

# The Church of Saint Theresa



June 25, 2017 :- The Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,



It's hard to believe I've been at St. Theresa's Parish for 24 years!

Twenty four wonderful years where we have grown together as a family of faith:

We have celebrated many Baptisms, 3,338 of them, celebrating new life;

We have celebrated many First Communions and Confirmations;

We have shared the joy of so many Weddings - couples making a commitment to each other and sacramentalizing their love for each other in our Church; We have also celebrated the sacrament of "Anointing of the sick" for those who were sick at home, in hospitals, or at a hospice center;

And we have also shared the sorrow and the grief of parishioners who have lost loved ones. We mourned as people of faith and hope in the Resurrection as we celebrated 3,066 funerals.

We celebrated the "Rite of Christian Initiation" for our friends who wanted to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

We witnessed beautiful liturgies, enjoyed our children liturgies;

And we loved the seasonal decorations: the Living Nativity; Christmas Decorations; Holy Week; Living Stations of the Cross; Easter Sunday decorations.

And every Sunday, "We Gathered Together" to ask the Lord's Blessing and sang "All Are Welcome" as we celebrated the Eucharist with families and friends; young and old; some very young with their bag of cheerios.

We were inspired by so many young couples bringing their babies to Church and coming up for the special blessings for their children.

We were inspired by our older brothers and sisters who come to celebrate the Eucharist with us in wheelchairs, and others walking with their canes.

We experienced snowstorms, hurricanes, power failures and of course we can never forget the problems with the air conditioning.

Our Service Ministries; Family Life Ministries; Catechetical Ministries; Social Concerns; Food Pantry are beautiful examples of how we give witness to our communities.

Our Youth Ministry Program is a treasure. Rich Donovan and his team continue to help with the image that our parish is inclusive and very welcoming.

### And through it all we kept the Faith and we continued to build our strong community of Faith, Hope and Love.

For all that I say THANK YOU to everyone for your Faith, Your Inspiration, your Encouragement, your Love. I will never forget this beautiful Faith filled Parish.

At my First Mass 47 years ago John Brixie played "CITY OF GOD". as our recessional hymn.

When I was installed as Pastor at St. Benedict, in Newark, we sang "CITY OF GOD" as the recessional hymn.

When I was installed as Pastor of St. Theresa 24 years ago, we sang "City of God" as our recessional hymn.

Today our recessional hymn will be "CITY OF GOD."

The Refrain for the Hymn is:

"Let us build the City of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day."

Every day is a new day and an opportunity for us to build "THE CITY OF GOD."  
May we continue to build the City of God wherever we are!

God Bless You,  
Fr. Joe

## St. Theresa Reflection...

*"Nothing is sweeter than to think well of others."* - St. Theresa

## Stewardship Reflection...

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth..."* Matthew 6:19-21

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As a parish we gave COLLECTION: \$8,045.00  
MISSION: \$2,090.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of June 17/18.

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## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Because the prophet Jeremiah foretold disaster for Jerusalem, he was denounced. But Jeremiah trusted in the Lord and overcame his persecutors.

### Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Paul explains to the Romans that Adam's sin brought death to all, but Christ's gift of himself brought grace and life.

### Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

In authoritative and encouraging words, Jesus urges the apostles to fear nothing -- only him who can destroy the soul. Telling them "every hair of your head has been counted," he

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## Weekly Readings

### Sunday

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

### Monday

Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

### Tuesday

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

### Wednesday

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

### Thursday

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

### Friday

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

### First Saturday

Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

## COME CELEBRATE FR JOE'S RETIREMENT!

All are invited to join us at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> for a special Mass to honor the 24 years of service that Fr. Joe has given as the pastor here at St. Theresa's. Following the Mass we invite everyone over to the school parking lot for a short celebration and BBQ from 1 to 4pm with hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks, refreshments and desserts. We invite parishioners to bring a lawn chair along! In the case of rain, the celebration after the Mass would be held in the Bingo Hall. If you would like to help out with the day

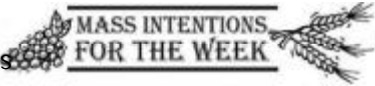


**In Memoriam**

**Host:** Parishioner Intentions

**Wine:** Parishioner Intentions

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Jacquelyn Pang \* Family



**Saturday, June 24**

- 7:00 AM Sabatino & Antonia Calello (Ann.) \* The Calello Family
- 9:00 AM Giuseppe Squillaciotti \* Daughter, Vittoria & Family
- 5:30 PM Mary E. Quinnan (35th Ann.) \* Vera & Jerry Quinnan

**Sunday, June 25**

- 7:30 AM William Rapczynski (12th Ann.) \* Family
- 9:00 AM Frank Grimaldi \* Joe Cunningham
- 9:00 AM Caroline DeRose \* Anne & Michael Mercurio
- 10:30 AM Grace Rappa \* Gigi & Jim Zoeller & Family
- 10:30 AM Gloria Hornlein \* Hornlein Family
- 12:00 PM Vincent Guliano & Donna Musto \* Mom & Family
- 5:00 PM Edna Caravello \* Judy, Robin, Marcia, Pat & Barb

**Monday, June 26**

- 7:00 AM Edward Pierry \* Family
- 9:00 AM Luula Brandofino \* Frank & Fran Brandofino
- 7:30 PM William Heady \* Social Concerns

**Tuesday, June 27**

- 7:00 AM Mary Switzer \* Herb & Mary Michitsch
- 9:00 AM William Heady \* John & Rosalind Brixie
- 9:00 AM Pasquale Cuppari \* Cuppari Family

