

**First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2009**

Behold, I will
fulfill the promise



Intentions for the Week of November 29th

Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles	Jim & Colleen Whelan 45 th Wedding Anniversary
Altar Bread	---
Altar Wine	Emil Gambrella

Masses for the Week

Mon., November 30	7:00AM	Phylis Anagnos
Tues., December 1	7:00AM	Alessia Alborea
Wed., December 2	7:00AM	John Latuga
Thurs., December 3	7:00AM	Retinno, McKnight & Cordileone Families
Friday, December 4	7:00AM	Warren Cullen
	11:00AM	Mary Griswold
Sat., December 5	7:00AM	Roy Viola, Sr.
	5:00PM	Harold Barrett
Sunday, December 6	7:45AM	The People of St. Therese
	9:00AM	Anthony Tamaro Alice & Albert Ivanitz Deceased Members of the Holmes Family
	10:30AM	Jessie & Rocco Caggiano
	12:00PM	Pauline Gearity

Intentions for the Week December 6th

Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles	---
Altar Bread	---
Altar Wine	---

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income Last Weekend	\$14, 939.50
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$13,361.75

From Father Davis: "Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God."

From the Pews: "It's scary to think we can afford it - 3 kids, a house payment, cost of living, etc. But if I believe everything else the Bible tells me, why shouldn't I believe God when He tells me to tithe? We are willing to take the leap of faith; every week I pray we survive."

Free Hospital Bed

Call Janet Zymroz at 973-927-3665.

From the Pastor's Desk

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" that began in June, 2009. He also declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests. This fall, there will be four relics of St. John Vianney that will be sent around to the parishes of the diocese, so that each parish will have one of these relics for a particular weekend during this year. Our parish will host the relic on the weekend of December 12/13th. We are planning to participate in this diocesan initiative with special prayers and a novena for the intercession of St. John Vianney. I will share more details of our plans next weekend.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE ENVELOPE

Make your weekly or monthly donations to St. Therese through on line banking! You can budget your annual tithe to St. Therese the same way you pay your other bills on line. Simply calculate your yearly tithe; divide by 12; and setup a recurring payment to St. Therese Church at the rectory address. Don't forget to use the account number that appears on your offering envelopes. We will continue to maintain your annual donation record for tax purposes. Then, you never have to worry about forgetting your envelope - in fact, you can leave your envelope at home!

Religious Retirement Fund

Next weekend, December 5-6th, we will have a speaker for the Retirement Fund for Religious for the Paterson Diocese. We ask you to be as generous as you can for these dedicated, senior citizens of the church who have dedicated their lives to Our Lord's Service.

Fr. Davis

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday, December 8th. The mass schedule is as follows: On Monday, December 7th the vigil mass is at 7:30pm. Masses on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00am, 8:30am, 12noon, and 7:30pm.

2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Now More Than Ever

Last weekend was Pledge Commitment Weekend for the 2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet responded, please consider making a pledge today by completing an Appeal pledge envelope found in the sacristy. There are many opportunities for giving, from making a one-time gift to pledging over several months to credit card and on-line giving. Every single gift is important, so please make a decision to support the work of the Church of Paterson by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. Now more than ever, your help is needed!

Pray for those in need of the Lord's healing - especially

for: Robert Kuper, Marilyn Steets, Joseph Sclafani, Eileen Redfern, Janet Hastings, Patricia Muccione, Chris & Robbie Rozyla, Jim & Frances Favo, Elizabeth Tasnady, Brian Sercus, Theresa A., Pat DeFelice, Anthony Avello, Marie Lepre, Barbara Lupia, Father Davis, Sister Mary.



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 PICK-UP: St. Therese parishioner's who signed up here at St. Therese for tickets to the Christmas luncheon, may pick up their tickets in the atrium this weekend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are still 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: **HELP! HELP!**

Please help us meet our 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 this weekend.



Vocations Discernment Weekend for young men 15-25.

"Quo Vadis - Where are you going?" Legend tells us that Saint Peter asked Jesus this question on the outskirts of Rome. We know where Jesus went in response to His Father's will. What is the Father's will for you? **Quo Vadis Days** are a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and discussion to help you explore our Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, etc.), hiking, games, bonfires, recreation and sports (soccer, capture the flag, volleyball, swimming, ultimate frisbee, flag football), talks, great food and discussions. **A time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will.** It will be held Sunday morning, July 18th thru Wednesday evening, July 21, 2010, at the Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center in Ringwood, New Jersey. The cost is free. For more information and/or registration, contact Fr. Thomas Fallone, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Paterson, NJ at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711 or vocationdirector@patersondiocese.org.

