



The Church of Saint Theresa



May 7, 2017 :- Fourth Sunday of Easter

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

I received the following beautiful letter from Ron Poles last week. I asked if I could publish it in the bulletin and he and his wife Cathy agreed. To me it epitomizes what ministry and service and commitment to parish is all about:

Dear Fr. Joe,

As we have discussed, Easter 2017 will be the last major holiday that I will be able to decorate the Church. I will be moving to South Carolina on the first of July after retiring from the New Jersey public school system, to be closer to family and to assume the position as principal of St. John Neumann Catholic School, Columbia, South Carolina.

For 34 years it has been my pleasure, and an honor, to serve the Church of St. Theresa, Kenilworth, to assist in the liturgy through decorating the environment to match the season. Your kindness in recognizing these efforts has always been appreciated, but not necessary, as it has allowed me to share my talents with God and the St. Theresa family.

Our time at St. Theresa Church has been wonderful, our children growing here while receiving their sacraments, and then into adulthood. The St. Theresa family has become our family.

The Church community and you have assisted us in times of joy and great sorrow. Through all these events, the opportunity to provide great pleasure to the parish community, through decorations for the liturgy of each season, has given me satisfaction, and allowed us to give back to the Church for all of the wonderful gifts that you and the Church community have provided us.

With gratitude, Blessings always,

Ron Poles

We will certainly miss your presence and Cathy's presence at the Masses, especially the 5:30 P.M. on Saturdays. Thank you for what you have done for the Parish through the years. We wish you and your family many blessings, health and happiness.

God Bless you,
A grateful parish

St. Theresa Reflection...

"You came into this land of exile, willing to suffer and to die, in order to carry away every single soul and plunge it into the very heart of the Trinity - love's eternal home."

-St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"...I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor and I know how to live when I am happy."

-Philippians 4:11-12

As a parish we gave \$9,171.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of April 29/30. The collection for renovations was \$2,070.00.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheepgate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."

WEEKDAY READINGS

Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

**In Memoriam**

Host: Albert D. DeVigili *
Wife Rose, Son Albert, Daughter Rosemary

Wine: Albert D. DeVigili *
Wife Rose, Son Albert, Daughter Rosemary

Sanctuary Lamp: Albert D. DeVigili *
Wife Rose, Son Albert, Daughter Rosemary

Saturday, May 6

7:00 AM Theresa Carvero * Anthony & AnnMarie Vaz
9:00 AM Mary & Dougie Damrau * Adele Damrau
5:30 PM Jean Corrigan (27th Ann.) *
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Corrigan

Sunday, May 7

7:30 AM Parishioners & Maria Locorriere *
Husband & Family
9:00 AM Rosary Altar Society,
Edith Caravello * St. Theresa Rosary Altar Society
10:30 AM Cornell Schultz (6th Ann.) * The Schultz Family
10:30 AM Betty Kidney *
Kidney, Bremner & Calabrese Families
12:00 PM Mario Esposito (14th Ann.) *
Anna & Mario Esposito
12:00 PM Joseph & Florence Dante *
Mastapeter & Dante Families
5:00 PM Theresa Picaroni (33rd Ann.) * Daughter & Son

Monday, May 8

7:00 AM Vivian Clementi * Kenilworth Democratic Club
9:00 AM Michael Bracuto (1st Ann.) * The Jacques Family
7:30 PM Genevieve Podbelski (31st Ann.) *
Judith Podbelski & Family

Tuesday, May 9

7:00 AM Ellen Hennigan * Mr. & Mrs. Donald Corrigan
9:00 AM Jeffrey R. Oleson (13th Ann.) *
Dolores & Marshall Graham

Wednesday, May 10

7:00 AM Harold F. White * Janet Staruch
9:00 AM Frank & Gertrude Apicella * Dennis Apicella
7:30 PM Nicolas Zampaglione * Tony & AnnMarie Vaz

Thursday, May 11

7:00 AM Maureen Guenther * Jean Macciachera
9:00 AM John Romankiewicz *
Rob & Danielle Schur-Cantwell

