



The Church of Saint Theresa



January 22, 2017 :- The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share the following quote from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ: "Therefore . . . we are members one of another." Baptism incorporates us *into the Church*. From the baptismal fonts is born the one People of God of the New Covenant, which transcends all the natural or human limits of nations, cultures, races, and sexes: "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body."

Below are the number of those welcomed into our Catholic family through Baptism at St. Theresa Church.

God Bless,
Fr. Joe

BAPTISM STATISTICS

FR. McVEIGH	FR. HENNESSEY	FR. JENSEN	FR. JOE
1949 -- 36	1966 -- 109	1982 -- 68	1993 -- 82
1950 -- 72	1967 -- 103	1983 -- 56	1994 -- 107
1951 -- 82	1968 -- 103	1984 -- 62	1995 -- 84
1952 -- 81	1969 -- 113	1985 -- 75	1996 -- 108
1953 -- 91	1970 -- 118	1986 -- 83	1997 -- 117
1954 -- 102	1971 -- 105	1987 -- 68	1998 -- 124
1955 -- 123	1972 -- 85	1988 -- 93	1999 -- 115
1956 -- 110	1973 -- 82	1989 -- 55	2000 -- 141
1957 -- 131	1974 -- 94	1990 -- 88	2001 -- 123
1958 -- 108	1975 -- 87	1991 -- 81	2002 -- 109
1959 -- 119	1976 -- 87	1992 -- 72	2003 -- 152
1960 -- 108	1977 -- 73		2004 -- 123
1961 -- 113	1978 -- 82		2005 -- 144
1962 -- 117	1979 -- 73		2006 -- 116
1963 -- 113	1980 -- 65		2007 -- 143
1964 -- 128	1981 -- 76		2008 -- 154
1965 -- 98			2009 -- 130
			2010 -- 187
			2011 -- 150
			2012 -- 161
			2013 -- 159
			2014 -- 160
			2015 -- 161
			2016 -- 186
1,732	1,455	801	3,236
17 YEARS	16 YEARS	11 YEARS	24 YEARS
AVERAGE - 102	AVERAGE - 91	AVERAGE - 73	AVERAGE- 134

TOTAL BAPTISMS --- 7,224



St. Theresa Reflection...

"I would like to love Jesus so much...to love him more than he has ever been loved! My only desire is to always do the will of Jesus!"

-St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"All tithes of the land, whether in grain from the field or in the fruit from the trees, belong to the Lord, as sacred to Him."

-Leviticus 27:30

As a parish we gave \$8,324.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of January 14/15.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the "day of Midian."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10—13, 17

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be "fishers of men."

WEEKDAY READINGS

Sunday

Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41



In Memoriam

Host: Parishioner Intentions

Wine: Parishioner Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Parishioner Intentions

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

Monday, January 23

- 7:00 AM Isabel Mahon * Theresa Zaleznak
- 9:00 AM Edmund T. Hill (3rd Ann.) * Ann Hill
- 7:30 PM Frank Michalski (1st Ann.) * Family

Tuesday, January 24

- 7:00 AM Mary Comaskey * The Lopata Family
- 9:00 AM Marilyn Krok (9th Ann.) *
Leslie, John & Emily Parinello

Wednesday, January 25

- 7:00 AM Anthony "Duke" Pantina (21st Ann.) *
Cheryl & Nick Pantina
- 9:00 AM Millie Chonko (1st Ann.) * Loretta & Ed Mireault
- 7:30 PM Isabel Mahon (1st Ann.) * Family

Thursday, January 26

- 7:00 AM Charles R. Gasper * Kathy & Lee Breynock
- 9:00 AM Ignatius Sokolowski (Birthday) * Adele Damrau

Friday, January 27

- 7:00 AM Mildred Pompeo * Tony Cocuzza
- 9:00 AM Lori Ferrara Rueger (1st Ann.) * The Family

Saturday, January 28

- 7:00 AM Randy Marosy * Joann, Hugo, Jean & Big Bob
- 9:00 AM Rosa Cupito * Antonia, Caterina & Donna
- 5:30 PM Mary Jean Kratzer (4th Ann.) *
Joe & Diane Kratzer
- 5:30 PM Robert E. Poles, Sr. (19th Ann.) *
Kathy & Ron Poles

Sunday, January 29

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Charles Gasper * Connie Conrad
- 9:00 AM Mildred Chonko (1st Ann.) * Brenda & Don Marino
- 10:30 AM Ruth (4th Ann.) & Robert (38th Ann.) *
O'Connor * The Schultz Family
- 12:00 PM Katherine Menzer (3rd Ann.) * Sister & Brother
- 5:00 PM Vincenzo & Maria Filippina Lombardi *
Daughter, Angela

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.

Beginning the week of January 30 we will open the 2018 Mass book for all requests.

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 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. This week's topic with Kevin Killen is "The Seven Sacraments".

Next Sunday, join the discussion about "Becoming Catholic" with Mark Tiemann.

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. Tonight's Topic is "Filthy Rich" and we will be looking at Poverty in the United States.

A reminder that after the meeting we will have a short discussion on our upcoming Appalachia Mission Trip in April.

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.

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.

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/melissaros

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Friday, February 3 for the First Friday Exposition and Devotion including the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the 9am Mass.

THROAT BLESSING

The Feast Day of Saint Blaise is Friday, February 3. Throats will be blessed after the Mass on Friday and the Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses on February 4/5.



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. Jan 7 Nuno Oliveira #438, Jan 8 Julian Arboleda #1449, Jan 9 Lisa Stevens @2051, Jan 10 Francesca Voorhees, #556, Jan 11 John Chinchar #4, Jan 12 Goretti Gomes #297 and Jan 13 Dario Nogueira # 1461. Congratulations to all 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.

