



**October 15, 2006
28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, October 16th – Hedwig, Margaret Alacoque

7:00am Communion Service

8:30am Donald G. Kelly by mom & dad
and Marge Baldassari by prayerful Monday Moms
and Eileen Colacello by Bill & Mary Rodda

7:00pm – EVENING PRAYER

Tuesday, October – October 17th – Ignatius of Antioch

7:00am Thomas McCaskey by Rita
and Addolorata Cifelli by Jim & Jeanette Piacenza
and Joseph Pullen by SGTG Cafeteria Staff

8:30am Communion Service

Wednesday, October 18th – Luke, Evangelist

7:00am Communion Service

8:30am Krystyna Dziekowski by the Morey family
and Iris Dickson by Jim & Gerri DeBlois
and Sheila Fairchild by Lena Clayton & family

7:00pm – EVENING PRAYER

Thursday, October 19th – John deBrebeuf, Isaac Jogues

7:00am Thomas Oakley by John & Mary Burkhardt & family
and Jack Kerwin by Arlene & John Vinicombe
and Bernard Hoffman by Marianne Pennington

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, October 20th – Paul of the Cross

7:00am Communion Service

8:30am Jerome J. Sloyan by the family
and Benjamin D. Maruca by M/M Anthony Gervasio
and William Warren Wilson by Jordan Marusky

7:00pm – EVENING PRAYER

Saturday, October 21st

8:30am Alexander Jack Harris, Jr. by Jim & Gerri DeBlois
and John Zuczek by the Muni family
and Gilda Mrvica by Will & Jane LaVerghetta

5:00pm Jim Crilley by wife, Karen & son, Pat
and Norman Smith by wife, Joan & family
and Joseph A. Zizzo by Joseph & Jane Latini

6:30pm Robert C. Sellers by the Shea family
and Marie & Joseph Falcone by the family
and Elena Spero by the Spero family

SUNDAY, October 22nd - 29th Sunday- Ordinary Time

7:30am For the People of the Parish

9:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Mellody family
by Philomena Mellody

and Zigmund Kamin by loving wife, Lois
and Phyllis R. Butera by SGTG Health Ministry

10:30am James Corti by Anna Marie & Gary Radice
and Rosalie Cooney by Helene Dillon
and Joseph Zizzo by the LaPlante family

12:00pm Victor Stacewicz by loving wife & family
and Angelina Pinelli by Sharon & Michael Smith & family
and Donald C. Schreffler by Roxann Fraioli

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

**Thomas Lovett – Shauna Lancaskey – Mary Pallo
June Delahanty – John Hager, Jr.**

Flowers in Church

You must call Jan Snyder at 587-2641 **3 weeks** in advance of the date the flowers are to be in church. **This weekend:**

In loving Memory of: Albert & Theresa Kastner req. by daughters, Maria & Linda

Welcome New Parishioners

Mr. Christopher Heagele – M/M Thomas Belardino & son
M/M James B. Burke & family – Ms. Katie Caperna & son
M/M Dale Jones – M/M John Salesi & family
Mr. Mark Kinzel – M/M Biagio Manieri & family

Banns of Marriage

- III **Erin Gibson and Jonathan Hoy**
- III **Nicole Rogers and James Angiolino**
- III **Giselle Ann Cavilao and Michael Relevo**
- III **Andria Cooper and Edward Doyle**
- II **Lisa Kelleher and Jonathan Fisher**
- II **Christine McGuire and Louis Raba**

**Congratulations to the Parents, Godparents
and Families of the Newly Baptized
*Mia Isabell Scott – Tyler Gorman Douglass***

2006 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Number of families registered	5007
Number of Envelopes Used	1231
Total Collection for October 8, 2006	\$29,903.00
65 Children's Envelopes	\$ 154.00
Thank you for your CONTINUED generosity!	



First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

This poem discusses how the spirit of wisdom is far more beautiful than any riches could be. All gold is no more than sand when compared to the importance of wisdom, which often leads people to the other good things in life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

God's perception of people is called "sharper than any two-edged sword." God is able to know the thoughts and feelings of all his people. We can hide nothing from him, and will need to account for all he has seen in us.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

A man asks Jesus how he can share in everlasting life. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and travel with them. The man refuses and Jesus tells his disciples how difficult it is for a rich person to enter heaven if they are too concerned with their possessions. The disciples remind Jesus that they gave up everything for him, but he assures them they will be rewarded with everlasting life.



