



The Church of Saint Theresa



January 29, 2017 :- The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

The Parishes in the United States are celebrating "Catholic Schools Week" this week. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The daily themes are:

Sunday: "Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Parish."

Catholic Schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide. Many parishes join in the National Catholic Schools Week celebration by devoting a Mass to Catholic education.

Monday: "Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Community."

A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities - both local and beyond- they demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place. When they observe how others serve the community, they gain an appreciation for how they can continue to serve others their entire lives.

Tuesday: "Faith, Knowledge and Service: In our Students."

Schools celebrate students during National Catholic Schools Week by planning enjoyable and meaningful activities for them and recognizing their accomplishments. They encourage students to reflect on the benefits of Catholic education and how the grounding in faith, knowledge and service it provides will help them throughout their lives.

Wednesday: "Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Nation."

Catholic Schools, students, families, educators and other Catholic school supporters communicate the value of Catholic education to government leaders. They share information with leaders on the significant contributions Catholic schools make to the nation and their role in preparing students to be good citizens. They pray for the nation and recognize all those who serve it.

Thursday: "Faith, Knowledge, and Service: In Our Vocations."

Catholic Schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest later in life. National Catholic Schools Week offers an opportunity for students to explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well in the service of God and others - by answering the call to a religious vocation, by nurturing a family through sacramental marriage, by volunteering in church activities and charities, and/or by pursuing a career that makes the world a better place.

Friday: "Faith, Knowledge and Service: In Our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers."

On this day, schools will honor teachers and principals as well as administrators and staff who support them in their important work and thank the parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners and school board members who provide volunteer service.

St. Theresa Reflection...

"You alone are my true joy, my hope and my crown, my gladness and my honor, my Lord!"

-St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"Whoever gives to the poor will have everything he needs, but the one who ignores the poor will receive many curses."

-Proverbs 28:27

As a parish we gave \$8,314.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of January 21/22.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station — people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that "the reign of God is theirs."

Saturday: "Faith, Knowledge & Service: Our Families."

Parents, guardians, and other family members play a vital role in Catholic Education. Not only do they volunteer at the school, they instill values and expectations for academic excellence in their children at home. We acknowledge the role of families in Catholic education and celebrate their contribution to the success of our schools.

On behalf of our Parish, I want to thank Deacon Joe, Sister Helene, the Salesian Sisters and the Faculty for providing us with an excellent school. We certainly appreciate their example and their spirit in providing us with quality education.

We also appreciate Sister Monique and her Staff for their wonderful Religious Programs.

God Bless You,
Fr. Joe





In Memoriam

Host: Parishioner Intentions
Wine: Parishioner Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Parishioner Intentions

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

Monday, January 30

7:00 AM Anna Cieslinski (13th Ann.) * Adele Damrau
 9:00 AM Rosa Cupito * Antonia, Caterina & Donna
 7:30 PM Restituto C. Bonifacio * Rosa Bonifacio, Sister

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 AM Joseph Slavik * Joe & Elisa Cancellieri
 9:00 AM Michael Cunningham (1st Ann.) *
 Pat & Diane Jacques

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 AM Catarina Pugliese * Domenico Vizzoni
 9:00 AM Yolanda & Frank Palmieri (12th Ann.) *
 AnnMarie, Bob & Christina Monahan
 7:30 PM Maura B. De Los Reyes * Rosa Bonifacio, Sister

Thursday, February 2

7:00 AM Mary Trautwein * Theresa Mullen & Scott Phillips
 9:00 AM Rosalie Padula (Birthday) * The Padula Family

Friday, February 3

7:00 AM Wallace Markovitch *
 Theresa Mullen & Scott Phillips
 9:00 AM Girolamo Cuppari * Joe Macchia & Family
 9:00 AM P. Arthur Mastapeter (Ann.) * Mastapeter Family

Saturday, February 4

7:00 AM Donna Musto * Josephine Canpione
 9:00 AM Thomas McCarthy (54th Ann.) *
 Nephew, Kevin Killen
 5:30 PM Millie Chonko (1st Ann.) * Arleen Vetter

