

You are the salt of the earth



The Church of Saint Theresa

February 5, 2017 :- The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do not light a lamp and hide it. Set it on a stand where it gives light.



From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

Once again this year, the Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring two special events at Seton Hall University, the "2017 Annual Archdiocesan Men's and Women's Events". All are welcome! Bring a friend.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. at Seton Hall University

This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid: Becoming Missionary Disciples!" Speakers for the English track will be Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, and Joe Lombardi Jr., quarterback coach for the New Orleans Saints. His Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin will be celebrating the Mass!

WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, March 11, 2017, 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. at Seton Hall University

This year's theme is "Alive in Christ as Missionary Disciples." Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, founder and mother servant of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, Archdiocese of Boston and Lisa Hendey, founder and editor of www.CatholicMom.org, are the keynote speakers for the English track.

Both events include continental breakfast and lunch.

We have flyers in the vestibule for registration. Please contact the Rectory for more information.

God Bless You,
Fr. Joe

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES TO BE CELEBRATED IN THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART IN NEWARK

Couples in our Archdiocese celebrating 5, 25 or 50 years of Christian marriage in the year 2017, who wish to participate in the annual anniversary liturgies noted below, to be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark should contact the Rectory to register at (908)272-4444.

April 30, 2017, 3:00 PM 5 years & 25 years (all counties)

May 7, 2017, 3:00 PM 50 years (all counties)



St. Theresa Reflection...

"Lord, in the sincerity of my heart, I offer myself to You this day, to be Your servant forever, to serve You, and to become a sacrifice of perpetual praise to You."

-St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"Now I will write about the collection of money for God's people. Do the same thing I told the Galatian churches to do."

-1 Corinthians 16:1

As a parish we gave \$8,931.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of January 28/29. The collection for renovations was \$1,342.00

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Sunday

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday

Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10



In Memoriam

Host: Parishioner Intentions

Wine: Parishioner Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Parishioner Intentions

Saturday, February 4

- 7:00 AM Donna Musto * Josephine Campione
- 9:00 AM Thomas McCarthy (54th Ann.) *
Nephew, Kevin Killen
- 9:00 AM Reynaldo Guiao, Sr. * Guiao & Gonzales Families
- 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 & Laura Leonard *
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- 10:30 AM John Corrigan (18th Ann.) *
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Corrigan
- 12:00 PM Danielle Marie Dante (Ann.) *
Dante, Mastapeter & Lugara Families
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy/ Loretta Rando *Sister, Claire LaFata
- 5:00 PM Jerry Salerno (Birthday) * Ron & Jane Salerno

Monday, February 6

- 7:00 AM Thomas Cardella * Joe, Lena & Family
- 9:00 AM Thomas DuPlessis (35th Ann.) * Daughters
- 7:30 PM Joan Collins-Beres (17th Ann.) *
Cheryl & Nick Pantina

Tuesday, February 7

- 7:00 AM Mary Grondin (34th Ann.) * The Grondin Family
- 9:00 AM Rosa Cupito * Antonia, Caterina & Donna

Wednesday, February 8

- 7:00 AM George Occhipinti *
Theresa Mullen & Scott Phillips
- 9:00 AM Maria & Janet (Spiritual Peace & Compassion) *
Elvira Moran
- 7:30 PM Peter J. Russo (5th Ann.) * Wife, Barbara & Family

Thursday, February 9

- 7:00 AM Maria Locorriere (7th Ann.) * Husband & Family
- 9:00 AM Josephine Torrenti * Carolyn & Tom LoBianco

Friday, February 10

- 7:00 AM Grace Rappa * Andrea & Ryan Kernan
- 9:00 AM Marie Pellegrino (Brithday) * Ron & Jane Salerno

Saturday, February 11

- 7:00 AM William Albrecht * Anne Boyle
- 9:00 AM Rose LoForte (13th Ann.) *
Richard & Denise LoForte
- 5:30 PM Emilio Javier (5th Ann.) *
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Corrigan

Sunday, February 12

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Maria Locorriere *
Husband & Family
- 9:00 AM David Grimes * Dennis, Sandra & Dawn
- 10:30 AM Pietro Salerno (32nd Ann.) *
Daughter, Vicky Salerno
- 12:00 PM Pasquale Costa (9th Ann.) * The Costa Family
- 5:00 PM Grace Rappa * Loretta Rappisi

ROSARY SOCIETY ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY

Save the date! March 1 for the Ash Wednesday Rosary Society annual Fish Fry! Tickets will be on sale after Masses beginning the weekend of February 11. Additional information will be in next week's bulletin.

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/>



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 & 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 John Tintera is "The Eucharist". Next Sunday, join the discussion about "The Mass – Exploring the Rite" with Anne Boyle. RCIA meets at 10:00 AM on Sundays in the Rectory meeting room. 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 by 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 Super Bowl Party being held at in the Youth Room at St. Michael's. Doors will open at 6pm- we'll have plenty of food so bring your friends along. A reminder that the Ski Trip meeting for all those going is next Sunday February 12th at 6:30pm.

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 next meeting of the Jr. High Youth Ministry Program on Thursday February 16th at 7:30pm. 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.

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, and sausage.

Get the latest info 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.

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

THROAT BLESSING

The Feast Day of Saint Blaise was Friday, February 3. Throats will be blessed after the Mass 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

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

Jan 21 Barry Musole #30, Jan 22 Neng Wu Lin #679, Jan 23 Nicole DiGeso #114, Jan 24 Edgar Blaya #1964, Jan 25 Cleveland Johnson #1914, Jan 26 Gerald Mungroo #1492 and Jan 27 Marion Drayton III # 37.

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'S CLASS OF 2018 APPLEBEE'S FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

Enjoy a short stack for a TALL cause on Sunday February 19th from 8am to 10am at the Applebee's located at 965 Jefferson Avenue in Union, near Walmart/Home Depot.

Tickets are \$12 and include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and beverages.

For tickets, please contact Wanda Grimaldi at 908-370-7272 or wlmg315@verizon.net.

We thank you in advance for your support.