“PASTORAL NOTES”

A “ONE THING MORE” DEACON!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Deacon Rich D’Angelo has served this parish and the Diocese of Trenton for twenty-five years. In just a matter of days he will be moving to South Carolina with his wife, Carol. We will miss him greatly, but our prayers and deepest gratitude go with him.

In our Gospel today, Jesus will tell a man that there is “one thing more” he must do to inherit eternal life. Deacon Rich was a “one thing more” deacon. In the words of Vatican II, he was always surveying “the signs of the times” and looking for what would be the next way to serve God’s people and build God’s Kingdom. In the time I have known him, I could always count on Deacon Rich to look for different ways of improving our ministry and parish. I am grateful to him for his creativity and involvement. One very obvious example of this: it was he who saw the need for a Bereavement Ministry here at our parish and therefore proceeded to initiate our Good Shepherd Bereavement Ministry which to this day continues to offer support to those who have lost a loved one. Deacon Rich served on our RCIA Team and then facilitated that team for many, many years, meeting weekly with adults in their faith journey, always looking for one more way to make better the process for them to enter the Catholic Church.

As you know, Rich is a wonderful preacher; his enthusiasm in the pulpit is contagious and inspirational. Like St. Paul, Rich knows that God’s word is “living and effective.” So many times we have heard him make the Gospels come alive as he related God’s Word to marriage, family life and the workplace. He has brought that same joy and meaningfulness to the baptisms, weddings and funeral services he presided over.

Some things you might not know: like our patron St. Gregory the Great, who was the prefect of Rome before becoming Pope, Rich was the mayor of Jackson, NJ, before becoming a deacon. While a deacon he served many years in campus ministry at Rider College. And for the past several years, Rich has worked in the Office of the Diaconate in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, helping in the training and formation of deacon candidates.

He has given generously of his time, talent, energy and love...all in the service of God and the Church.

I must at this time also pay tribute to Carol D’Angelo, who is also a committed member of our parish community. It is not easy to be a Deacon’s wife. Parish and diocesan responsibilities take their husbands away from the home many days a week...all this on top of a regular nine to five job. I am so grateful, therefore to Carol and for her “sharing” her husband with this parish.

Today at the 12 Noon Liturgy we will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon Rich D’Angelo, followed by a light reception in Ferrante Hall in the Parish Center. Everyone is most welcome to join in one or both of these celebrations. This is an opportunity for us to say “thank you” to Deacon Rich and to wish him well in his new home and new ministry. (By the way, Rich’s new parish is South Carolina is...St. Gregory the Great! It’s just not that easy to get rid of us!!).

Rich and Carol: May God continue to guide and protect you!

Peace!
Fr. Rich

From our Parish Finance Council

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS UPDATE

Earlier this year, Fr. Rich announced to the parish that during this fiscal year our weekly Sunday collections need to be \$33,500 in order for us to keep a balanced budget and pay the many expenses of a large parish. During the summer months we always expect a drop in collections as parishioners are on vacation. Usually this picks up once September rolls around. We have not seen this occur this year. This could be for a variety of reasons and the Council will explore them. However, because of recent drops we will now need close to \$34,000 a week to meet our expenses. We are a tremendously generous parish. We recognize that this is our parish and we all have a responsibility to share in its upkeep. We also recognize that our discipleship calls us to be faithful stewards of our time, talent *and treasure*. The money we put in the collection basket is not only to help pay expenses, but it is also a sacrifice we make in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings God has given to us. We give back to God in gratitude for what God has given us. Thank you for your prayerful and thoughtful attention to this important matter.

October's Adult Faith Enrichment:

ONE OF THE DIOCESE'S

BEST SPEAKERS

RETURNS TO OUR PARISH

Sr. Marcy Springer, the coordinator of the Francis House of Prayer, a diocesan spirituality center located not far from us in Willingboro, will lead us in a program called "OCTOBER THERESAS".

As we learn about these two great saints in our Catholic history, our own faith will be enriched and strengthened. Whenever Sr. Marcy speaks, one leaves with helpful suggestions on how to pray and grow closer to God in our everyday experiences. Join us on **Wednesday, Oct. 18th at 7:30pm in the Church.**



Babysitting is available for Adult Faith Enrichment Nights when arrangements are made in advance.

Contact Ellen Wallover at 890-0229 or email at wallover22@aol.com by 3:00pm the

Friday before the Adult Faith Night. The children will be in the church.



**INTERPRETED MASS
FOR THE DEAF**

The Last Sunday of each month at 10:30am Mass, we will have a "Signing Mass". The next one will be Sunday, October 29, 2006.

