



The Church of Saint Theresa



July 16, 2017 :- The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

This will be the first weekend that I'm be able to celebrate the Sunday Mass at St. Theresa's Parish and I have no words to describe my excitement for this opportunity to serve you and to minister to this community. When several months ago it was mentioned to me the possibility of coming to St. Theresa, effective July 1, I explained to our Archbishop, Cardinal Tobin, that that in November 2016 I made arrangements to go to Sicily—I haven't visited my family there in 2 years—and also to Portugal and the time of the traveling was the beginning of July. I told the Cardinal that I was willing to cancel my trip, but there was a special occasion that moved me to that plan. A young man that I knew since he was a kid was getting ordained priest in Lisbon on July 2, Fr. Marco Leotta. I remember him asking a lot of questions about my vocations when he came to know that I entered the seminary and after my ordination to the priesthood he was very curious about what I felt and what made me answer to the call. I have been close to him when he decided to enter the Seminary (even if I was here in the US and he was in Italy) and I have accompanied him through his struggles and maturation during the years of formation. The day it was confirmed he was being ordained and a date was set for this event, I was the first person he called to share the news after he informed his parents. When he entered the seminary I promised him I would be there for his Ordination and so I had to go to Lisbon on July 2017. As we went to Fatima for the celebration of the First Mass on the following day, I presented to Our Lady of the Rosary (this year is the centenary of the apparition of the Virgin Mary in Fatima, which happened between May 13 and October 13 1917) our Parish of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and I asked the Virgin to give us all—like our Patroness Theresa—a deep desire for holiness and zeal and ardent love for God's Word and the Sacraments. Secretly in my heart I was asking the Virgin (without demanding...) a little sign that she had received my prayer and so I got really surprised when our group entered the New Church to visit it. There was a Mass going on and the priest was preaching the homily. Not long after I entered he said in his homily: "As St. Theresa of Lisieux said: 'My God, I choose everything. I don't want to be half-a-saint, I am not afraid to suffer for you, I am afraid only about one thing, namely, to keep my will: take it, because I choose to desire all that you wish!...'". May God's Word—which doesn't go back to heaven without having accomplished its mission (our first reading from Isaiah this Sunday)—make us bearers of a great harvest of holiness for God's Kingdom.

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...

The earth belongs to the Lord, and everything in it, the world and all it's people."

Matthew 6:19-21

As a parish we gave COLLECTION: \$5936.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of July 8/9

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are "as nothing," Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- "the man who hears the message and takes it in" ... "bears a yield of a hundred-fold."



COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION

On July 23, 2017 at 12:00 PM, there will be a farewell mass for Fr. Vincent. D'Agostino. After mass we invite parishioners and friends to McVeigh hall for light refreshments . Help us celebrate and say thank you for your service to our community, he will be missed by

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

Please take an extra parish bulletin to give to a friend or homebound parishioner.

Share all that is happening at our parish!



In Memoriam

Host: Parishioner Intentions

Wine: Edith Caravello * Lucille & Jim Lucadema

Sanctuary Lamp: Edith Caravello * Lucille & Jim Lucadema

Saturday, July 15

- 7:00 AM Nicholas Acompara * Doris Kelly
- 9:00 AM Catherine "Kay" Perkosky * Marty & Patty Sica
- 5:30 PM Michael E. Martine (59th Ann.) * Kay Gauer

Sunday, July 16

- 7:30 AM Giuseppe & Caterina Falduto (Ann.) *
Giuseppe & Antonia Zappia
- 9:00 AM In Honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel *
Calemme Family
- 10:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Lewis * John Bongiovanni
- 12:00 PM Frank & Yolanda Palmieri (Birthday) *
AnnMarie, Bob & Christina Monahan
- 5:00 PM Caterina Debartoli * Antonio & Francesca Cuppari

Monday, July 17

- 7:00 AM Robert J. McGillis (10th Ann.) * Wife,
Joanne & Family
- 9:00 AM Margaret Serafin (23rd Ann.) * Serafin Family
- 7:30 PM Robert J. McGillis, Jr. (10th Ann.) * Wife,
Joanne & Children

Tuesday, July 18

- 7:00 AM Jim Guerrant * Family
- 9:00 AM John (49th Ann.) & Mary (27th Ann.) Eskas *
Dolores Budsock
- 9:00 AM Pasquale Cuppari * The Cuppari Family

Wednesday, July 19

- 7:00 AM Mae Schweikert (19th Ann.) * Dorothy McNally
- 7:00 AM Ernesto Ebron, Sr. & John Farkas *
Anne Mary Hayes
- 9:00 AM Michael Joseph Michitsch * Mom, Dad & Heidi
- 7:30 PM Florence & Silvio Pepe * Children

Thursday, July 20

- 7:00 AM Doris Tango (9th Ann.) * Daughter, Dee
- 9:00 AM Jeannette McManus * Jeri & Vinnie Diamante

Friday, July 21

- 7:00 AM Frank Elish * Francesco Aiello & Family
- 9:00 AM Harry Pipoli * Richard & Eileen Schrader
- 9:00 AM Pasquale Cuppari * Cuppari Family

Saturday, July 22

- 7:00 AM Beverly Cambria * Theresa Mullen & Scott Phillips
- 9:00 AM Gloria Saporito * Michelle & John Fagan
- 5:30 PM Michael DeMartine (59th Ann.) * The
Schultz Family

Sunday, July 23

- 7:30 AM Maria Locorriere (Birthday) * Husband & Family
- 7:30 AM Anthony D'Agostino * Anne Mary Hayes
- 9:00 AM Andy Barbarise (Ann.) * The Family
- 10:30 AM Claudina Aguilera (5th Ann.) * Solano Family
- 12:00 PM Tessie & Frank Tarzia (Birthday) * AnnMarie,
Bob & Christina Monahan
- 5:00 PM Joe Mase * Ron & Jane Salerno

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.

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 24 - Jeremiah 26 - 52



Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, NJ is pleased to announce the 2017 Gala Evening of Celebration and Recognition. Alumnae, family, and friends are invited to attend. The festivities will include cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, a pasta station and carving station. A silent auction is also planned. The event will be held on Friday evening, September 22, 2017 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood, NJ 07027. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the school at (732) 382-1952, Ext. 175, or email Gala@motherseton.org. Gratefully,
**The Mother Seton High School
2017 GALA Committee**

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: msmhope@msmhope.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

Oratory Preparatory School

Committed to our motto of "Preparing Lives, One by One" we invite you to come live the "Oratory Experience" at our OPEN HOUSES on Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 1-3 p.m. and on Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 6:45-8:15 PM. Faculty and students will be present to give tours and answer questions for prospective 7th-12th grade boys and their families. Oratory Prep is Located at 425 Morris Avenue, Summit, N.J. For further information call: 908-273-1084, ext. 1 or visit us at www.oratoryprep.org.



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.

BASKETBALL CAMP at ROSELLE CATHOLIC

The 36th 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), Mike Skrec (miskrec@yahoo.com or 908-433-3782) or Joe Skrec (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

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.

St. Theresa School

The Class of 2018 invites you to a dine-out-to-donate fundraiser:

Tuesday August 1st from 5 to 9pm at Tiff's Burger and Alehouse , located at 1637 Vauxhall Road in Union. Children 12 and under eat free with every adult entree purchase.

Free face painting for kids! A portion of all sales will be donated back to the Class of 2018.

We thank you in advance for your support.

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

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Sunday

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday

Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Ex 12:37-42; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18