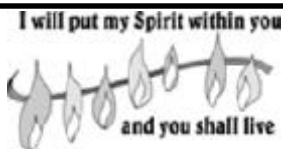




# The Church of Saint Theresa



April 2, 2017 -:- The Fifth Sunday of Lent

## From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

Elizabeth Scalia wrote this article which appeared in the Spirituality column on "Aletia.org" on March 18, 2017. I thought our parishioners might enjoy reading it as well:

"Feeling like your life is pointless and you're adrift? Read what John Henry Newman said about that. God didn't make you for nothing.

There are times in all of our lives when we feel like we are coasting and drifting through life with no sense of purpose. Others around us seem to know what it is they are about, but deep down everyone experiences that feeling - that moment - when they look around at their lives and their work and think, "Why am I doing this? Is it all pointless? Did God really create me just so I can do this?"

And yet, we are all cogs in a great wheel. We look at things that seem like great accomplishments - the creation of skyscrapers designed by fabled architects; breathtaking works of art that leave us slack-jawed and we think, "Well, those people found their purposes, and they probably had help doing so, and I don't have a purpose. I am not important."

But if you look at the Empire State Building, you have to stop to think that it could not stand without the simple rivets that anonymous men drove in, one after another, floor by floor. If you look at Rome's significant Gesu Church, you must stop to think of the hundreds of unknown artisans - some with very specific and rather mundane jobs - who contributed to this place where heaven seems to come alive on earth.

We cannot all be created for a purpose that is large in the eyes of the great big world. The truth is most of us are created to be larger in the eyes of God alone, and in the eyes and lives of the people, who are in our rather smallish world: in our families, our communities.

Ask most people who their heroes are, or who has loomed large in their lives, and you'll be surprised at the answer. It will be the teacher whose encouragement forged an interest in their school work, a coach who didn't keep them on the bench, a person at church who showed them the Father's love.

When you are feeling adrift, reflect on what Blessed John Henry Newman said:  
"God has created me to do Him some definite service.  
He has committed some work in me which He has not committed to another.

I have my mission.  
I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.  
I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.  
He has not created me for naught.  
I shall do good; I shall do His work.  
I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.  
Therefore, I will trust Him; whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.  
If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him.  
If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.  
He does nothing in vain.  
He knows what He is about.  
He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers.  
He may make me feel desolate, make my spirit sink, hide my future from me.  
Still, He knows what He is about."

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRAY FOR US!

God Bless You,

Fr. Joe

## St. Theresa Reflection...

*"To limit your desires and your hopes is to misunderstand God's infinite goodness!"*

-St. Theresa

## Stewardship Reflection...

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth..."*

-Matthew 6:19-21

*As a parish we gave \$8,570.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of March 25/26. The collections for renovations was \$1,321.00*

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

#### Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

#### Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

With great joy, four Eucharistic Ministers are commissioned by our Pastor, Father Joe at this Sunday's 12:00 noon Mass:

Virginia Gniazdowski  
Veronica Grysko-Sporer  
Gemma Moore  
Carol Lee Ruppel



May God bless them as they are entrusted with administering the Eucharist at Mass, with taking communion to the sick and the homebound of our parish, and in striving to grow in holiness through this sacrament of unity and love.

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Friday, April 7 for the First Friday Exposition and Devotion including the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the 9am Mass.



**In Memoriam**

**Host:** Parishioner Intentions

**Wine:** Parishioner Intentions

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Parishioner Intentions

**Saturday, April 1**

- 7:00 AM Bernadette Zimmerman \*
- Cindy Memola & Samantha Rehm
- 9:00 AM William Albrecht \* Calemme Family
- 5:30 PM Walter Moran (10th Ann.) \* Wife, Joan Moran

**Sunday, April 2**

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Daniel Triano \*  
Jeri & Vinnie Diamante
- 9:00 AM Rosary Altar Society
- 10:30 AM Irene E. Cowen \* Calemme Family
- 12:00 PM Elena Del Campo \* Gigi & Jim Zoeller & Family
- 5:00 PM Sr. Joan Moore \* Sandy Smith

**Monday, April 3**

- 7:00 AM Mary & Edward Pierry \* Son
- 9:00 AM Scott Vergura \* Faucher Family
- 12:00 PM Gaetana Calamusa \* Frank & Agato Abrusci
- 7:30 PM Rosalinda Delapena \* Canfield & Delapene Families

**Tuesday, April 4**

- 7:00 AM Victoria Ferguson \* Betty Jean Memola
- 9:00 AM Michael Cino (100th Ann.) \*  
Francesca & Antonio Cuppari
- 12:00 PM Daniel Triano \* Jack Balwierczak
- 7:30 PM Deborah O'Brien (3rd Ann.) \* Solano Family