HOW TO BECOME CATHOLIC

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a process that allows a person who has been thinking about becoming Catholic to explore the Catholic faith whether they are un-baptized or have been baptized in another Christian faith. RCIA allows any Catholic who has not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation to complete their sacraments of initiation into the church. If you have been thinking about becoming Catholic or you know someone who is thinking about it or if you want to finish your sacraments join us on Thursday evening at 7:30 PM in the Bachmann Lounge of the Parish Center. A new session is just starting and this would be a wonderful opportunity for you to gather with others to learn about the Catholic faith. If you have any questions you can call Deacon Bill Wilson at 443-0336 or Pat Seladi at 587-1131 ext. 244.

Small Faith Sharing Group

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READ THE SCRIPTURES

Read the Sunday Scriptures out loud together. Afterward, mention which Scripture passage touched you and why. What does the passage mean to you in your own life at this stage of your personal spiritual journey?

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Reflection on the Gospel Reading

Today's passage from Mark's Gospel contains another account of Jesus' disciples posturing to gain glory for themselves. James and John approached Jesus and asked to be at the top when He is glorified. Jesus asked if they would pay the price of sacrifice. They answered yes. Jesus told them they would share in His passion, but it was God's decision to mete out rewards. The other ten disciples were livid at James and John. Jesus called them all aside and reversed their expectation about greatness. Those who would be great must serve greatly as Jesus would do.

Reflection Questions:

Believe: How do I think and feel toward Jesus when He serves me?

Share: How does serving others allow me to share my faith with them?

Transform: How does our society look upon those who serve others?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray together for any petitions and any needs that you might have. Stand in a circle together and say the Our Father. Pray daily this week for the person on your right.

LEAVE TO EVANGELIZE YOUR WORLD

Reflect on your mission to grow deeper in your relationship with God. Be welcoming, offer hospitality and work for transformation in your daily life. Suggestions for this coming week:

Believe: In prayer, thank Jesus for the many ways that He has served you. Renew your commitment to serve Him by evangelizing.

Share: In October, Catholic parishes often hold a stewardship drive for time, talent and treasure. Identify what gifts you are called to share and make a commitment to share them.

Transform: Honor someone in a public service profession - from government, healthcare, non-profit organizations, etc. Show your appreciation for the sacrifices he/she/they make to help others.



BABYSITTING

DURING 10:30AM MASS!

We have babysitting for pre-school children for the 10:30am Mass

over at the pre-school (GLDC).

Please contact Jennifer Stoner at 586-3512 for more information.

Confidential Professional Counseling...

is available for individuals, couples, and families. Call either Neil (MA, LPC) at 587-1590, or Maureen (MA, NBCC) at 586-2729.

Spiritual Direction

Call Chris Falcone 890-2161. (Certified Spiritual Director)



Are you Sick, Homebound, Recuperating?

If you or any member of your family is unable to attend Mass, we have Eucharistic Ministers who would be happy to bring Eucharist to your home, long-termed or just a few times until you are able to come back to church. To make arrangements for a visit by a Eucharistic Minister or if you are a Eucharistic Minister who would like to visit the sick, call **Barbara Kowalski at 890-2744 or Sr. Jean at 587-1131, ext. 260.**

LANDINGS

A ministry that helps Catholics who have been away from the church return to the sacraments with a stronger understanding of their faith Welcomes all practicing Catholics interested in learning how to invite and encourage friends to come back to church to an information meeting Monday October 30th at 7:30. Please contact Monica Quaste at 890-8190 or email her at mquaste@optonline.net

"He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything." --Arabian proverb



THIS IS A NON-SMOKING FACILITY – PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SMOKING IN FRONT OF ANY BUILDING!

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY, NOV. 5, 2006

6:00pm

We will celebrate our Annual Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, November 5th at 6:00pm. (This fulfills your Sunday Mass obligation).

We will remember ALL the deceased buried from St. Gregory the Great Church **during the period of Oct. 15, 2005 until October 20, 2006.**

The Friends of the Shepherd Bereavement Group **have sent out invitations** to the next of kin for those buried, had a service or graveside service from the a priest or deacon from St. Gregory's Church. **Please DO NOT fill out this form.**

If you have a loved one who died during the year and **WAS** buried from a church other than St. Gregory the Great, and want to include their name in the Mass of Remembrance, please complete **this form**, drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office in an envelope "**Bereavement**".

Name of Deceased:

Date of Death: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

This year we would like everyone to bring a picture (preferably in a frame) of your loved one. Include your name and phone number on the back of the picture. Any questions, please call Deacon Andy @ 890-6327. Everyone is invited to support those who have lost loved ones.

