



The Church of Saint Theresa



January 15, 2017 :- The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

Recently we celebrated the Feast of "The Baptism of The Lord." It is a good opportunity for us to reflect on our own Baptism.

Years ago, John Cardinal O'Connor, the Archbishop of New York at that time was preaching on the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord and he said:

"I can't think of anything more encouraging:
You are my beloved Son,
You are my beloved Daughter.

Each one of us is beloved of God,
no matter what we have done, no matter what our lives
have been up until now, no matter how many failures we feel
we are guilty of, no matter how many sins we have
committed,
no matter how worthless we may feel.

God loves every single one of us,
no matter the past,
no matter the present.

God says:
You are my beloved Son,
You are my beloved daughter.
God loves you because you are you,
made in His image and likeness."

The Cardinal touched many people with his reflection on this special Feast.

This week, let us reflect on his words.

God Bless You,
Fr. Joe

THIS YEAR OUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION WAS \$80,139.50

Last year the Collection was \$74,549.00.

We also received 3 additional checks toward the Air Conditioning system:

1. \$25,000.00
 2. \$3,000.00
 3. \$1,000.00
- A total of \$29,000.00!

Thank you for your continued financial support for the good of our Parish!

St. Theresa Reflection...

"It is true that His Cross has been with me from the cradle, but for that Cross He has given me a passionate love."

-St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"...I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor and I know how to live when I am happy."

-Philippians 4:11-12

As a parish we gave \$5,162.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of January 7/8.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation "to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and "God's chosen One."

WEEKDAY READINGS

Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Monday

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

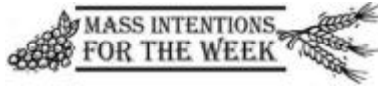
Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21



In Memoriam

Host: Parishioner Intentions

Wine: Parishioner Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: 7AM Worshippers * Helen Merlo

Saturday, January 14

- 7:00 AM Edna Caravello *
Lorenzo & Penny Marmol & Family
- 9:00 AM Joseph F. Coakley (2nd Ann.) *
Dorothy Leonard & Family
- 5:30 PM Eleanor & Frank Werbalis (16th Ann.) *
Catherine Gauer

Sunday, January 15

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Lena Shields * Dorothy Leonard
- 9:00 AM Mildred Chonko (1st Ann.) * The Duda Family
- 10:30 AM Rev. Alfred J. Kowalski * Perpetual Mass
- 10:30 AM Anne Shoblock * Maria & Francesco Pugliese
- 12:00 PM Giuseppe Petracca (22nd Ann.) *
Caterina Barritta & Family
- 5:00 PM Joseph Schiavino * Martha & Stu Cray & Family

Monday, January 16

- 7:00 AM Michael Michitsch * Mom, Dad & Heidi
- 9:00 AM Girolamo Cuppari * Joe Macchia & Family
- 7:30 PM Grace Rappa * Mr. & Mrs. Donald Corrigan
- 7:30 PM Rocco Albano * Anthony & Sandy Albano

Tuesday, January 17

- 7:00 AM Grace Rappa * Virginia Horre
- 9:00 AM Rosa Cupito * Antonia, Caterina & Donna

Wednesday, January 18

- 7:00 AM Lena Shields * The Miller Family
- 9:00 AM Sam (41st Ann.) & Blanche (54th Ann.) Budsock *
Dolores Budsock
- 7:30 PM Millie Chonko (1st Ann.) * Rita & David Butler

Thursday, January 19

- 7:00 AM Mendeline Rivera Feliciano (1st Ann.) *
Mary Russo
- 9:00 AM Helen Rowinsky (15th Ann.) * Sandra Morrone

Friday, January 20

- 7:00 AM Reginald Lewis (24th Ann.) * Capati Family
- 9:00 AM Maria D'Addio (49th Ann.) *
Joanne D'Addio & Family

Saturday, January 21

- 7:00 AM Edmundo Manalac (6th Ann.) * Capati Family
- 9:00 AM Pasquale Cuppari * Joe Macchia & Family
- 5:30 PM Eleanor Werbalis (16th Ann.) * The Schultz Family

Sunday, January 22

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Grace Rappa * Connie Manto
- 9:00 AM Amado Javier (19th Ann.) *
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Corrigan
- 10:30 AM Rev. Edward Hennessey * Perpetual Mass
- 10:30 AM Anne Shoblock * Antonio & Frannie Pugliese
- 12:00 PM Michele & Maria Barritta (15th Ann.) *
Anna & Mario Esposito
- 5:00 PM Mildred Chonko (1st Ann.) * Carol & Bill Severage

2018 MASS BOOK

We are now accepting requests for 2018 Mass intentions for the beloved deceased on the anniversary of their death. Additional Mass requests for birthdays, etc. will only be accepted after all anniversary requests have been fulfilled. Request forms can be found in the vestibule of the Church.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES!