**Wednesday, April 5**

- 7:00 AM Ronald Memola \* Mother, Betty Jean
- 9:00 AM Giuseppe Squillaciotti (Birthday) \*  
Daughter, Lena & Family
- 12:00 PM Frank (50th Ann.) & John (39th Ann.) Gramegna \*  
Family
- 7:30 PM Giuseppe Squillaciotti (Birthday) \*  
Daughter, Vittoria & Family

**Thursday, April 6**

- 7:00 AM Timothy Carbone (13th Ann.) \*  
Lynne, Torey & Ryan
- 9:00 AM Antonio & Francesca Romeo \*  
Daughter, Helen Cardella
- 12:00 PM Julia Caforio \* Kathy & Michael Vitale
- 7:30 PM Leonard Sasso \* The Gasper Family

**Friday, April 7**

- 7:00 AM Joseph & Anne Leary \* Pat Leary
- 9:00 AM Kevin Clark \* John Karaman & Family
- 12:00 PM John Romankiewicz \* Lorenzo & Dina Schur-Greco
- 7:30 PM Parishioner Intentions

**Saturday, April 8**

- 7:00 AM Percy C. Johns \* Joanne Capizzano
- 9:00 AM Jimmy Serafin (2nd Ann.) \* Serafin Family
- 5:30 PM Mary E. Berge (35th Ann.) \* Vera & Jerry Quinnan

**Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday)**

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Maria Locorriere \* Husband & Family
- 9:00 AM Mildred Murray (Ann.) \* Ron & Jane Salerno
- 10:30 AM James Doud (17th Ann.) \* Sister, Debbie Doud
- 12:00 PM Vincenzo Lombardi \* Daughter, Angela
- 5:00 PM Roque Aguilera (14th Ann.) \* Solano 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/>



April 10 - Book of Wisdom

April 24 - Sirach

**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 Catechumens 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny Mass at 5:00 PM on Sunday. Next Sunday join the discussion about "Life Everlasting" with Mark Tiemann and Gary Ruppel. RCIA meets at 10:00 AM on Sundays in the Rectory meeting room. For more information, please contact the Rectory Office.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

Please remember to check the old cry room for your weekly donation envelopes! We have many boxes that have not yet been picked up.

**COME JOIN  
ST. THERESA'S CHURCH  
FOR OUR**

**BAG BINGO**

PRIZES WILL BE AUTHENTIC COACH BAGS. DOORS OPEN AT 6PM, 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 TABLE 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 908-618-6975. 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. Tonight's meeting is called "Death By Chocolate" and will look at some of the misconceptions of the end times. A reminder 6pm tonight, Sunday is the Appalachia Trip Meeting - parents are more than welcomed to attend!

### JR. HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

We invite all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. This group will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.stmty.com) You can also reach Rich at the Youth Ministry Office at 276-5990 or via email at [rich@stmty.com](mailto:rich@stmty.com)

### PALM CROSS/ FLOWER SALE

This Weekend ONLY 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 – again this will be the ONLY weekend we are selling.

### 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.

### THE LIVING STATIONS PLANNED

The Youth Ministry Program is hard at work on its annual Stations of the Cross presentation. This year the stations will be presented by the Youth Ministry Program on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at St. Theresa's Church and then at 7:30pm at St. Michael's Church. Hopefully you, your family and friends will consider joining us for this moving prayer experience. The stations service lasts about an hour and includes music, reflections and still scenes recreating the last hours of Christ's life here on earth.

### BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Once again this year, thanks to Fr Joe's connections... Peter Cottontail (aka the Easter Bunny) will be hippy-hopping into McVeigh Hall for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Easter Sunday morning after the 9am mass. Refreshments will be served...don't forget your camera!



### 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](http://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.

### STS CLASS OF 2018 PAINT DAY FUNDRAISER

A paint day fundraiser to benefit the STS Class of 2018 will be held Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00-5:00pm in the St. Theresa School Cafeteria (Please enter through the rear of the building) 540 Washington Ave., Kenilworth. Tickets must be purchased by April 14. Ticket cost: \$45 To purchase tickets, go to:

[https://www.paintnite.com/events/\\_1156105](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](mailto:dhan825@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your support.

### CLASS OF 2018 BLAZE FUNDRAISER

Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for St. Theresa Class of 2018, Thursday, April 6 at Blaze Pizza, 1255 Raritan Road, Clark from 4-8PM. Bring in a copy of the flyer located near the bulletins in the vestibule of the church and show it before ordering. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.

### ST THERESA DAISY SCOUT TROOP 40635

Please support our Girl Scout Cookie booth sale in front of McVeigh Hall today, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am to 2:00pm. Thank you 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](http://www.youravon.com/melissarosa)