CAN YOU BAKE FOR THE MASS OF REMEMBRANCE?

Can You Donate Cookies, Brownies, Finger Type Desserts For The Mass Of Remembrance? Please Leave Your Name With Deacon Andy At 890-6327. Many Thanks For All That You Do! Come Out And Support The Mass Of Remembrance.

Note: This 6:00PM Mass on Sunday November 5th fulfills your Sunday Obligation For Mass.

Wanted: Your Good News

Spread the word about your organization's activities, upcoming events, and successes. Let your fellow parishioners know what you're all about and how they can get involved. Submit an article for publication in St. Gregory the Great's quarterly *The Good Newsletter*. Articles for the winter (Advent/Christmas) issue should be emailed to ddmikics@aol.com or dropped off at the rectory in an envelope marked *The Good Newsletter* no later than October 22nd.



Join Fr. Rich and fellow parishioners at the closing Eucharistic Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Trenton. The climax of our Jubilee Year will take place October 29, 2006 at the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton, where we will all come together for the celebration of a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving. The Most Reverend John M. Smith will preside. St. Gregory's has rented a bus to help alleviate the traffic flow around the arena. Since there are only 49 seats available, it will be on a first come first serve basis. If more than 49 people wish to go, then we will have a lottery for the seats. St. Gregory's will pay for the bus. The liturgy starts at 3:00PM. The bus will leave St. Gregory's parking lot at 1:45PM and return no later than 6:30PM. If you wish to reserve a seat on the bus, please complete the following form and submit it to the rectory no later than October 15th. **If you have any questions, please call Roxann at 505-0271.**

125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Trenton Eucharistic Celebration Sunday, October 29

Name: _____
please print

Telephone Number: _____

Please return no later than,
Wednesday, October 18th to the rectory.



Choir Rehearsal Begins

St. Gregory's Choir welcomes anyone of high school age or over who enjoys singing to participate in this year's Advent and Christmas liturgical celebrations. The Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass during the season of Advent and at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in both the School's Music Room and the Church.

Separated and Divorced Support Group... will meet on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. For information, please call Gregg Flanner at 588-0790.

Usher's Meeting

There is a **Mandatory Meeting** of **ALL** Ushers on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00pm in the Wade Room of the Parish Center. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. We will go over the Christmas Schedule.



Helping Hands

Our volunteers provide non-medical support services & companionship to homebound seniors and disabled persons. If interested in becoming a volunteer or in need of help, please call 587-1131, ext. 552.

Parents- give yourselves a break!!

Get the most out of Mass and let your preschool kids enjoy trains, toys, puzzles and books for an hour with us. Babysitting for preschoolers is available at GLDC for the 10:30am Mass. Please contact Jennifer Stoner at 586-3512 for more information.



Greeter Ministry

It is easy to be a greeter and deliver a "warm welcome" to our parishioners and guests. If you are interested in joining our Ministry, please call Ray & Mary Helmich 689-3407.

Greeter Ministry Meeting

We will have our first annual meeting on October 19th in the Wade classroom from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. All greeter's asked to attend along with those that wish to be a greeter. Questions? Call Ray or Mary Helmich at 609-689-3407.

Social Justice Respect Life Who Is My Neighbor? October Neighbor-Mexico

The **United Mexican States**, generally known as **Mexico**, lies just to the south of the United States. Steeped in the ancient cultures of Amerindian civilizations Mexico existed under Spanish rule for three centuries before gaining their independence in the early 19th century. Mesoamerican civilizations such as the Olmec, Izapa, Teotihuacan, Maya, Zapotec, Mixtec, Huastec, Purepecha, Toltec and Mexica (Aztecs) flourished for nearly 5,000 years before first contact with Europeans. These civilizations have been credited with many inventions in building pyramid-temples, mathematics, astronomy, medicine, writing, highly accurate calendars, fine arts, intensive agriculture, engineering, an abacus calculator, complex theology and the wheel. Mexicans are people oriented, and will put friends and family before work and business. Family values in Mexico were preserved, even in the era of industrialization and social change, because the traditional family serves as protection and release from the troubling outside world. Mexico is a large country and every region has a distinct culture, language, and art that create a huge mosaic as a whole.

Mexico has a mixed economy that recently entered the trillion dollar class. It contains a mixture of modern and outmoded industry and agriculture, increasingly dominated by the private sector. Mexico still needs to overcome many structural problems as it strives to modernize its economy and raise living standards. The country has continued to struggle with such issues as economic control and development, especially with the petroleum sector and the evolution of trade relations with the United States.

