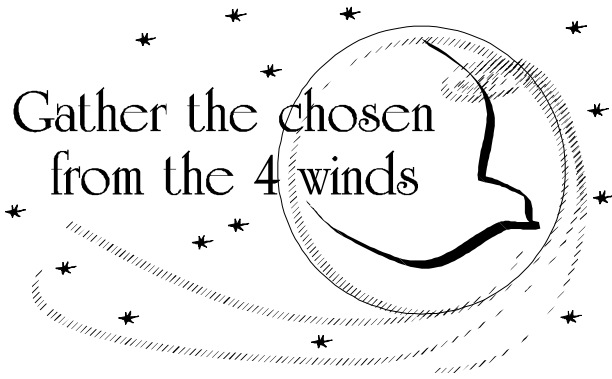


33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2009



Intentions for the Week of November 15 th	
Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles	--
Altar Bread	Wally Walborn
Altar Wine	Clinton Eckert Sr.

Masses for the Week		
Mon., November 16	7:00AM	Clinton Eckert Sr.
Tues., November 17	7:00AM	John G. Cline
Wed., November 18	7:00AM	Edna Will
		Anna Costantino
Thurs., November 19	7:00AM	Peter Kostuchik
Friday, November 20	7:00AM	John & Dorothy Hayowyk
Sat., November 21	7:00AM	Thomas Ahern
	5:00PM	Elizabeth & Stephen Bradley
Sunday, November 22	7:45AM	Angelina Formato
		Maryann Loughran
	9:00AM	Joseph Evangelista
		Angelo & Mary Stabile
	10:30AM	Wilhelmina Danis
	12:00PM	Diane Brameyer
		Lawrence Pribula
		Pauline Gearity

Intentions for the Week November 22 nd	
Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles	--
Altar Bread	---
Altar Wine	Francis Burbridge

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income Last Weekend	\$13,904.50
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$16,101.00

From Father Davis: "Generosity is a strong sign of God's presence within us. Tithing is a bright light of generosity and trust in God. The world around us needs to see this generosity and trust in all of us. We really reflect Christ in our world. Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!"

From the Pews: "We are seniors on a limited income, but we decided instead of going to breakfast after Mass, we would go home, cook breakfast and use the money to increase our donation to God. We will continue this plan as long as we can financially. Thank you for the opportunity to give back to God."

Free Hospital Bed
 Call Janet Zymroz at 973-927-3665.

From the Pastor's Desk

FLU SEASON

I've been asked many, many times with everyone's concerns about the swine flu and flu season and two elements of our liturgy. May I make it clear:

1. The Sign of Peace - It is not necessary to shake hands, but it would be very inappropriate not to acknowledge in some way the peace of the Lord in some way – a smile, a bow, the words "Peace be with you", etc.
2. Receiving the Eucharist from the Sacred Cup – The sacred body and blood of Jesus is present in both sacred elements of the Eucharist. You do not have to receive both the bread and the wine to receive the Lord. So, if you choose, for a time, to refrain from drinking from the Sacred Cup of the Precious Blood, that certainly is your option, but the reality is that you have received Communion.

Fr. Davis



The St. Therese Youth Group will be hosting a "Bake Sale" on Sunday, Nov. 15th before and after all masses in the atrium. During the year, these young people enjoy a variety of activities such as performing in our First Noel and Stations of the Cross presentations. Please stop by our table and pick up some goodies! We hope to see you at our First Noel performance on Dec. 6th.

**ROXBURY CLERGY COUNCIL
 THANKSGIVING**

The Roxbury Clergy Council Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held at Ledgewood Baptist Church, 231 Main Street, Ledgewood at 7PM on Sunday, Nov. 22nd. All of our parishioners are invited to join with the other houses of religion in our township to thank God for His many blessings and graces. As always everyone who is attending is asked to bring an item of food for the pantry or a financial gift to support the needy of our community. Please mark your calendar and join us on Sunday evening.

OUR PARISH THANKSGIVING

Our Parish Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 9AM on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 26th. It is always a very joyful and great celebration of Thanksgiving for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us as a community, family, and individuals. As is our tradition we will be distributing loaves of blessed bread at the end of the liturgy to be taken home by everyone present to be used in their Thanksgiving blessing as they begin their Thanksgiving meal. We would also like to invite all present to join us after the service for coffee and...sponsored by our Hospitality Committee.