Join us on the dates listed below from 8-9pm for the continuation of our Adult Bible Study. We will meet every other Monday night in the Chapel for an hour of reflection on Holy Scripture. Following is our upcoming schedule. For information, contact John Tintera at (908) 265-6148 or our Bible Study webpage <http://www.st-theresa-bible.com/>

- January 16 - Psalms 51 - 100
- January 30 - Psalms 101 - 150
- February 13 - Proverbs 1-15
- February 27 - Proverbs 16 - 31



ROSARY SOCIETY WEEKDAY RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY AND THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Please join us Monday through Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass, (approx. 9:30AM) to recite the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. As requested by Our Lady, the Rosary is said for the reparation of man's sins, for the conversion of the world and for the end of abortion. The Mercy Chaplet is said imploring God's Mercy on all mankind and for individual intentions. In all things we give honor and glory to God our Father through the Sacred Heart of His Son Jesus Christ and the Immaculate Heart of our heavenly Mother Mary. Again, please join us, all are welcome and needed.

JOURNEY WITH RCIA

All are welcome to learn about the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church with our RCIA Ministry as it supports the candidates into full initiation to the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

There is no session this week. On Sunday January 22, join the discussion about "The Seven Sacraments" with Kevin Killen.

For more information, please contact the Rectory Office 908-272-4444.

MUSIC EVENT AT ST. THERESA CHURCH

You are invited to an evening of classic Broadway songs presented for your enjoyment by Leon Neal, baritone with Ed Wesley, piano. This concert will be held Thursday, January 26, at 7 PM in the church and is *free of charge*. All are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Program

This Sunday we invite all high school teens to our meeting being held at St. Michael's in Cranford. Doors open at 7pm and we get started shortly after 7:30pm in the Youth Room. Grab your friends and come on by! A reminder absolute last call for those that want to go on the Archdiocesan Ski Trip.

Jr. High School Program

We invite all 7th and 8th graders from both St. Theresa's and St. Michael's to join us for the startup meeting of the Jr. High Youth Ministry Program on Thursday February 2nd at 7:30pm. (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE) This group will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday nights of the month in the Youth Room at Michaels from 7 to 9pm. Doors will open at 7pm and we will get started by 7:30pm. Get the latest information about the Youth Ministry Program at www.stmtym.com You can also reach Rich at the Youth Ministry Office at 276-5990 or via email at rich@stmtym.com

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE PICKUP

The 2017 weekly offertory envelope boxes are alphabetically arranged and ready for pickup in the Old Cry Room. For any issues with an envelope label correction, missing envelope box, and new parish registration, please complete the form in the Old Cry Room or contact the Rectory Office 908-272-4444.

THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPE & THE IRS

Using our weekly offertory envelopes enables the parish to provide a statement of deductions at the end of the year that satisfies the IRS deduction requirements. IRS tax rules forbid tax deductions for charitable donations unless the donor can prove the donation through receipts or other financial records. Contact the Rectory Office for more information.

THANK YOU FROM ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

Thanks so much to all who coordinated the Giving Tree project and those who donated new clothing, toys, food and monetary gifts at Christmas time. We were very inspired by your great generosity! You made it possible for many people to enjoy a wonderful holiday! May this new year bring you God's blessings of peace, love & joy! Sincerely,

Sr. Jacinta Fernandes & Staff

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISERS

Popcornopolis Continues to May 31, 2017, Cash Only. Carmel, White Cheddar, Kettle, Jalapeno, Zebra, 7 oz for \$7.00, Sponsored by: Team Rosa

Avon Fundraiser Due Date: None - This is a year long Fundraiser, 50% of the profit will be donated.

Sponsored by: Team Rosa www.youravon.com/melissarosa



ST. THERESA LIL' STALLIONS DAYCARE

New Parents, come visit St. Theresa Lil' Stallions Daycare for children aged 6 weeks to 36 months. Affordable, convenient, loving Salesian environment, secure and safe. Call the School Office to arrange a visit or for more information call 908-276-7220 or email www.mysts.org

ST. THERESA LIL' STALLIONS DAYCARE PART TIME DAYCARE WORKERS NEEDED

St. Theresa Lil' Stallions Daycare Program is in need of part time caregivers. If you are interested in providing a loving and nurturing environment for children from 6 weeks to 36 weeks please contact us at 908-276-7220.

ST. THERESA HOME SCHOOL ASSOC. CALENDAR RAFFLE

St. Theresa Home School Association would like to announce the winners of our weekly calendar drawing.

Dec 31 Ann Marie Laface #2301, Jan 1 Kipp McCarter #812, Jan 2 James Shriner #686, Jan 3 Maggie Flynn #2254, Jan 4 Pete Rossie #1135, Jan 5 Phil Gailliot #710 and Jan 6 Richard Marcovecchio.

Congratulations to our winners. Thank you for supporting St. Theresa School.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

An annual scholarship has been established for our graduating class at St. Theresa School in memory of Joe and Elena Zygnerski who sadly passed away last fall. Both Joe and Elena were huge supporters of our school and parish in so many ways, and have helped to develop what our parish is today.

This scholarship will be used to further our children's education as they take their next step into high school. If you should have any interest in helping please contact Sr. Helene. Your kind support is greatly appreciated. May God Bless You and Keep You!

ST THERESA CLASS OF 2018 TIFF'S FUNDRAISER

Save the date! Tuesday, January 24, 5-9PM, come out and help support the Class of 2018 while enjoying a great dinner at Tiff's Burger & Alehouse, 1637 Vauxhall Rd., Union.

All children 12 & under eat free with the purchase of an adult entrée and there will be free face painting!

Please mention that you are there for the St. Theresa fundraiser and Tiff's will graciously donate a percentage of the evening's proceeds to STS Class of 2018. Thank you in advance for your support.

