



The Church of Saint Theresa



February 12, 2017 -:- The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

I was thinking about these lyrics the other day: "IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT."

They go like this:

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it,

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

The song then goes onto tell us we should

"Stomp our feet."

"Shout Hurray"

"Do all three."

"Shout Amen."

I was thinking -- We do have a lot to be thankful for:

Our Families.

Our Faith.

Our Church.

Our Community.

Our School.

Our diversity.

Our lives.

This week let's remember and hum or sing those words:

"IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT."

God Bless You,

Fr. Joe

St. Theresa Reflection...

"Jesus is in paradise and it is there your heart should dwell."

-St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in the house, and try me in this, says the Lord of Hosts."

-Malachi 3:8-10

As a parish we gave \$8,648.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of February 4/5.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed "to those who love him" through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they "will not enter the kingdom of God."

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.

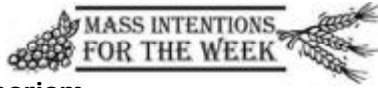
April 30, 2017, 3:00 PM 5 years & 25 years (all counties)

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



ROSARY SOCIETY ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY

Make plans now to attend the annual Rosary Altar Society Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Dinners will be served from 4:00 to 7:00PM in McVeigh Hall and will be prepared by Argyles of Kearny. All tickets are \$15 and are available after the 5:30PM Mass on Saturday and the 7:30AM and 5:00PM Masses on Sunday. Tickets may also be purchased at the Rectory weekdays from 9:00AM - 3:00PM, or by calling Joanne D'Addio at 908-276-2160 or Darlene Candarella at 908-447-9421. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Take out dinners are available, as well. Come and enjoy good food and friends as we begin the Lenten Season! The Rosary Altar Society appreciates your support for their major fundraiser of the year!



In Memoriam

Host: Parishioner Intentions

Wine: Parishioner Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Special Intention * Helen Merlo

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

Monday, February 13

- 7:00 AM Lucille Obie (4th Ann.) * Pat Leary
- 9:00 AM Benigno Loque (Birthday) * Aurea B. Loque
- 7:30 PM Annie Parrinello (Birthday) *
Mommy, Daddy & Emily
- 7:30 PM Virgilio Teixeira (14th Ann.) * Daughter

Tuesday, February 14

- 7:00 AM William Albrecht * The Merlo Family
- 7:00 AM Chico Teixeira * Sister
- 9:00 AM Tommy Cupito * Antonia, Caterina & Donna
- 9:00 AM P. Arthur & Ann Mastapeter *
The Mastapeter Family

Wednesday, February 15

- 7:00 AM John Campanelli * Michael & Kathy Vitale
- 9:00 AM Frank Grimaldi * Jo Cunningham
- 9:00 AM Ann Masterpeter (Ann.) * The Mastapeter Family
- 7:30 PM Grace Rappa * The Phillips Family

Thursday, February 16

- 7:00 AM Millie Chonko * Theresa Zalezack
- 9:00 AM Daniel Grogan * Padula Family

Friday, February 17

- 7:00 AM Joann Rhyner * Joseph & Denise Tripodi
- 9:00 AM Harry Zuk (Birthday) * Dolores & Marshall Graham

Saturday, February 18

- 7:00 AM Annette O'Malley (Ann.) * Estate
- 9:00 AM Thomas Hill (85th Ann.) * Ann Hill
- 5:30 PM Clara De Martin (41st Ann.) * The Schultz Family

Sunday, February 19

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Charles Fix (9th Ann.) * Family
- 9:00 AM Pasquale (41st Ann) & Margaret (32nd Ann) Circelli *
The Phillips Family
- 10:30 AM Rocco Salerno (32nd Ann.) * Wife, Vicky Salerno
- 12:00 PM Robert J. & Anne Monahan (27th Ann.) *
AnnMarie, Bob & Christina Monahan
- 5:00 PM Grace Rappa * Merrily O'Boyle

PARISH MAILING

Recently, correspondence regarding the parish celebrations for the Liturgical Seasons of Lent, the Paschal Triduum and Easter were mailed to all families on our parish mailing list. A special thanks to our Good News Ministry members who prepared this mailing: Dee Phillips, Dee Rica, Patty Sica, Tek Gonzales, Dolly Garcia, Diane Jacques and Lillian Furze. Please contact the Rectory Office to be added to our parish mailing list or if your address needs correction.

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 Anne Boyle is "The Mass—Exploring the Rite". Next Sunday, will be the Rite of Sending at the 9:00 AM Mass, followed by the discussion "Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation" with Kevin Killen. RCIA meets at 10:00 AM on Sundays in the Rectory meeting room. For more information, please contact the Rectory.

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 join us for our next meeting. Doors open at 7pm and we'll get started shortly after 7:30pm. This Sunday night is one of our "Choice Topic Nights" where we will be offering 4 "mini topic meeting" that members can choose from. A reminder that the Ski Trip meeting for all those going is on 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. 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 email at rich@stmtym.com

KENILWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENT

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host an African Tea Ceremony on Sunday, February 19, in celebration of Black History Month. The ceremony, presented by certified tea specialist and tea educator Darlene Meyers-Perry, will take place at the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House, 49 South 21 St., Kenilworth at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults & \$5 for children under the age of 12. Advance registration is requested, seating is limited. For info/reservations, please call 908-709-0434. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about and experience the West African tea ritual known as "attaya," which comprises three rounds of tea symbolizing the three stages of life. They also will learn about the ceremonial tea, its preparation and its significance.

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS- TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 1212 Kelly St., Union presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 pm.** Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history, many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Bob Wolfee, (908) 688-1232, ext. 102



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 calendar raffle. Jan 28 Carmen Dailey #1126, Jan 29 Rose Adase #2405 and Jan 30 Anthony Petrowski #53. 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 wimg315@verizon.net. We thank you in advance for your support.

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