Free Walkers, Canes, Wheel Chairs
 Call Merry Heart Nursing Home at 973-584-4000 X 1185.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Every year St. Therese hosts a Christmas Luncheon for the senior citizens of our community in the school auditorium. This year it is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4th, from approximately 8:30AM to 2:00PM. Doors will open on Dec. 4th, at 10:45AM. No one will be admitted before that time. The luncheon will begin with the choir performing at 11:45AM promptly.

TICKET SIGN-UP: Any senior who is a parishioner of St. Therese, who does not belong to either of the senior citizen clubs in town, and who wishes to attend the Christmas Luncheon, can sign-up in the atrium this weekend. Tickets can be picked up in the atrium on the weekends of Nov 21/22nd and November 28/29th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of all kinds of volunteers to help with serving, kitchen, cloakroom, etc. If you can spare us any or all of the time please sign up in the Atrium, or call Irene Preuss at 584-0643.

COOKIES NEEDED: We have a goal of 4,000 cookies for the luncheon. Any and all parishioners who can volunteer to bake and bring in cookies are asked to drop them off in the All Purpose Room on the last weekend of this month.



Gift Card / Gift Certificate UPDATE

Sales: October 11 th – November 8 th	\$72,550.00
Families participating per week	78
Amount raised for the parish – 5%.	\$3,627.50

Thanks for your continued support of our program. Please consider joining for your regular weekly food shopping. We have Shop Rite, A&P, Pathmark, and Sussex Meat. If you have any questions please ask at the table in the atrium.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser

The 8th grade of St. Therese School will be sponsoring a fundraiser from noon – 9pm, at *Pizza Hut* (adjacent to the Ledgewood Mall), on Route 10 East, Succasunna on Monday, November 16, 2009 to defray graduation costs. Please bring the coupon below with you and turn it in with your check so that the class will receive the proper credit. Additional coupons will be available at the school and at *Pizza Hut* that day if needed. Come and take out or dine in with family and friends. We appreciate your support and would like to thank all for supporting the Macy and Bensi fundraisers in the past.

Fundraiser Ticket

20% of bearer's purchase will be donated
to:

St. Therese School Grade 8

Please present to server or delivery driver

THE FIRST NOEL

Once again, the time of year has come when we celebrate the greatest gift ever given to humankind ~ the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The peace and serenity of the true meaning of Christmas will be depicted by the youth of our parish as they perform their Living Nativity presentation, **The First Noel**. This presentation is a wonderfully moving performance that will leave you with the feeling of peace, hope, and rejuvenation as you prepare for Christmas Day. Experience the night when Shepherds witnessed angels and a bright shining star high above Bethlehem. See the Wise Men come before King Herod on their journey to a stable where the newborn king lay asleep in the hay. Watch Mary and Joseph tend over their newborn son in a lowly manger as all around them, the Glory of the Lord was being announced by choirs of Angels!



There will be 2 performances on **Sunday, December 6th**. The first will be an afternoon show at **4:00 pm** and the second at **7:30 pm**. This presentation is a must see for all families. Our performances have become quite popular so arrive early to ensure a good seat. If you need a spiritual lift this Christmas season, you will definitely want to be here for **The First Noel!**

Travel Club Meeting

The Travel Club Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 @ 7:30P in the All Purpose Room. Take a break from your Christmas shopping and take a look at some very nice trips we have planned. We will be looking at the Oberammergau's Passion Play and a visit to Bavaria; the National Parks and even a trip to Australia. Don't miss this great opportunity to look at some very interesting trips scheduled for 2010. To schedule your attendance or for further information contact Pat Howlett, (973)895-9150 or email at phboomerang@optonline.net

Liturgy Corner

In the following weeks, we will be breaking down the various elements of the liturgy and their purpose.

Liturgy of the Word

Perhaps the easiest prayer is the Liturgy of the Word. During The Liturgy of the Word we come together to Listen and to thank God for His gifts. When the word is spoken at liturgy, God is speaking to us 'live'. We're not listening to something God once said. We're not being taught a lesson. The living God is speaking 'live' to us here and now. It is God, today, speaking to our hearts and souls. How does this occur? For starters, by really listening! Like, sitting in the sun and absorbing its rays, really listening helps us to absorb and open ourselves to take in the message God has for us this day. It is broken down into eight parts: a