Currently Mexico is struggling in the political arena as recent elections have come under protest. On July 2, 2006, 41 million Mexican voters came to the polls to vote for a president and members of congress. Mexico's Federal Electoral Institute gave the victory to the National Action Party Candidate, Felipe Calderon. On September 5 a special electoral court certified Calderon's victory, rejecting a request by Democratic Revolution Party candidate Andres Manual Lopez Obrador's bid to annul the election. Obrador has refused to recognize the decision and will create an "alternate government" before the December 1 presidential inauguration. Please pray for the people of Mexico in this time of political turmoil.

Next week we will focus on **El Salvador** and **Guatemala**. The following week we will learn more about what the **U.S. Bishops** have to say about **illegal immigrants**.



Would you like to bring up the Offertory Gifts?

There has been some confusion on where the sign-up sheet is located for presenting the gifts to the priest. It is in a white notebook (bottom shelf) of the gift table in the back of the church (tabernacle side). It is not the Clipboard for daily Mass sign-ups. **The Ushers will assist you. You can present the gifts if you are single or a family. We welcome all of our parishioners.**

Social Concerns Ministry



NEW Gloves, Hats & Scarves are NEEDED.... for homeless men, women and children served by Home Front. They are especially in need of items for MEN.

Drop-off donations in the Warm Hands -Warm Hearts collection box located in the Parish Center Foyer from **October 14th through November 4th**.

Our next meeting is **Monday, October 16th at 7:30 PM in the Draus Room** of the Parish Center.

New members are always welcome!

We would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about the Ministry to join us and hear about the exciting projects we will be working on in the coming year! If you decide to become a member, there is **NO** obligation to attend every meeting. Any questions, please call Dorothy Henneberry at 609-448-5374.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLOTHING DRIVE

We will hold our Annual Clothing Drive the weekend of October 21st & Oct. 22nd. The truck will be in the parking lot of the church. Bring all clothing over to the truck. Do not drop off in the church.

Virtus Class

Our next scheduled session is on Saturday, October 21, 2006 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Registration is at 9:15am. No late comers. Once the session has started, no one will be admitted.



GREGORIAN YOUTH MINISTRY

Today both divisions of GYM will be going to Hamilton Hauntings! We will meet at 6:30 and return at 9:00 PM. Neither group will have a regular meeting this week. Regular meetings will resume for the senior division on 10/22 from 7-9 and the juniors will resume on 10/29 from 5-6:30. There will not be a meeting for the junior division on 10/22 due to confirmation activities.

Mark your calendars—the senior division will be taking a service trip to Martin House on Saturday 10/28. Get a permission slip from Alice or at our website, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IntheGYM>



Adoptive Parents Organization of Central NJ...

...is looking for families who want to adopt, are in the waiting process & families created through adoption. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

from 7:00-9:00pm in the Parish Ctr. at SGTG. For more information on our organization, call Ed or Ann Tranosky @ 259-7253, or visit our website at <http://apocnj.tripod.com> for planned events, resources and directions to our meetings and so much more!

Elizabeth Ministry

Any questions please call Linda Kinter at 587-1131, Ext. 548.

Social Justice/Respect Life

October 15th is Infant Loss Remembrance Day. Please join people all over the world as we light a candle at 7pm and say a prayer for all those who were taken from us too soon. If you have an Infant Loss ribbon, please wear it on this day.



Health Ministry

If you are a doctor, nurse, P.A. or any health care person, please join us in this ministry. Call Barb Van Horn for meeting

dates at 259-0362 or e-mail at Beephorn@aol.com.

Please stop by the Health Ministry table this Sunday (Hospitality Sunday) for a FREE Hearing Test. We will also have a cholesterol and Blood Pressure Screening available.

Emmanuel Prayer Group

There will be **NO** meeting this week. We invite everyone to attend our Adult Faith Evening at 7:30pm.

Bible Study...will be on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00pm in McManimon Library of the Church. Questions, call Don Seladi at 448-8319.

Employment Networking Group



Do you have a job lead to share? Are you in career transition or looking for work? Would you like to increase your networking or job seeking skills? If so please join us for the following meetings at St. Paul's Church on Nassau Street in Princeton:

October 21st **Topic:** "Targeting the job you want".

The most successful candidates are focused not only on their own expertise but on the companies who highly desire those specific skills.

Guest Speaker: Jean Baur, Executive Coach, Lee Hecht Harrison.

