pitch in and help the other members?



Our **Wine Tasting Event** meeting will be held on September 12 at 6:30 in the Parish Center. Our chair persons need help with the event. Please consider

giving them a helping hand!

On September 5 at 7p.m. the Altar Rosary Society will hold their first meeting of the season. The new season starts in the church for the recitation of the holy Rosary. After the Rosary, the group will meet in the Parish Center for refreshments and a meeting. Ladies of the parish, you are invited to join the group in prayer and stay for the meeting and refreshments to get acquainted with this ministry.



Almighty and ever-living God, physician who brings eternal healing to those who believe, hear us as we ask your compassionate help for

your servants who are sick.

Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Peter S., Mary Rupell, Susan Reynolds, Maryanne C., Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars, Glenda L., The Rasimowicz Family, Michael Dante, Joseph Boyle, Tony Santos, Tina Delrosso, Gaspar Scozzati, Eleanor D., Tom and Jean C.

Give them back good health, and enable them to return thanks to you in the assembly of the faithful. Amen

Every Friday after the morning Mass, we pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and on the First Friday we pray the chaplet in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

To follow Bishop James's invitation, we will dedicate these prayers for the healing of the victims of clergy sexual abuse and for strength, courage and perseverance of the Church of the of Metuchen.

Our Sunday Offering

(August 26: \$1,676) **Needed Weekly: \$4,100**
August Sunday Collections: \$7,420
Assumption: \$441; Assessment Fund: \$668
Received in August \$8,529
Needed for August \$16,400;
Deficit for August \$ 7,871



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 9/3: Parish & Rel Ed Offices closed
- 9/4, 6:30p: Tricky Tray meeting
- 9/5, 7 pm: Altar Rosary Meeting
- 9/6, 7 pm: Catechist and Aids meeting in the Parish Centre
- 9/8, 6 pm: Grades 1-4 meet teachers and received books
- 9/9, 11:30: Grades 5-8- meet teachers and received books
- 9/8 & 9/9: Ministry Sign-up in Parish Center after Mass
- 9/9, 9a & 11:30a: Hospitality Sunday in Parish Center
- 9/10, 6:15: Religious Ed Opening at school
- 9/12, 6:30: Wine Tasting Meeting in Parish Center
- 9/13 & 14, 7 pm: Healing Service in the church
- 9/19, 6:30: Trustee & Parish Council Meeting



Dear Parents of Religious Education Students,

Thank you for registering your child/children in St. Theodore Religious Education Program.

For those who have not registered yet, please do so by September 3. The forms are available in the Narthex at church or can be downloaded from our website at www.sttheodorenj.com.