



The Church of Saint Theresa



March 19, 2017 :- The Third Sunday of Lent

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

After the snowstorm this week, it's time to write the column, I figured I would share some of the Tweets written by Pope Francis over the last few years. These few tweets are about "WELCOMING."

It would come as no surprise to many that the Church is sometimes perceived as more judgmental than its founder intended. Jesus palled around with tax collectors, and the dregs of society. He sought out those whom society had no use for, and welcomed them. A couple thousand years later, Catholic parishes sometimes come across less as a collection of castoff's and more as a country club for the righteous. Pope Francis wants this to change. He exhorts Catholics to extend a welcome to those who need it most: sinners, failures, those whom life has beaten up a bit. The truth us at some point in everyone's life, these labels will apply, Pope Francis hopes we remember that, and live our faith accordingly.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, our Archbishop, has said that the Redemptorists "reach out to people who are on the other side of the tracks."

Here are 3 tweets from Pope Francis:

1. Every Christian community must be a welcoming home for those searching for God, for those searching for a brother or sister to listen to them.
2. Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.
3. The Church is called to draw near to every person, beginning with the poorest and those who suffer.

Pope Francis has said, "Go, be with people, and make them feel welcome."

As we go through Lent, and Easter is around the corner, let us continue to be a community welcoming all to our parish.

God Bless You,
Fr. Joe



St. Theresa Reflection...

"My sword is Love, and with it I must drive out the stranger from the land, and establish Your kingdom in souls."

-St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"Some people give much but get back even more. Others don't give what they should and end up poor."

-Proverbs 11:24

As a parish we gave \$8,573.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of March 12/13. The collection for Peter's Pence was \$1,534.00.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38



In Memoriam

Host: Parishioner Intentions
Wine: Parishioner Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Parishioner Intentions

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 * Calemm Family

Monday, March 20

- 7:00 AM Carmela Giasullo * Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Milazzo
- 9:00 AM Adolfo Aiello (39th Ann.) * Francesco Aiello
- 12:00 PM Joseph & Michael LaFata * Wife & Mother, Claire LaFata
- 7:30 PM Joseph Dante * Mastapeter & Dante Families

Tuesday, March 21

- 7:00 AM James Kearns * The McCarthy Family
- 9:00 AM John Murray (Ann.) * Ron & Jane Salerno
- 12:00 PM Dolores Cerbie * Helen Merlo
- 7:30 PM Dale Mohn * The Ordner Family

Wednesday, March 22

- 7:00 AM Special Intention * Helen Merlo
- 9:00 AM Domenica Papparatto * Calello Family
- 12:00 PM Charles P. O'Toole * Francesca & Antonio Cuppari
- 7:30 PM Dottie Hugelmeyer * Kay & Dee & Families

Thursday, March 23

- 7:00 AM Maria Carmela Cristoforo * Orlando & Marina Aiello
- 9:00 AM Josephine Torrenti * Carolyn & Tom LoBianco
- 12:00 PM Domenico & Vincenza Cino * Francesca & Antonio Cuppari
- 7:30 PM Justin Meyer * Barbone Family

Friday, March 24

- 7:00 AM Vincenzo Colosimo * Anna Colosimo
- 9:00 AM Dorothy B. Hugelmeyer * Dolores & Marshall Graham
- 9:00 AM Harold W. Kidney * Kidney, Bremner & Calabrese Families
- 12:00 PM Maria Carmela Cristofaro * Domenica Muia
- 7:30 PM Lino Gargano * Graziano Family

Saturday, March 25

- 7:00 AM Joseph P. Leary (41st Ann.) * Pat Leary
- 7:00 AM Helen Ebron (2nd Ann.) * Anne Mary Hayes
- 9:00 AM Dorothy B. Hugelmeyer * Joanne D'Addio
- 5:30 PM Grace Rappa * Capizzano Family

Sunday, March 26

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Genaro Senatore * Estate
- 9:00 AM Mary Pantina (34th Ann.) * Cheryl & Nick Pantina
- 10:30 AM Millie Chonko * Peggy & Billy & O'Malley
- 12:00 PM Jenny Frio * Joe & Lena Cardella
- 5:00 PM Carmen Yglesias * The Mazza/David 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 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 Scott Califano is "Jesus' Way of Loving". It is also the Catechumens 1st Scrutiny Mass at 10:30 AM. Next Sunday is the Catechumens 2nd Mass at 9:00 AM. and the discussion about "In the Service of Others" with Gary Ruppel. RCIA will meet at 9:45 this week in the Rectory meeting room. For more information, please contact the Rectory Office.

COME JOIN ST. THERESA'S CHURCH FOR OUR



PRIZES WILL BE AUTHENTIC COACH BAGS. DOORS OPEN AT 8PM, BINGO BEGINS AT 7PM. TICKET PRICE INCLUDES ONE GAME PACKET FOR ENTIRE NIGHT (15 GAMES OF BINGO), ADDITIONAL CARDS AND 50/50'S CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE EVENT.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD

AT ST. THERESA'S CHURCH
 541 WASHINGTON AVE. KENILWORTH, NJ 07033

DESSERTS, COFFEE AND TEA ARE INCLUDED. FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN TANK. FOOD, WATER AND SODA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$30

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ST. THERESA'S CHURCH RECTORY, OR BY CALLING ROSE WYCKOFF AT 908-419-4978. TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO 300, AND IF ANY ADDITIONAL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE, THEY WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR THE EVENING OF THE EVENT.

IF YOU ARE A GROUP OF 8 OR MORE, YOU MUST PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS THROUGH ROSE WYCKOFF AT THE NUMBER ABOVE, IN ORDER TO BE SEATED TOGETHER.

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT TO SUPPORT ST. THERESA'S CHURCH

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

This Sunday we invite all high school teens to join us for our next meeting tonight, Sunday, in the Youth Room at St. Michaels. Doors open at 7pm, and we get started shortly after 7:30pm. Come learn about all the upcoming events and projects we have in store for the next few months!

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 April 6th 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 via email at rich@stmtym.com

PALM CROSS/ FLOWER SALE

The Youth Ministry Program are once again selling Palm Crosses and Easter Flowers. All proceeds will go directly towards the Appalachia Mission Trip that high school teens will be on during their Spring Break in April. Show your support and buy a Palm Cross for your door or home, or to remember a loved one for the cemetery. Maybe purchase some flowers for spring planting. We will be selling Palm Crosses the weekend of April 1st and 2nd ONLY this year at BOTH St. Theresa's and St. Michael's.



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.

IRELAND AND NEW JERSEY: FROM HISTORY TO HERITAGE

Celebrate St. Patrick's Month with the Pirates of Irish Persuasion & Extraction Alumni Club & Seton Hall University Alumni Relations at a presentation titled "Ireland and New Jersey: From History to Heritage." Our featured speaker at this event, which is part of PIPE's Irish Studies Discussion Series, will be Dr. Dermot Quinn, Professor & Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of History at Seton Hall University. Dr. Quinn, is the author of *The Irish in New Jersey: Four Centuries of American Life*. The event, which is free & open to the public, will take place in the Nursing Amphitheater on the ground level of the Caroline D. Schwartz College of Nursing Building on Seton Hall University's South Orange campus at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 23. For further info, please contact Maura at maura.harrington@shu.edu or 973-463-5967



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