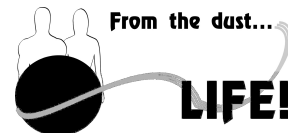




The Church of Saint Theresa

March 5, 2017 :- The First Sunday of Lent



From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

Just a reminder that Tony Melendez will be here on Monday Evening, March 6th at 7:00 P.M. The Concert is free and we invite you to join us and hear his message and be inspired by his music and his presence with us.

At the end of his book entitled, "A GIFT OF HOPE," Tony writes:

"And when you get discouraged, when you fail or are afraid, remember what my mother said to me over and over again: "Don't worry. God has something wonderful in mind for you. Trust God, and don't get impatient!"

Tony is a messenger of hope!

We will experience this message on Monday evening at the concert.

God Bless You,
Fr. Joe

P.S. During Lent, we will have four Masses every day, Monday through Friday: 7:00 A.M.; 9:00 A.M.; 12 Noon and 7:30 P.M.

We will also have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 P.M. before the Mass at 7:30.

Please check the bulletin or call the Rectory for further details.

Tony Melendez

Performing at St. Theresa's Church
Monday, March 6th at 1:00 & 7:00 PM
541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth
Free Admission

Nicaraguan musician and inspirational speaker Tony Melendez was born without arms – but as unlikely as it sounds, that didn't stop him from becoming an accomplished guitarist. Melendez, who plays the instrument with his feet, wore artificial arms until the age of ten. It was only after disposing of the prostheses that he began experimenting with music, playing the organ and the harmonica as well as the guitar.

Mr. Melendez who writes mainly contemporary Christian tunes, has written a bestselling autobiography ("A Gift of Hope"), played in 40 countries, sung the national anthem for the 1989 World Series and given five performances for the Pope. He has also been honored with numerous awards, including special commendations from the late President Ronald Reagan and the State of California and the inaugural inspirational Hero Award from the NFL Alumni Association.



St. Theresa Church is honored to have Mr. Melendez perform as the season of Lent begins. All are welcome!

St. Theresa Reflection...

"I am a little brush that Jesus has chosen in order paint His own image in the souls...entrusted to my care."

-St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"If there are poor among you, in one of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be selfish or greedy toward them."

-Deuteronomy 15:7-8

As a parish we gave \$9,510.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of February 25/26. The collections for renovations was \$1,682.00.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

WEEKDAY READINGS

Sunday

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



In Memoriam

Host: Parishioner Intentions
Wine: Parishioner Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Parishioner Intentions

Saturday, March 4

- 7:00 AM Olga Spital (35th Ann.) * Fields Family
- 9:00 AM Mary Pallitto * Family
- 5:30 PM James L. Hoffman (24th Ann.) * Vera & Jerry Quinnan

Sunday, March 5

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Charles Gasper *
Jeri & Vinnie Diamante
- 9:00 AM Rosary Altar Society
- 10:30 AM Rachel & Nick Maiuri (10th Ann.) * Calemme Family
- 12:00 PM Vincenzo Colosimo (Ann.) * Gian Colosimo
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy/ Aunt Loretta Rando *
LuAnn & Michael Palumbo & Family
- 5:00 PM Caterina Pugliese * TJ & Simona

Monday, March 6

- 7:00 AM Elizabeth Bonner * The McCarthy Family
- 9:00 AM Agostino Aiello (13th Ann.) * Francesco Aiello
- 12:00 PM Caterina Pugliese * Domenic Petracca & Family
- 7:30 PM Keith Holt * Libby Huegel
- 7:30 PM Rev. Walter Swenson *
Kidney, Bremmer & Calabrese Families

Tuesday, March 7

- 7:00 AM Joseph T. Driscoll (Birthday) * Daughters
- 9:00 AM Tommy Cupito * Antonia, Caterina & Donna
- 12:00 PM Caterina Pugliese * Tommaso & Maria Pugliese
- 7:30 PM Michelina Pallitta * Anthony & AnnMarie Vaz

Wednesday, March 8

- 7:00 AM Richie Borsellino (6th Ann.) * The Grondin Family
- 9:00 AM Antonio Messina (56th Ann.) *
Daughter, Domenica Cuppari
- 12:00 PM Caterina Pugliese * Domenica Cuppari
- 7:30 PM Luis F. Marques * Marques Family

Thursday, March 9

- 7:00 AM Frank Venezia * The Lafemina Family
- 9:00 AM Domenico Petracca (38th Ann.) * Francesco Aiello
- 12:00 PM Joseph Andreoli * Angela, John & Joanne
- 7:30 PM John J. Grabowski, Jr. * Diane & Brian Hirth & Family

Friday, March 10

- 7:00 AM Thomas M. O'Malley (Birthday) * Estate
- 9:00 AM Mildred Chonko * Ann Hill
- 12:00 PM Kenneth McNeill * Margaret & Ed Sudnik
- 7:30 PM Josephine Muia * Dan & Laura Flint

Saturday, March 11

- 7:00 AM Edna Caravello * Sandy & Ray Charneski
- 9:00 AM Catherine & Eddie Murphy * Nephew, Kevin Killen
- 5:30 PM George Martine (7th Ann.) * Catherine Gauer