1. **The First Reading:** -The Hebrew Scriptures: The first reading is mostly chosen from the Old Testament but during Easter we read from the "Acts of the Apostles". This reading usually harmonizes with the Gospel reading.
2. **The Responsorial Psalm:** The Psalm reflects themes in the readings. The Psalm consists of an antiphon. This is a vehicle of prayer and praise - an atmosphere of prayer within which the readings occur.
3. **The Second Reading** - The Christian Scriptures: This reading is usually from one of the letters in the New Testament which may also include the Book of Acts or the Book of Revelations.
4. **The Gospel - Alleluia:** "Alleluia" Heralds the Gospel. The congregation sings while the deacon goes to the altar where the Book of the Gospels is enthroned. He lifts the book and, accompanied by servants (altar servers) with candles (symbol of Christ' light), processes with the Gospels held high.
5. **The Gospel Reading:** The Gospel is the climax of the liturgy of the word. Catholic faith teaches that in proclaiming the Gospel, Christ is truly present to the community. For this reason the community stands to witness to Christ's resurrection which allows him to be present to his people. As the deacon or priest introduce the Gospels all in the community sign themselves with the sign of the cross traced on the forehead, the lips and over the heart. This signing reminds us "Christ in my thoughts" <forehead>, "Christ from my lips or what I say" <lips> and "Christ in my heart" <over the heart>. The community affirms in faith by responding, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ".
6. **The Homily** (or mini-sermon): The Scriptures are not always easy to understand and apply to present life. For this reason the homily breaks open the Scriptures, showing how the word of God addresses us today. What import does the Gospel have for our lives today, for the world we live in, for issues in the community forum?
7. **Profession of Faith:** The Creed is a written profession summarizing the community's search for an ever deepening understanding of Jesus and His message.
8. **General Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful):** The people petition God for the needs of the Church, society, the parish, people in need, the sick and suffering, and those who have died. They direct our faith, which has been deepened through prayer and listening to God's word, to specific situations today. These prayers conclude the Liturgy of the Word.

St. Therese Liturgy Committee

Dear St. Therese family & friends,

Again, Vivian and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support over the last few months during my transplant surgery and recovery. It has been a long journey for us and we are thrilled to be home!

We also want say thank you for your loving "Welcome Home" by holding a special Thanksgiving Prayer Service last Sunday night, as well as the previous two prayer services. I know in my heart that God answered all of us.

Our family appreciates you all for hanging in there with me and helping to pull me through! God bless you all!

Joe Sclafani & family

ST. THERESE'S SCHOOL THANKS YOU!

Once again the parishioners of St. Therese have shown their support of St. Therese School by participating in our Barnes and Noble book fair. On behalf of our principal, Sr. Mary, the faculty and students, I thank you for your generosity. Through the combined efforts of school and parish our book fair was a great success. *Sincerely, Joan DeLorenzo--Librarian*

Keep Christ in Christmas Christmas Card Program

The Knights of Columbus are selling boxes of religious Christmas Cards in the church atrium until December 20th as part of their charitable fund-raising campaign. The Knights support various charities including Hope House in Dover, the Dover Soup Kitchen, Birth Haven in Newton and Seminarian Support. The cards are available in various designs with a religious theme, including the Carols of Christmas, the Holy Family, and the Nativity. Also, boxes with an ethnic theme in Spanish, Polish, Italian and Tagalog will be available for special order. Call Tony Berlangieri at 973-584-6826.

2010 Entertainment Books

The Knights of Columbus are again selling Entertainment Books. The discount/coupon book can be purchased for \$30 each in the atrium after mass, from now until December 13th. Any questions contact Michael Moschella, 973-538-2242.

"Joy to the World, the Lord is Come" DRAWING CONTEST – KIDS AGES 3-17

Bon Venture Services, our weekly church bulletin publisher is hosting a drawing contest..."Joy to the World, The Lord is Come". They are inviting children, ages 3 – 17, to submit an illustration of the Joy that Christmas brings as we on earth receive our King! All entries must be submitted by November 6th and winners will be notified by November 21st. The winners of each category will receive a \$100 American Express Gift Check plus their illustration will be offered as a Special Bulletin Cover for this Christmas Season. Download a copy of the entry form to participate. Good Luck!
www.bonventure.net/christmascontest2009.html.

PRO LIFE CORNER

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

The St Therese Pro Life Committee wishes to thank all the people who supported last year's Spiritual Adoption program with prayers and financial and material support. The culmination of the program was our baby shower last May, through your generosity, we were able to provide much needed items for all the young mothers at Birth Haven.

