



The Church of Saint Theresa

March 12, 2017 :- The Second Sunday of Lent



From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

The "2017 Sharing God's Blessings" Annual Appeal is in full swing. The Appeal serves our community in the following areas:

- Seminarian Education and Formation
- Catholic Charities
- Parishes
- Catholic Education
- Youth Ministry/CYO
- Priest Retirement
- Campus Ministry

All this is explained on greater detail in the brochures found in our pews.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal.

God Bless You,
Fr. Joe

St. Theresa Reflection...

"It is trust, and nothing but trust, that must bring us to Love...Fear brings us only to Justice."

-St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received."

-1 Peter 4:8-10

As a parish we gave \$10,275.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of March 4/5.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION

Please read the following excerpt of a letter from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, S.S.R.:

"This year, the celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick — March 17, 2017 — falls on the Friday of the Second Week of Lent.

After due consideration of a number of requests, I dispense the people of the Archdiocese of Newark from the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2017.

I remind Catholics who avail themselves of this dispensation that the Church highly encourages you to substitute some other act of penance, such as special prayer, acts of piety or works of charity on March 17th."

WEEKDAY READINGS

Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

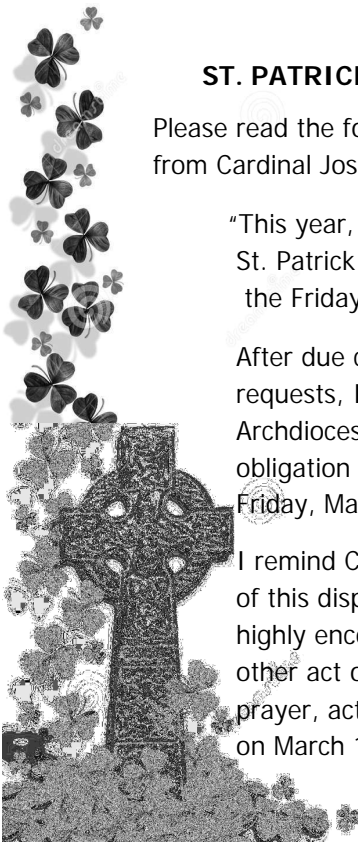
Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



**In Memoriam****Host:** Joseph Alexander Pugliese * Condo Family**Wine:** Joseph Alexander Pugliese * Condo Family**Sanctuary Lamp:** Parishioner Intentions**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
- Monday, March 13**
- 7:00 AM Mary Vogler (54th Ann.) * Family
 9:00 AM Jerry Salerno (Ann.) * Ron & Jane Salerno
 12:00 PM Antonio Petracca (9th Ann.) *
 Sister-In-Law, Domenica Cuppari
 12:00 PM Joseph G. Dante (Ann.) * Mastapeter & Dante Families
 7:30 PM Rosa Mazzeo (Ann.) * Antonia & Fred Mazzeo

Tuesday, March 14

- 7:00 AM Charles Scheuermann, Sr. (19th Ann.) * Children
 9:00 AM Domenica Pugliese * Calello Family
 12:00 PM Maria Zappia * Laversa Family
 7:30 PM Josephine Muia * Mary C. Costa

Wednesday, March 15

- 7:00 AM Michael Michitsch * Mom, Dad & Heidi
 9:00 AM Tommy Cupito * Antonia, Caterina & Donna
 12:00 PM Matilda Bajgier (1st Ann.) * Pat & Diane Jacques
 7:30 PM Odette Silva * Marques Family

Thursday, March 16

- 7:00 AM William Albrecht * The Merlo Family
 9:00 AM Patricia Rosa Sinisi (11th Ann.) *
 Niece, Domenica Cuppari
 12:00 PM John J. Wilson * Joanne D'Addio & Family
 7:30 PM Eileen Sheehey * Joan O'Connor & Family

Friday, March 17

- 7:00 AM Rose Tripoli (15th Ann.) * Tripoli Family
 9:00 AM Michael Joseph LaFata (Birthday) *
 Mother, Claire LaFata
 12:00 PM Verna Judge * Dorothy Leonard
 7:30 PM Timothy O'Connor * Wife & Family