Sunday, March 12

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Anthony Dellechiaie *
The Lafemina Family
- 9:00 AM Mary Dunn * The Curtis Family
- 10:30 AM Tom & Theresa Squillacioti *
Granddaughter, Vittoria & Family
- 12:00 PM Matthew Peter McCormack (Birthday) *
Mom, Colin & Costa Family
- 5:00 PM George Rodrigues * Gerrity Family

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/>

March 13 - Ecclesiastes

March 27 - Song of Songs

April 10 - Book of Wisdom



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 is the Rite of Election Mass for Catechumens and Sponsors at 4:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Next Sunday join the discussion about "Living God's Law" with Mark Tiemann & Carrin Fernandes. For more information, please contact the Rectory Office.

GARWOOD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be having a St. Patty's Dinner with entertainment at their Council Hall, 37 South Avenue, Garwood on Sunday March 19th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. The dinner includes, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, bread, salad, dessert, soda & coffee. There will be Irish music, Step Dancers, Tricky Tray, & raffles. All donations to support local charities. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults, and \$10.00 for children ages 7-12, under 6 free. Chicken fingers dinners available for children. A cash bar with drink specials will be available. Tickets can be purchased weekdays from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Columbian Club of Garwood Building, 37 South Avenue, Garwood. (opposite the former PathMark). Shoes. Ticket info: 908-789-9809 weekdays from 4-6 pm, for additional info please call Mike at 908-721-7218.

KENILWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENT

Join us for our popular upcoming bus trips to Mohegan Sun Casino on Sat., March 11, and to the Rockvale shopping outlets on Sat., April 1. Space is limited, reserve early! Payment is required ten days prior to each trip. Gift certificates for the trips are available. For further info/reservations, please call 908-709-0434 or 908-709-0391.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Program

Tonight, Sunday, we invite all high school members to join us for our next meeting at St. Mikes. This week we have a special guest speaker – Tony Melendez! He will share some music and stories with us. Doors open at 7pm and we get started shortly after 7:30pm. A reminder that Retreat Paperwork is due in tonight! You can get a copy of the forms on our website.

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 March 16nd at 7:30pm. This meets 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, rich@stmtym.com.

Pasta Night Planned

Once again at Easter time the Youth Ministry Program will be sending teens on a Mission Trip to West Virginia to help rebuild homes. This year we again have 50 teens that will be traveling with us!! To help raise funds for this Mission Trip we are running a Pasta Night on Saturday March 18th from 4pm till 7:30pm at St. Theresa's in McVeigh Hall (school gym). Tickets are \$10.00 (\$8.00 for seniors/children under 12) and includes pasta, meatballs, bread, salad, dessert and drinks. Carry out will be available. Tickets are be available from members or can be purchased at the door. We hope you can join us!

SOCIAL CONCERNS EASTER BASKETS

The Social Concerns Committee would like to make Easter special for families in Kenilworth who are in need of assistance. We will be providing Easter Baskets of treats for the children and food for Easter Dinner for their families. Please help us by donating Easter Treats, Easter Baskets and non-perishable food items. Please bring your donated items to church and leave them inside the front doors by the Easter Display. Thank You for your continued support and generosity, it is greatly appreciated. Please bring all donations by April 2.

ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL FROM IRELAND TO AMERICA

Thursday March 16, 2017 at the "STAATEN"
Come and be Irish for the day, join Jimmy Byrne and his Green Derby Show Band for a great celebration of St. Patrick's Day. There will be feasting, dancing, drinking, laughter, singing and much more. So wear your GREEN and be IRISH for the day. Pick-up at the Kenilworth Municipal Parking lot across from the VFW on South 21st St. at 10:00 AM. Cost is \$76.00 per person includes lunch with an open bar, entertainment, round trip transportation & gratuities.

For more information please call: Rosemary Palmer at 908-272-1705. Refunds only given if your seat is resold.



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.

PAINT DAY FUNDRAISER

A paint day fundraiser to benefit the STS Class of 2018 will be held Sunday April 30th, from 3:00-5:00pm in the St. Theresa School Cafeteria (Please enter through the rear of the building) 540 Washington Ave., Kenilworth. Ticket cost: \$45 To purchase tickets, go to:

https://www.paintnite.com/events/_1156105

Only 40 tickets will be sold, so reserve your spot soon! Painting details are available on the website listed above. TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. Soft drinks and light snacks will be provided. No alcoholic beverages permitted. Please contact Danielle Han with any questions: dhan825@gmail.com. We thank you in advance for your support.

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEW FOOD PANTRY HOURS

The Social Concerns Committee food pantry will be open for food distribution on the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month on:

Monday: 10AM to 12 Noon and 6PM to 8PM
Wednesday: 10AM to 12 Noon and 6PM to 8PM
Friday: 10AM to 12 Noon and 4PM to 8PM

Please call the Rectory Monday to Friday between 9AM and 3PM to make an appointment.

Food Pantry Wish List:

Toilet paper, paper towels, tissue, coffee, tea, shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

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