2009-2010 Spiritual Adoption

This weekend, after all the Masses, members of the St Therese Pro Life Committee will be in the Atrium to sign up participants for our 2009-2010 Spiritual Adoption program.



The Spiritual Adoption Program asks participants to choose a blue or pink card, write a baby's name to the card, and pray every day for the end to abortion. The culmination of the Spiritual Adoption takes place in May 2010, when we will host a baby shower to honor all the mothers who chose life. Signup in the atrium or Call Liz Smith, Chairperson ProLife Committee, 973-584-5531 to join in.

Tropicana – Christmas Show

The lucky day is Sunday, November 22nd, to join the Knights of Columbus Assembly #1562 on a bus trip to the Tropicana Casino. Coffee and at 8:30am, Bus leaves from Home Goods, the Village Green Shopping Center, at 9:00am sharp and returns at approx 9:00pm. Price is \$35 per person and includes breakfast and snacks on the bus and a ticket to the Christmas show 34th Street! Call Louis Isidori for more information 973-691-2289.

LADIES' DAY-IN CONFERENCE



*"Keeping
Christ in
Christmas and
Family Life"*

Special Advent Speaker: Marie Ryan -- Marie is the Consultant for our Diocesan Family Life Office. She is the former Respect for Life Consultant. She has her Masters in Pastoral Ministry and Spiritual Life. She is married for thirty-three years with four children and one grandchild.

Bring real JOY into your holidays and family!

St. Therese Church All-Purpose Room

Friday, December 4, 2009 9:00 -- 11:00 a.m.

R.S.V.P. Theresa Solazzo @ TLCS5@ hotmail.com
or 973-927-3978

ATTENTION:

Why Catholic? Small Groups

The Evangelization Team reminds all **"Why Catholic?"** participants that we will meet as a group on Thursday, November 19th and Monday, November 23rd here in the Church from 7 PM to 9 PM. You only need to attend one session. However, we ask that you register for a class so we may plan accordingly for the evening. Call Terri 973-927-3116.

All have been invited to submit discussion questions that are related to the **"Why Catholic?"** journey. If you did not leave your completed questionnaire with your SCL but brought your form with you today please drop the form in the **"Why Catholic?"** box in the Atrium.

CYO BASKETBALL KICKOFF CELEBRATION

We begin our new CYO Basketball season with a celebratory Mass on Saturday, November 21, at 5:00 pm. All CYO athletes and their families are urged to attend, and are asked to wear their jerseys over their shirts. Please join us for this special celebration of the sportsmanship and faith which is shared by our CYO athletes.

BREAKFAST & PHOTO WITH SANTA

St. Therese H.S.A. invites you and your family to meet *Santa* on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00am – 12noon in the school auditorium. In addition to a professional photograph, a hot buffet breakfast and beverages will be served; there will be arts & crafts activities for the kids, candy canes, and holiday music to kick off the season. The costs and signup will be next weekend. This was a great event last year and Santa is expecting a lot of guests so please mark your calendars or call Jen Doherty at 973-252-0721.



TRICKY TRAY

Morristown Catholic Young Adults of Notre Dame are excited to announce our first TRICKY TRAY! The event will take place on November 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 90 Whippany Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. We have great prizes such as a GPS, Digital Camera and a 42" Plasma TV!! Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Bring your own dinner, light refreshments will available for purchase. Pre-register a whole table (10 people) or bring a donation for the food pantry and receive extra tickets! Visit <http://www.mcya.us/trickytray/> for more information!



PARISH PANTRY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, November 22nd will be Parish Pantry Sunday. Our Pantry serves Roxbury Township's Social Services Department. Please bring any food or personal hygiene items to the atrium before mass.

Pray for those in need of the Lord's healing - especially for: Robert Kuper, Marilyn Steets, Joseph Sciafani, Eileen Redfern, Janet Hastings, Patricia Muccione, Chris & Robbie Rozyla, Jim & Frances Favo, Elizabeth Tasnady, Brian Sercus, Theresa A., Pat DeFelice, Anthony Anello, Veronica Beers, Marie Lepre, Barbara Lupia, Father Davis, Sister Mary.



REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First and third Thursday of each month at 8:00PM at the VFW Hall in Kenvil. Call Grand Knight Al Consoli at 973- 584-0033 or by email to ajc89@optonline.net.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Second Monday of each month Sept.-May. Mass at 7pm, Rosary after Communion, meeting follows in the All Purpose Room. Call Eileen Redfern at 201-317-8691.

