



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 2nd

5:00 pm In thanksgiving for Blessings received
By Angela Gross

Sunday, October 3rd

8:00 am Living & Deceased members
of St. Theodore

10:30 am † Charlotte Klein
By Sam & Marietta Tridente

Monday, October 4th

8:45 am † Marion & Roy Mattison
By Jim & Eileen Mattison

Tuesday, October 5th

8:45 am † Father Emmanuel Cueto Ramos

Wednesday, October 6th

8:45 am † Theresa Rebinski
By Henry Rebinski

Thursday, October 7th

No Mass

Friday October 8th

8:45 † George & Susan Reynolds
By Family

Saturday, October 9th

5:00 pm Altar Rosary Society

Sunday, October 10th

8:00 am † Joseph W. Mrochek
By Hartzel Family

10:30 am Living & Deceased members
of St. Theodore

**Your Offertory Gift
September 26th, 2021**

First Collection: \$2,341

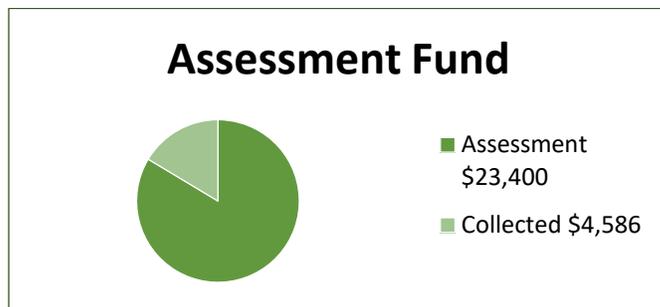
Peter's Pence: \$50

Maintenance & Repair: \$310

Assessment: \$808

Thank you for your support!

**Next week's second collection will be for
Assessment Fund**



Calendar of Events

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, Oct. 3rd 1:00pm

Life Chain on Respect Life at Ss. Peter & Paul in Great Meadows
Sunday Oct 3rd 2:00pm

Altar Rosary Society Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 6th 7:00pm

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 20th 6:30pm



Devotions

- Blessed Virgin Mary—Monday 8:45 am
- Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am
- Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am
- Rosary Prayer – 1st Saturday 8:45 am



The Altar Rosary Society's next meeting is Oct 6th at 7pm and welcomes any new women that would like to join our group.

Also PLEASE come purchase gift cards after mass. Start shopping now for the hard to buy people in your life, gift cards are always appreciated, especially by teens! Thanks to your support of purchasing gift cards, \$2,030.47 has been donated in 2021.

LIFE CHAIN/RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY at Ss. Peter & Paul Church

We will hold our 13th Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, October 3rd starting with a Holy Hour at 2pm inside the church. We will then gather to stand on the lawn in front of the church for 1/2 hour in quiet prayer and meditation. A Life Chain is not picketing or a demonstration. It is a sign to others that we stand up for life. It may change the mind of a person who was contemplating abortion. Everyone is invited. Bring a chair if you cannot stand. With God's help, we can change hearts and minds.

Location: Ss. Peter & Paul Church
360 US Hwy 46
Great Meadows NJ, 07838



Blessing of the animals Sunday, October 3rd at 1pm

Animals are our companions on Earth, be they house pets, domesticated livestock or wild creatures. We receive much from them: comfort, protection and wonder, as well as labor, food and clothing.

So we ask God to help us remember our dependence on these creatures, great and small, and to make us wise enough to care properly for all animals: they too reveal God's loving presence.

For this blessing, bring along animals and meet in front of the Church, outside for the blessing from Father Damian.

Mrs. C, Michael Kovacs, John Schuttler,
Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer,
Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman,
Michael, Robert, Helen, Sam, Marietta, Edward
Kirby, William & Joan Prosser.



The patron saint of Italy, Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance.

Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy."

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father—who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor—so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

During the last years of his relatively short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

On his deathbed, Francis said over and over again the last addition to his *Canticle of the Sun*, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death.", and at the end asked his superior's permission to have his clothes removed when the last hour came in order that he could expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.