Nov. 4th

Topic: "Using the Library as a research tool in your job search". You need to do research for targeting companies and contacts, learning more about the companies you are interested in working for and preparing for the interview. Learn of the many research tools available so you can be an informed candidate.

Guest Speaker: Janie Hermann, Librarian, Princeton Public Library, refstaff@princeton.org.

Nov. 18th

Topic: "Abilities, Motivation and Fit are what gets you hired". Be prepared, be yourself, be the one they love. Learn the secrets of a great interview and get to the point quickly to show how your personal abilities and motivation will make you the best fit for the position.

Guest Speaker: Dan Silver, Co-Founder Silver Career Management, <http://www.silvercareermanagement.com>

The informal, friendly two hour format consists of an informative presentation during the first hour and an opportunity to network with a large group of career oriented professionals during the second hour.

All meetings will be held from 8:30am to 10:30am in St. Paul's School cafeteria. Membership is open to all. If interested in the network please contact Bob Anthes at 588-5623 or RJAnthes@optonline.net.



Pastoral Council Update

Now that the summer hiatus has passed us by, the children are all back in school, and the trees are beginning to turn into palettes of beautiful color, it is time for the Pastoral Council to get back to work.

We are pleased to have three new members join the Pastoral Council:

Catherine Bongiovanni
Maureen Stimmel
Charlie Garlisi.

As three new members join us, we say goodbye to three terrific council members, Ray Hart, a former Chairperson, Theresa Lesko, a former secretary, and Mike Garofalo. All three have served two consecutive two year terms (the limit), and have provided exemplary service to the Saint Gregory the Great Parish family. We will surely miss them, but know that they are part of our family and their thoughts and ideas will always be with us.

In addition to the three new members, the Council is comprised of:

Fr. Rich LaVerghetta, Pastor
Sr. Jean Makovsky, Pastoral Associate
Tim McGough , Chair
Anita Usmiani , Vice Chair
Jerry Calamia, Secretary
Joe Higham, Trustee
Betty Poland, Trustee
Bob Anthes
Al Costantini
Gaeta Iseicz
Karen Joyce
Mary Ann Romano
Mike Zapicchi

You may ask yourself, what exactly does the Pastoral Council do? Many think of administrative and/or facility related duties when they think of a Pastoral Council. The Saint Gregory the Great Pastoral Council is not about managing buildings and grounds, keys to the church buildings, and parking lots. It is about stewarding the Mission and Vision through all of the approximately sixty (60) ministries in our Church.

The Parish Mission Statement is:

The Church of Saint Gregory the Great lives as a community of faith called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to form disciples of Jesus Christ

For the past two years, the Pastoral Council has focused the Ministry Board Meetings held in May and October on the Parish Mission and a specific Vision Statement. Last week Vision Statement 4 was the focal point of the meeting:

The Church of Saint Gregory the Great is an integral part of life in Hamilton Square, Robbinsville, and our neighboring communities as well as the Diocese of Trenton. As children of God, we are sensitive to the realities of our world such as hunger, war, homelessness, poverty, joblessness, and injustice. We address these issues through prayer, education, and visible actions of justice, peace, mercy, and love.

You may view the Mission and all Five Vision Statements in the hall that leads from the gathering space of the Church to the kitchen area. Look for ways to incorporate the Mission and the Five Vision Statements in every thing you do here at Saint Gregory the Great, as well as in your daily lives. There will be additional features in future Bulletins on the Mission and Vision of the Parish, and how you may get more involved. If you have any questions about the Pastoral Council, please call Tim McGough at (609)259-1553.

Senior Citizen's Meeting

Our Anniversary Luncheon is on Wednesday, October 18th, and therefore no senior meeting will be held on that day. The Luncheon will be at Mercer Oaks Country Club at 725 Village Road West. Doors will open at 11:30am and dinner will be served at 12:30pm. The cost is \$22.00 per person.

Save the Date! Community Breakfast and Book Sale Is Oct. 29!

The 10th Annual St. Gregory the Great Parish Community Breakfast and Book Sale will take place on Sunday, Oct. 29th. Plan now to be on hand for this terrific event. The breakfast and book sale run all morning following the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses, and are sponsored by St. Gregory the Great Knights of Columbus Council 7677.



Annual Fall Craft Show

Start your Christmas shopping early! Come to Central Jersey's best Craft Shows! Mark your calendar now for Saturday, November 11th! Shop over 100 quality crafters in one convenient location St. Gregory the Great Parish Center and School sponsored by the St. Gregory the Great PTA.