ST. THERESE ADULT SINGLES: Third Monday of each month, 7:30pm in the All Purpose Room. Open to all singles, widowed, divorced, separated, male & female. Call Pat Bilancia 584-2209.

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE: Second Thursday of each month Sept. – May. 7pm recitation of the Rosary at the Tabernacle followed by meeting at 7:30pm. Call Liz Smith at 973-584-5531 or by email to lsmith555@optonline.net

ST. THERESE PRAYER GROUP: Every Wednesday evening, Mass at 7:00pm in the Church. Open to everyone. Call Lucy Balko at 862-219-5794.



Smoke Free games start on Sunday at 7:00PM and on Monday at 7:30PM in the school auditorium. Join us!

Religious Education / CCD Grades 1-8

- Gr 2 PARENT MEETING** Reminder: Nov. 17 or Nov. 18 @ 7pm. One parent is required to attend one of the two sessions offered. Detailed letters were mailed home.
- ADVENT MISSION:** Detailed email was sent home last week. Please bring donations to CCD classes or rel.ed.office. Deadline for donations: 12/16.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Class of 2010 and 2011 Schedules for all Faith Theme Sessions, Teen Masses and other important events can be found on our parish website: Just click on SACRAMENTS - CONFIRMATION.

The next teen mass is November 29th at 7:00pm.

St. Therese School

"Principal 's News"

Vol. I, Issue I

We are proud of the accomplishments this year in the way of curriculum enhancements. Technology has been the focus during the summer months and well into the new school year. Programs and new equipment that have been introduced thus far are:

Reading Counts – an enrichment program for students in grades 1 – 3 that allows them to work at their own pace and track their progress through the grades. Grades 4 – 6 will participate in the program for the 2010-2011 school year.

Writing RoadMap – an online program offered through the **Diocese of Paterson's School Office**. Students receive writing prompts throughout the year and work over short or long term time periods but receive instant feedback from the scoring component of the program. In April, grades 4 and 7 will take a test with Writing RoadMap to assess their writing skills.

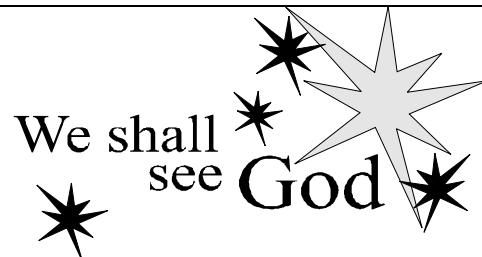
Weather Station – this WeatherNet station was donated to our school during the summer and students in all grades may use it for science classes as it delivers "real-time" information regarding temperature, humidity, dew point, wind chill, rainfall, etc.

In addition, St. Therese School has joined with the parish in establishing their new website, www.stthereserobury.org. If you are interested in our school feel free to log on and click on the link for "school." We will be happy to entertain your questions.

God bless you!

Sr. Mary Elizabeth Davies, S.C.
School Principal

MINISTRY SCHEDULE



November 21/22	5:00PM	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J. Wolf K. Ahern D. Bogdan T. Bolger C. Buczynski G. Buczynski	L. Coakley S. Crowley Sr. M. Davies K. Downey B. Goehner D. Goehner	D. Ryder A. Salerno J. Salerno E. Scahill S. Tygar G. Wolan	L. Canfield F. Day J. Dignazio M. Falzarano M. Grant S. Griffin	A. Mazzone E. Meisenbacher M. Meneses J. Osborne H. Puzio G. Sandelli
Lectors	A. Carroll	C. Fitzgerald	J. Potters	Children's Liturgy	L. Catalano
Altar Servers	M. Przitulsky K. Rotella C. Silverman	M. Birrer N. Birrer S. Birrer	D. Podlaski J. Scardigno D. Smethy	D. Padron L. Padron D. Squier	J. Kobza J. Lawrence C. Lenge
Liturgy of the WORD for Young Children	For Young Children in grades K, 1 & 2 - No registration is required. During the 10:30am mass, the children process out of the sanctuary into the Church Atrium and Sacristy. The readings and a homily are presented at their level of understanding.			Presider: Deacon Tony Atrium: S. Mendelsohn Sacristy: L. Otto	
Nursing Home	R. & K. Dul / F. Calabrese				
Soup Kitchen	Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen.		Servers: J. & D. Neish, T. & B. Stank, Girl Scout Troop Cookers: C. Saks, J. & J. Cascio, M. & L. Katz, L. Petrucelli		