**Wednesday, June 28**

- 7:00 AM Michael Michitsch \* Mom, Dad & Heidi
- 9:00 AM Katherin Graham \* Fred & Antonia Mazzeo
- 7:30 PM William Heady \* Budis Family

**Thursday, June 29**

- 7:00 AM Felipe & Felipa Laygan \* Celso & Amy Paguntalan
- 9:00 AM John Leonard \* Dorothy Leonard

**Friday, June 30**

- 7:00 AM Lolita Manalac/Estrella Capati (29th Ann.) \* Capati Family
- 9:00 AM Ted Michalski (17th Ann.) \* The Barbone Family
- 9:00 AM Natalia Rizzo \* The Rizzo Family
- 9:00 AM Pasquale Cuppari \* Cuppari Family

**Saturday, July 1**

- 7:00 AM Joseph Giacalone (25th Ann.) \* Loving Family
- 7:00 AM Ernesto Ebron, Jr. \* Anne Mary Hayes
- 9:00 AM Francesco Bertolucci \* Tommaso & Maria Jose Pugliese
- 5:30 PM Felicia (23rd) & Albert (41st) Addler \* Family

**Sunday, July 2**

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Julia Barbarise (Ann.) \* The Family
- 7:30 AM Carmen Casais \* Joana Canico & Family
- 9:00 AM Rosary Altar Society
- 10:30 AM Stella Orozco \* Family
- 12:00 PM Nodia Aguirre \* The Martin Family
- 5:00 PM Bernard (Bud) Smith (16th Ann.) \* Ginny & Tony Lepore

**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/>

- July 3 - No Meeting
- July 10 - Jeremiah 1-25
- July 24 - Jeremiah 26 - 52



**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](mailto:ccd@icatholiczone.org)

**Please note:** Students who plan to return for 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**All are welcome to join in the celebration as St. Rafael's Church welcome's Fr. Joe Bejgrowicz!**

346 East Mount Pleasant Avenue  
Livingston, NJ 07039  
July 9th, Mass at 11:30am  
Barbeque following in Tobias Hall  
There will be a potato salad taste off, and a competition for the best dessert.

**MOUNT ST. MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER**

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following programs, registration required. Call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: [mshhope@mshhope.org](mailto:mshhope@mshhope.org)

**WHOLLY ME: LIVING FULLY IN THE NOW**

A *Women's Retreat* looking at the important connection between mind, body and spirit. Be fully present in the moment! Sister Judith will explore the concept of Mindfulness and how one's thoughts affect not only our emotions, but our physical well-being and our spirituality as well. Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lunch included. (\$45-\$55 as you are able) Presenter: Judith Blizzard, CSSF

**St. Theresa's would like to congratulate the 9 Kenilworth Firefighter Recruits:**

Victor Carvajal, Anthony DeVito, David DeFabrizio, Daniel DeProfio, Alexander Graf, Jethro Jean, Roberto Lavecchia, Christian Marquez and Michael Pierce.

We give thanks to our firefighters who have pledged to protect and help us in our time of need.



**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY– NEWARK**  
 Rutgers University-Newark will be running it's 17th annual Summer Basketball Program for children ages 6-17. The program is July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28, and July 31-August 4, 2017 from 8:30am-4:00pm. We offer early drop off and late pick up free of charge. The cost for one week is only \$160.00. Discount rates if you attend more than one week. For more information or brochure please call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483.

**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.

**SEND A CITY CHILD TO CAMP**  
 The Eddie Gray Camp Fund is seeking funds to send inner-city children to summer camp. This year our cost per child will be \$260 for one week. However, we will be grateful for donations of any amount. Every donation helps and is greatly appreciated! Please make checks payable to the Eddie Gray Camp Fund and mail them to: Sister Jacinta Fernandes, St. Joseph Social Svc. Ctr., 118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201. Thank you for providing a happy and healthy experience for an inner-city child!

**Write on Sports Camp at Roselle Catholic In July**  
 The fourth annual Write on Sports Camp at Roselle Catholic will take place the weeks of July 17-28 (July 17-21 and July 24-28). Tuition is free to the 10-day camp, which aims to inspire students entering grades 6 to 8 to write by writing about sports, at Roselle Catholic. Students will interview athletes and journalists and attend at least one sporting event as they write stories, blog and make videos to report on their activities. Students / Campers must attend both weeks of camp. For information or a brochure please contact Joe Skrec at 908-447-5017) or [jskrec@rosellecatholic.org](mailto:jskrec@rosellecatholic.org).  
**BASKETBALL CAMP AT ROSELLE CATHOLIC**  
 The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Roselle Catholic Basketball Camp will hold three summer sessions in The Lions' 7 RC Basketball camp will take place the weeks of June 19-23, June 26-30 and July 10-14 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily). For more information or a camp brochure please contact RC basketball coaches Dave Boff ([boffdave@yahoo.com](mailto:boffdave@yahoo.com)), Mike Skrec ([miskrec@yahoo.com](mailto:miskrec@yahoo.com) or 908-433-3782) or Joe Skrec ([jskrec@rosellecatholic.org](mailto:jskrec@rosellecatholic.org)). The camp's daily schedule includes fundamental skill stations, contests and full-court games. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt and will compete for numerous awards and prizes in a fun-filled atmosphere on a weekly 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](http://www.mysts.org)

**ST. THERESA LIL' STALLIONS DAYCARE PART TIME DAYCARE WORKERS NEEDED**  
 St. Theresa Lil' Stallions Daycare Program is in need of a **part time toddler room manager**. 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](mailto:dhan825@gmail.com) with any questions.

**ST. THERESA SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**  
 An annual scholarship has been established for our graduating class at St. Theresa School in memory of Joe and Elena Zygnerski 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!

**RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISERS**  
**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)