Saturday, March 18

- 7:00 AM Ignatius Sokolowski (17th Ann.) * Adele Damrau
 9:00 AM Matilda Bajgier * Marty Jacques & Joe LaRocco
 5:30 PM Gramegna & Valente Families * Family
 5:30 PM Paolo Iuliano (10th Ann.) * Family

Sunday, March 19

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & In Honor of St. Joseph *
 Carmella & Vincenzo Vasile
 9:00 AM Allen R. Phillips, Sr. (5th Ann.) * Phillips Family
 10:30 AM Caterina Bagnato (52nd Ann.) *
 Caterina Barritta & Family
 12:00 PM Giuseppe Squillacioti * Daughter, Lena & Family
 5:00 PM In Honor of St. Joseph * Calemme 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***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 and Carrin Fernandes is "Living God's Law". Next Sunday join the discussion about "Jesus' Way of Loving" with Scott Califano. It is also the Catechumens 1st Scrutiny Mass at 10:30 AM. RCIA meets at 10:00 AM on Sundays in the Rectory meeting room. For more info, please contact the Rectory Office.

HELP WANTED

St. Joseph Social Service Center has a paid part-time job opening: Project Ready Program Director/Technology Coordinator. We are looking for someone with strong management and technical skills to lead the adult job readiness and computer skills training program. The program runs Tuesday through Friday from 9:00-2:30. The ideal candidate will have a business or education background and be willing to network on behalf of the adult job seekers in the program. Please visit <http://www.sjeliz.org/project-ready.html> to learn more. If you would like more information, please contact Bernadette Murphy at 908-353-1045 ext. 213. Please email your resume to Bernadette (bmurphy@sjeliz.org) if you are interested in applying.

Saint Helen, Westfield is seeking a full time Parish Director of Operations who will act as a catalyst for the pastor and community of Saint Helen, will be responsible for all general operations of the parish including, oversight of parish staff, ministries, volunteers, business office, facilities, communications, and finances. He or she will effectively administer the parish with the goal of implementing the vision and core values outlined in the Mission Statement of the parish. The PDO will report to the Pastor. The ideal candidate has a college degree and has prior leadership experience in business administration and/or human resources and 5-7 years experience in management. Job description is available upon request. Interested applicants, please forward a cover letter highlighting relevant experience along with a resume/CV and any questions you may have to:
 Email: pdosainthelens@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM This weekend 50 teens from the High School Youth Group are away on their High School Retreat Weekend. We ask that you keep them in your prayers. Due to the Retreat and the 5pm Homecoming mass and dinner afterwards at St. Theresa's on Sunday there is no meeting tonight. Join us next Sunday for our next meeting.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM We invite all 7th and 8th graders from both St. Theresa's and St. Michael's parishes to join us for the next meeting of the Jr. High Youth Ministry Program on Thursday March 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.stmty.com You can also reach Rich at the Youth Ministry Office at 276-5990 or via email at rich@stmty.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 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 10) 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 by April 2. Thank You for your continued support and generosity, it is greatly appreciated.

ROSARY SOCIETY THANK YOU!

"The Rosary Altar Society would like to thank everyone who supported their Ash Wednesday Fish Fry and for making it such a success! McVeigh Hall was crowded throughout the evening, everyone was enjoying the fish & friendship! Unfortunately, we had to turn people away at the door since we sold out of tickets and Argyle's ran out of fish. Be sure to get your tickets early next year so you won't be disappointed!"

WANT TO GO TO A BROADWAY SHOW?

The Youth Ministry Program has 30 members going to see Phantom of the Opera this Tuesday, March 14th. We have about 20 tickets that we did not sell. Would you like to join us? Tickets are \$65 and include the ticket to the show and coach bus transportation. Bus leaves from the back parking lot of St. Theresa's at 5pm sharp. If interested please email Rich Donovan at rich@stmty.com Tickets are a first come, first serve basis.



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