COFFEE TALK

Join us for a family friendly opportunity to share parenting issues, faith and conversation on parenting experiences while children enjoy supervised play.

Facilitators: Mrs. Quaste and Miss Andria on **Friday, November 3rd, 10th, & 17th from 8:45am – 10:00 in the Parish Center.** Refreshments will be served!

Register by requesting a form thru e-mail:

GLDCPRESCHOOL@ aol.com. or call 587-1131 ext 3.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is conducting a food drive to benefit those in need within our community, the greater Trenton area, and Hurricane Katrina Families. Please drop off your

NON-PERISHABLE food donations in the Donations Box - to your right as you enter the church. The Knights will be collecting the food on the weekends **through Nov. 11/12.** Food will be delivered on Saturday November 18th starting around 8AM. Call Bob Gill for details (609-813-2868 work #). Thank you for your generosity – now and for all the support in past food drives!



TURKEY & HAM DONATIONS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME!

They can now be accepted “anytime” during our drive – we have a freezer! Or, they can be dropped off in front of the Church on the Food Basket delivery day November 18th between 7:30-8:00 AM. Please contact Mr. Bill Cooper for early drop-off of a Turkey/Ham (609-577-7184).



Our Parish Pre-School

For registration information call the pre-school office at 587-1131 ext 3, go to our website: GLDCPreschool.org or gldcpreschool@aol.com.

Maureen Smitley, Director

Vendor Fair thank you!

Heartfelt thanks to Kathleen Sturgeon, Kathy Stewart our Parent Committee, all Vendors, Helpers and Participants! Special thanks to BJ's and Central Perk Bagel Company! A total of \$640.00 was raised to benefit the preschool playground* We look forward to next year!

50th PSB & 250th PSD FAMILIES FOR SOLDIERS 3.5 MILE WALK on Oct. 21st at Mercer County Park

Invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers! Everyone is welcome! For more details go to: <http://50thpsb.com/frg.htm>.

BINGO ASSSIGNMENTS

Tuesday, October 17th – 7:30pm

Tony Kubala & John Dmuchowski, MIC's
Diane Scaccetti, John Tattory, Regina Dripps, Jeanine Verdel, Peggy Damm, Renee Pozzuoli-Buecker, Lorena Eckenberger, Bill DeAngelis, David Liedtka, Jerry Madaio, Brad Bruce, Andrew DeFelice, Dawn Krall, Romulo Jumamil

REMINDER: Because of Halloween, there will be **No Bingo** on Tuesday, October 31st.

Thursday, October 19th – 7:30pm

John Dmuchowski & Dave Remboski, MIC's
Dee Maziarz, Karen Kubis, Jim South, Jane Brady, Dawn Griffin, Lou Tattoni, Tom Battaglia, Jim Nasto, James Taylor, Terri Moench, Sue Csepio, Colleen Mazzella



POPCORN SALE COMING SOON!

St. Gregory the Great's Cub Scout Pack 992 will be selling popcorn before and after each mass **this weekend, Oct. 14th/15th.**

We will have several different varieties of delicious popcorn to choose from!

Your support of our Cub Scout Pack is greatly appreciated!

AROUND THE AREA

Rainbows

Restoring Hope to Grieving Youth

RAINBOWS is a proven program designed to help children recover after experiencing a loss. A child's grieving process is different from that of adults. The RAINBOWS program helps children understand grief and loss and helps them get beyond it with a unique approach of play-based activities.

Drawing upon 20 years of experience with small groups, this program uses age-appropriate, play-based activities, games, and rituals that have proven to be effective. The following programs will be offered at St. Gregory the Great on Sundays from 10:45am – 11:45am.

- SunBeams** – a program for preschool age children.
- RainBows** – for elementary children 5-6, 7-8, 9-11
- Spectrum** – for high school and junior high school students (monthly programs with different dates)

Participants are grieving a loss such as death, divorce, or other painful transitions in their family. Please complete a registration form located in the rectory, religious education office, or GLDC preschool office.

If you have any questions or prefer a form e-mailed to you, please contact Monica Quaste at mquaste@optonline.net. or call 890-8190.

Name of child or children:

Ages: _____

Type of loss:

Name of parent or guardian:

Address _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email address _____

God is Calling You!

If you are a single Roman Catholic man between the ages of 18 and 40 who would like to know more about this exciting and powerful approach to life in the Lord, join us for this month's Vocation Discernment Meeting.