GIVING TREE



The annual Giving Tree with Christmas gift tags will be in the atrium of the church Nov. 28/29th. Please consider helping the needy families of the Roxbury community have a brighter Christmas! Please return the gifts, wrapped, with the tags attached by Sunday, December 13th.

CHRISTMAS TREES

St. Paul's Abbey on Route 206, one mile south of Newton, has large fields of Christmas trees where you can *choose'n cut* your own tree. Sales days are November 27th until Sunday December 20th, 9am - 4pm.



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, a Santa Shop, a Magic Elf Show, candy canes and holiday music to kick off the season. The cost is \$20 per family (parent/child), \$25 per family of 4, \$5 each additional. Signup sheets are in the atrium. 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.



St. Therese School News

St. Therese School is pleased to announce that three of our students placed first, second and third place in this year's Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. The theme was "When Should Veterans Be Honored?" We congratulate the following students and their teacher, Diana Shagawat:

1 st place -	Danielle Gede
2 nd place -	Lauren Casabona
3 rd place -	Carolyn Silverman

The contest was sponsored by the VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary #2833 in Kenil. All three students will receive awards presented by the VFW Post after the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It is with a great sense of joy that we as a Catholic community welcome the newest members of St. Therese Family.

Welcome to those who were baptized in November:

Dante Stephen Aiello	Matthew Garrett Donnelly
Nicole Julia Benson	Zachary Donovan Maikisch
Haulden David Burke	Anthony Joseph Morse
Dominick Stephen Cassella	Daniel Vincenzo Recchia
Elena Marie Cassella	Alani Leileen Torres
Ava Estelle Cipolla	

♥ Wedding Announcements ♥

Our parish joyfully announces the marriage of:

♥ Gregory Morley and Nicole Cesa, both of St. Therese, on Saturday, November 7th.

We offer Greg & Nicole our sincere congratulations, prayerful support and encouragement as they enter into the Sacrament of Marriage.

Liturgy Corner

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

Next Sunday is the beginning of the Liturgical season of Advent. Advent, which means 'coming', celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ and takes place during the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas.

The season of Advent is the beginning of the church year. It is noted as such because it corresponds to the beginning of Jesus' life. Advent focuses on Christ's coming in the past, present, and the future, and is traditionally celebrated with readings that reflect each time period.

The Color of vestments and decor during the season is purple. The main visual symbol of Advent is the Advent Wreath, featuring four candles---three purple and one pink. During the season, the wreath is lit at the Saturday evening masses and the 7:45 mass on Sunday mornings. For the first, second and fourth Sundays, the purple candles are lit. The third Sunday the pink is lit. Each week's celebration holds a different meaning and the accompanying prayer, while lighting the wreath, reflects those meanings.

Here at St Therese we emphasis the anticipation of the season by including a reflective reading at the beginning of Sunday liturgies. After the Celebrant processes in to a verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", he will welcome the congregation and then we all will sit while the reflection is read. There will be a few seconds for meditation and then we will all again stand and sing one more refrain of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". The priest will then commence with the liturgy starting with the opening prayer. It should also be noted that during the season of Advent, the Gloria is not proclaimed.

Different churches have different traditions for the season, but the spirit of Advent remains the same--celebrating the prophecy of Christ's birth as well as his actual birth. Although Advent is usually celebrated at church, may Christians celebrate it at home by placing an Advent wreath on their dining table and gathering together as a family to continue the church experience.

St. Therese Liturgy Committee

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.

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

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION-UPDATE

Thank you to 65 of our parish children who gathered last Saturday to assist with preparations for the Senior Luncheon, which will be held at St. Therese in December. May God bless you for remembering that Jesus asks us to love our neighbor as our self! Stay tuned for another opportunity to put your "faith into action" this winter!

RESPECT LIFE RAFFLE VOLVO V50 WINNER

The winning raffle is 44712 purchased by Josephine DiDomenico of Landisville NJ. We thank all who made this fundraiser a great success. Morris County grossed about \$36,800.00 from churches, good for second place just behind Middlesex with Monmouth third, Bergen a close fourth. We had two different churches break 2K this year, Notre Dame Mount Carmel in Cedar Knolls with \$2,829 and Resurrection Randolph with \$2,080. Notable are increases at St. Matthew the Apostle to 1,010 and St. Margaret's Morristown with \$1,580. Best little church is Sacred Heart of Jesus Rockaway Borough with \$830. Morris County Right To Life will get 30% of net proceeds and 13 parishes so far have applied for 10% rebate to their parish Right To Life group. God bless you all. We're bringing New Jersey Back to Life!

Theology on Tap

How to find God in your everyday life?