Sunday, February 5

7:30 AM Parishioners & Tomas Cardella *
 Helen Cardella, Wife
 9:00 AM Rosary Altar Society
 10:30 AM John Corrigan (18th Ann.) *
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Corrigan
 12:00 PM Danielle Marie Dante (Ann.) *
 Dante, Mastapeter, & Lugara Families
 5:00 PM Jerry Salerno (Birthday) * Ron & Jane Salerno

2018 MASS BOOK

Beginning the week of January 30 we will open the 2018 Mass book for all requests. Request forms for Anniversary Masses can still 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 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 Mark Tiemann is "Becoming Catholic". Next Sunday, join the discussion about "The Eucharist" with John Tintera. For more information, please contact the Rectory Office.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

St. Theresa's Little Flower Pro-Life Ministry is sponsoring a **Baby Shower** to help women in crisis pregnancies. The **Baby Shower** will take place on February 19th. You may pick a gift request from the Baby Shower tree which is located in the back of the Church. You may purchase your favorite baby gift or make a monetary donation. Unwrapped gifts are to be returned the February 19th by noon the mass. Gifts will be distributed to Life Choices and Gateway Pregnancy Center. Please keep the women in your prayers. We thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions, you may contact Pam at 973-218-0055 or Jessica at Jessica_e2@verizon.net. Gently used baby items can also be donated.

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! Tonight with both teens from Cranford High and Brearley taking finals tonight will be our Study Hal/ Relax night.

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 & 3rd Thursday nights of the month in the Youth Room at Michaels from 7 to 9pm. Doors will open at 7pm, 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

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

On Saturday February 11th from 8am to 10am at the Applebees in Union – near the Walmart off of Rt 22 the Youth Ministry Program will be having a pancake breakfast fundraiser to help raise funds to support those teens going on the Appalachian Mission Trip in April. Tickets are \$10 and can be bought from youth ministry members that are going on the trip, at either the St. Theresa's Rectory or St. Michaels Parish Center or the day of the event at Applebees. Breakfast includes juice, coffee, eggs, pancakes & sausage.

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.



THE KENILWORTH SENIORS HOST A TRIP TO RESORTS CASINO IN ATLANTIC CITY EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

The cost is \$32 per person and will receive back \$30 in comp dollars. A 50/50 and Bingo will be played on the way down and a movie and a snack on the return trip. For information & reservations call Emily Grimaldi at (908) 272-6329.



ST. THERESA LIL' STALLIONS DAYCARE

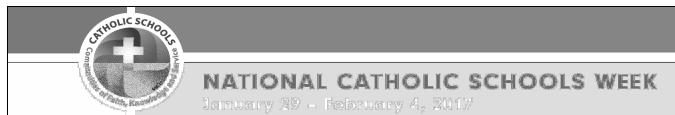
New Parents, come visit St. Theresa Lil' Stallions Daycare for children aged 6 weeks to 36 months. Affordable, convenient, loving Salesian environment, secure and safe. Call the School Office to arrange a visit or for more information call 908-276-7220 or email www.mysts.org

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 months, Call School Office 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 raffle. Jan 14 Shelly Gabriele #500, Jan 15 Fidelito Fernando #284, Jan 16 Margaret Welker #1466, Jan 17 Cathy Pons #2069, Jan 18 Lisa Holland #2277, Jan 19 Suzanne DosSantos #445, Jan 20 Anthony Gabriele #504. Congratulations to our winners. Thank you for supporting St. Theresa School.



Dear Parishioners,

At Saint Theresa School, we are lucky to learn, pray, and grow in a special environment. This would not be possible without the generous parishioners of Saint Theresa parish. As a parishioner, you recognize the value of a Catholic school education. When you support our school, you invest in the future of all our students and the Catholic Church.

As we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, we want to thank you for all you do to help our school. We are grateful for your prayers and contributions. We appreciate the time and talent you so generously share through your volunteer efforts at the school. We want you to see the week's theme - *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service* - visible at Saint Theresa School each day!

May God bless you and all who contribute to the important work accomplished at Saint Theresa School!

Gratefully,

Students of Saint Theresa School