Friday, May 12

7:00 AM Olga Reyes * Milano Family
9:00 AM Catherine Perkosky * Padula Family

Saturday, May 13

7:00 AM Elio & Antonio Cardillo * Daughter & Family
9:00 AM Caterina Squillacioti * Daughter, Lena & Family
5:30 PM William Conrad (9th Ann.) * Connie Conrad

Sunday, May 14

7:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions
9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions
10:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions
12:00 PM Mother's Day Intentions
5:00 PM Mother's Day Intentions

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/>

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**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.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Registrations are currently being accepted for St. Theresa's Bible Camp. There are two sessions of Bible Camp to choose from: June 26 - July 7 **or** July 10 - July 21 from 9:00am - 12:00pm Monday - Friday for children ages 4 -12. Camp is held in the school gym and includes Bible stories, singing, games, craft projects, making new friends, snack, creating a camp shirt and the staging of a play. Forms are available at the back of the church, from the CCD office (located above the school gym) and via email: ccd@icatholiczone.org.

CCD REGISTRATION

New registration and re-registration forms are now available for Fall 2017 Religious Ed Classes. The forms are available at the Religious Ed Office (located above the school gym) and in the vestibule of the Church. Please contact the office at 908-276-4681 ccd@icatholiczone.org

Please note: Students who plan to return for 7th grade after a year or more of not attending CCD classes need to take a placement test to determine their grade level. For further info please contact the Religious Ed Office.

MOTHERS DAY FLOWER SALE

The Youth Ministry Program will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Flower Sale at St. Michael Parish on the front lawns of the school NEXT weekend May 13th and 14th. Assorted Flowers and hanging baskets will be on sale. Hours will be 9am to 6:30pm on Saturday and 8am to 1:30pm on Sunday. All funds collected will benefit the Youth Ministry Program as they prepare to raise funds for sending teens to the National Catholic Youth Conference in November of 2017.

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 is our "Mr. CYO Night". Come see who will walk away with the title this year!

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 FINAL meeting of the school year for the Jr. High Youth Ministry Program on Thursday June 1st at 7:30pm. 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

ALTAR SERVER GRADUATES

The Altar Server Ministry, *Servi Juvenes Domini* congratulates our 11 High School Graduates and celebrate their dedicated service to the Church:

Christian Bondalo, Kristin Carpenter,
Kelsey Harder, Tyler Harris,
Molly Hughes, Alexa Karp,
Kellianne Laurie, Claire O'Brien,
Carly Pompei, Olivia Ruppel,
Deanna M. Vagueiro

Through the intercession of St. John Berchmans, may God bless their future plans and academic studies. Congratulations!



SENIOR CITIZEN PROM

Saints Michael and Theresa Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a "Senior Citizen" Prom for the Senior Citizen members of BOTH parish communities. The date of this year's event is Saturday May 27th and will go from 6:30 pm until 9pm in McVeigh Hall (School Gym) at St. Theresa's. The night will include dinner, music, games and more. So that we can properly prepare we ask that if you would like to join us that you please RSVP to the Youth Ministry Office either via email at rich@stmtym.com or at 276-5990 with the number of guests no later than May 24th.

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



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.

GET YOUR ST. THERESA STALLIONS GEAR!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! "My Locker" has partnered with Jostens to bring us an even bigger selection of items to choose from! Shop for the latest cool styles and show your school spirit. T-shirts, baseball caps, beach towels, visors, string bags, etc.! They have it all! Go to our school store: (Please note the new URL and promotion code.) <https://schoolstore.jostens.com> and enter locker code "CZ236". Receive \$10 off of every order by entering the Promotion Code "JV4SSDGK" Allow about 7-10 days for delivery. HAPPY SHOPPING! Please contact dhan825@gmail.com with any questions.

ALEX AND ANI - CLASS OF 2018 FUNDRAISER

Mother's Day is right around the corner. Come on out to Alex and Ani (200 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ) on Tuesday May 9th from 5 to 7pm. 15% of all proceeds will be donated back to the Class of 2018. Thanks for your support. Please contact Danielle Han with any questions. dhan825@gmail.com

ST. THERESA SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

An annual scholarship has been established for our graduating class at St. Theresa School in memory of Joe and Elena Zygnerki 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