



The Church of Saint Theresa



August 27, 2017 -:- The Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

A month and a half has passed already since my arrival here at St. Theresa's, INCREDIBLE! I wish to share some of the projects that are going on here in our Parish. Some of them have already started and some I am dreaming to accomplish soon, with the help of God and you.

First of all there is the project of the Chapel. It has been repainted, the lighting has been rearranged and we are having a marble floor installed soon. The marble has been donated by a wonderful lady who has a very generous heart and has accomplished similar projects in other Churches. She is an expert in marble (she travels throughout the world to select marble from the best quarries). She was glad I called and got her involved in the beautification of our prayer room, dedicated to St. Theresa and the Virgin Mary. As we walked through the church together, I was inspired to ask her if she could help us with the baptismal font and with the appropriate product to avoid the greenish coloration of the marble. She said "Sure!" In the beginning of September she herself will come and treat the Baptismal font with a product that is going to clean the stain and the accumulation of calcar that is now present and avoid its accumulation in the future. I couldn't help thinking: "How good is God to me and to us!" He always acts in favor of His Church. I don't want to forget to mention all the work Fr. Michele and many volunteers have done for the sacristy, the vestments, the albs, and the altar servers,... wonderful...

We also started a renovation project to create a meeting room in the rectory, which is needed for meetings of the RCIA group and for other activities of the Parish. I have volunteers working there as well (among them our Secretary Linda Koski), painting, installing laminate flooring, cleaning, ect... Fr. Michele and myself rolled up our sleeves and did our little part as well ... We hope to finish soon and to have this room available for the many activities coming up in September. All this enthusiasm deeply moves me and pushes me to move forward because I dream of a parish that is run by people who offer their best wholeheartedly, not for economic interest, but for the glory of God and that includes us priests... So I throw this out to you for your consideration, as an opportunity to praise God: if you wish to give us a hand perhaps with your skills as carpenter, mason, electrician,... or financial support for one of these projects (because there are many expenses to be met), please reach out to me: I will be very grateful to you and "the Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:4).

God bless!

Fr. Giovanni

St. Theresa Reflection...

"Be not afraid... He is here at hand. He is watching."- St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"...to be distributed each according to his needs."

Acts 4:34

As a parish we gave \$5850.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of August 19/20.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

First Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

First Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30



In Memoriam

Host: Parishioner Intentions
Wine: Parishioner Intentions
Sanctuary Lamp: Parishioner Intentions

Saturday, August 26

7:00 AM Reynaldo Guaio, Sr. * Dorothy Leonard
 9:00 AM Rocco Genova * Carmela
 5:30 PM Alexander D'Addio, Jr. (6th Ann.) * Wife,
 Joanne & Family

Sunday, August 27

7:30 AM Barry Kaverick * Joe Ferry
 9:00 AM Elisa Aiello (16th Ann.) * Francesco Aiello
 9:30 AM June Zoeller * Social Concerns
 12:00 PM Gloria Radzion * Barbara
 5:00 PM Michele Fiamingo * Cathy Kokai

Monday, August 28

7:00 AM Maureen Mancino * Democratic Club
 9:00 AM Jamie DeRocco * Denise LoForte
 7:30 PM John (27th Ann.) & Bernice (11th Ann.) Cerpial
 * The Vallejo Family

Tuesday, August 29

7:00 AM James McNally (13th Ann.) * Dorothy McNally
 9:00 AM William Pallitto * Wife, Angie
 9:00 AM Pasquale Cuppari * Cuppari Family

Wednesday, August 30

7:00 AM Michael Michitsch * Mom, Dad & Heidi
 9:00 AM Mattia Dama * McCarthy Family
 7:30 PM William Pallitto * Wife, Angie

Thursday, August 31

7:00 AM Rosa Fama * Tommaso & Rosa Pugliese
 9:00 AM Thomas J. Ledwith (38th Ann.) * The Harris Family

Friday, September 1

7:00 AM Maria Cristadore * Tommaso & Rosa Pugliese
 9:00 AM Rosa Cuppari * Francesca & Antonio Cuppari
 9:00 AM Pasquale Cuppari * Cuppari Family

Saturday, September 2

7:00 AM Aurora Teixeira * Daughter
 9:00 AM Florence & Silvio Pepe * Children
 5:30 PM George Morreale * Loving Wife, Joan & Children

Sunday, September 3

7:30 AM Barry Kaverick * Linda DelGurico
 9:00 AM Rosary Altar Society
 10:30 AM Anne (Nan) O'Connor * The Ollen Family
 12:00 PM Tessie & Frank Tarzia (11th Ann.) * AnnMarie,
 Bob & Christine Monahan
 3:00 PM Divine Mercy/Ernie Hammer * Calemme Family
 5:00 PM June Zoeller * Linda McMenamin

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/>

- September 4 - No Meeting
- September 11- Ezekiel 25—48
- September 25 Daniel

VISIT WITH THE CARDINAL!

As announced in Fr. Giovanni's recent column: **Friday, September 15, 2017** the Archbishop of Newark, Cardinal William J. Tobin, will visit our Deanery (number 23) calling the parishioners who belong to the parishes comprised within this Deanery to a communal celebration of the Mass followed by a light reception and a meeting with "town hall" style questions. The place chosen for this meeting is the **Parish of the Holy Spirit, located at 984 Suburban Road, Union.** The Mass will start at **7:30 pm** and will be followed by "Q&A" assembly. This gathering is a unique opportunity to meet the Shepherd of our local Church, to listen to him and to ask him questions. As the vibrant parish that we are, we have a twofold chance on this occasion: first, to actively participate in the liturgy presided by the Cardinal by offering our ministerial services in any way we are confident and experienced (as lectors, cantors, musicians, ministers of hospitality, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist...). We will all have the opportunity to ask questions and can be assured that the Cardinal will answer these questions with his usual straightforwardness and warmth. How wonderful would it be to participate in large number, also to manifest to the Head of our local Church that the parishioners of St. Theresa Church love and support him.



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.

THE KENILWORTH SENIORS HOST A TRIP TO RESORTS CASINO IN ATLANTIC CITY EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

The cost is \$32.00 in comp dollars. A 50/50 and Bingo will be played on the way down and a movie and a snack on the return trip. For information call Emily Grimaldi at (908) 272-6329

**ST. THERESA CHURCH / DUMPSTER DAY
COME JOIN THE FUN!**

Due to complications beyond our control, we will have to postpone our clean up date.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Friday, September 1st, for the First Friday Exposition and Devotion including the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the 9am Mass.

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Archdiocese of Newark*

The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States even among Catholic universities.

*Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. In addition to alumni who hail from this diocese, Catholic University claims **one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious as alumni.** In Washington D.C., the University provides an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students through its 12 schools.*

Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity. You can learn more at: Collection.cua.edu.

**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.

GET YOUR ST. THERESA STALLIONS GEAR!

"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.

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!

ST. THERESA CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning Saturday, September 16 confession will be offered beginning at 4:00PM and will continue to be offered after all weekday Masses.