This month we will meet on Sunday, October 22, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. to approximately 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Sacred Heart and House of Priestly Formation in Trenton, N.J. Join Rev. Mick Lambeth as he shares with us his ministry in the priesthood, followed by great fellowship and conclude as always with a meal. Please consider joining us. We would love to see you.

For information concerning directions, time, or any other details, please call Rev. Mick Lambeth at the Office Vocations at (609) 393-2801 or contact us at vocations@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Take a chance. Come and join us and find out more about this awesome way of serving the Lord. We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd.

**Martin House Learning Center Open House
795 East State St. - 4:30 - 6:30 PM on Oct. 19th**

Tour facility, meet staff, volunteers and board members. Refreshments and guest speakers at 5:15 Please Come and show your support of Martin House and learn more about the program and/or volunteer opportunities

**Martin House Learning Center
Volunteers Needed**

Reading tutors for 2nd and 3rd graders during the after school program, Tues., Wed. or Thurs. afternoons from 3 to 5 PM. No experience is necessary, some training will be provided. The children respond enthusiastically to this program which relies entirely on volunteers. Please search your heart to see if you can help. For information, please call Cathy Dey @ 259-3774.

Catholic Underground NJ ...a different kind of Christian Coffeehouse.-Join us as we continue our 3rd season! Friday, October 20, 2006

(note special date) at 7:30pm in St. Vincent DePaul's Church basement/auditorium, 555 Allentown-Yardville Rd, Yardville, NJ. Catholic Underground features popular Christian Bands, great music, fellowship, good coffee and refreshments in a traditional coffee house setting-with a difference. The evening begins with a holy hour of Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction with live music at 7:30pm, followed by music from our featured performer starting around 8:45pm. Admittance is free.

WHAT IS VIRTUS??

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
Mandatory Training for All Who Work or
Volunteer Time with Children

Virtus is a program designed to help keep children safe when under the supervision of adults who are not their parents. This is a nation-wide initiative created by the National Catholic Risk Retention Group and is being mandated by the Diocese of Trenton for ALL adults who work with or volunteer their time with children more than one time each school year. This includes teachers, assistants, staff, classroom or schoolroom aides, chaperones, coaches, scout leaders, etc. This means that most of our school parents will need to attend this training.

The next scheduled Diocesan training sessions will be held here at St. Gregorys in Ferrante Hall on October 21st at 9:30am. The session runs approximately (3) hours and no one will be admitted once the session starts!

To register, call Kathy Head at 587-1131 ext. 270.

Have you ever seen a friend or family member struggle with not being able to drive anymore?

The Independent Transportation Network (ITN) is a new community based service that provides rides for seniors and the visually impaired members of Mercer County for a reasonable fee. We are currently recruiting volunteer drivers for our services. The schedule is flexible and can be worked around your needs. Drivers can receive a partial reimbursement for gas costs as well as the opportunity to bank mileage credits that can be donated to a friend or family member who is an ITN member or to a scholarship fund for low income seniors.

Too often we do not think about those in our community who are unable to lead full, productive lives because of transportation limitations. If you are interested in helping out seniors and the visually impaired in your community, contact ITN *Greater Mercer* at 609-452-1491 or info@itngreatermercer.org. Together we can make a difference.

FALL SENIOR FUN FEST

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006 – 10:00am-2:00pm
at Angeloni's Cedar Gardens, Hwy. 33,
Hamilton, NJ.

Complimentary Lunch will be served
from 12:00noon – 1:30pm.

Presentations:

10:30am – Pharmacist from RWJ Hospital
11:30am – Diane Gerofsky, Mercer Cty. Surrogate
12:30pm – Edward Mazzeo, Chief, Mercer County
Veteran Services
1:30pm – Majority Bernhard, Director, RSVP
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Mercer
County.

Vendors:

We are going to have 35 vendors which include the services listed above and representatives of health care and senior services.

Door prizes will be raffled off every half hour
starting at 10:00am.

COME OUT AND VISIT US ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 24, 2006

ADMISSION IS FREE! SPONSORED BY
SAUL FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

Widows and Widowers

The Mercer County chapter of Widows and Widowers will hold its monthly dance social on Friday, October 27, 2006 at 7:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Klockner Road in Hamilton, NJ.

For information, call Marilyn at 587-8959 or Regina at 585-3453. Refreshments will be served. All widows and widowers are invited to attend.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

All Souls Day Mass will be held on Thursday,
Nov. 2nd at St. Mary's Mausoleum at 10:00am,
Cedar Lane in Hamilton, NJ. All are cordially
invited to attend.