Featuring Guest Speaker: Mike Sabella

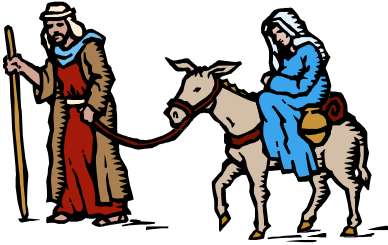
Wednesday, December 9th at 7:30pm

Kennedy's Pub, 112 Route 46, Budd Lake, 973-347-4711

Open to single and married young adults between the ages of 18-39, ToT offers a chance to hear great talks, discuss faith issues in a relaxed social setting and meet other people. The talk will begin at 7:30pm. Immediately following the keynote, there will be time for questions, as well as more time to mingle and enjoy the terrific food. There will be no entrance fee: but once inside, please support Kennedy's by ordering from the fantastic menu.

Please contact Darlene Wade for more details.

youth@stjudeparish.org or (973) 691-0038, ext. 19



St. Therese Youth Ministry present a
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!

Sunday, December 6, 2009

At St. Therese Church, 151 Main Street, Succasunna, NJ

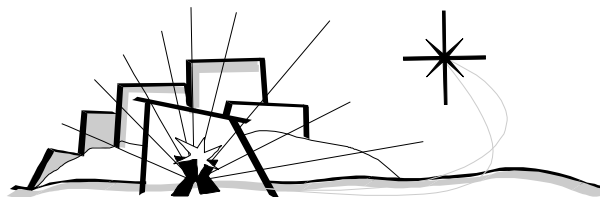
4:00 pm performance

7:30 pm performance

Each child will receive a small gift that they can take home and enjoy during the Christmas Season.

Updated scenes ~ New music ~ Over 40 cast members

This presentation is a must see for all families. Also, come listen to some of our youth singing traditional Christmas carols before the evening presentation. 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. If you need a spiritual lift this Christmas season, you will definitely want to be here for **The First Noel!**



THEY WENT IN HASTE AND FOUND THEM IN THE MANGER

This performance is a play presentation with inspiring music. It is given as a gift to those who attend. No tickets are required. Our performances have become quite popular so arrive early to ensure a good seat.

ATTENTION GRANDPARENTS

"The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity."(CCC no.1666)

Due to the overwhelming interest in our Spiritual GRAND-parenting program we have scheduled a second kick-off conference for January 9, 2010 at St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison, NJ. The 3-hour conference will begin with Mass at 9AM and conclude at noon.

"How does a grandmother speak to a child who has left the Church and does not want the grandchild baptized?" "How does a grandfather speak to his grandson who is struggling with an addiction?" "How do grandparents speak of faith to a child/grandchild with terminal illness?"

These are just a few of the challenges that today's grandparents face. Do you have 2-3 grandparents in your parish who might be interested in becoming part of a new and exciting parish ministry? If so, please send contact information (including your email addresses) to Ginger Kamenitzer at gkamenitzer@patersondiocese.org. We are planning the second conference and would like to include as many grandparents from the diocese as possible.

Please contact us by December 15th so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to working with your single or married grandparents.

God bless you in all your evangelization efforts!

Ginger Kamenitzer 973-464-0652 cell

Sister Mary Joseph Schultz SisterMary@patersondiocese.org
973-879-6397 cell

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 Redfem 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!

HOPE HOUSE

Please join us for an “Hour of Hope”.

Come meet the Hope House staff and learn about our services and clients served.

December 3, 2009 – 6:00pm

January 20, 2010 – 8:30am

February 11, 2010 – 6:00pm

March 16, 2010 – 8:30am

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP please contact Angela at 973-361-5555 x 143.

World AIDS Day, December 1, 2009

“Universal Access & Human Rights”

10:45am play “*Between the Seams*” at Sussex County College We plan to transport a limited number of folks to a very special theater production. The theater company, AIDS Theater Project NY, is coming from the city to present this powerful, professional play. It is free. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE** as transportation is limited. We are looking for client drivers to volunteer. Our Pete Lopez Quilt will be on display. 12:45 lunch back at Hope House (RSVP required). Please register with Sr. Robert if you wish to attend.

Religious Education / CCD Grades 1-8

- SCHEDULE “BUMP”** Reminder: no classes meet the week of Thanksgiving. Next “A” classes on Dec. 1/2, next “B” classes Dec. 8/9. Unsure which your child attends? Check their textbook cover or call the office. Full year schedule is always available under religious education on our parish website www.StThereseRoxbury.org
- ADVENT MISSION COLLECTION** is on-going. We are collecting new blankets, new board games and home-made Christmas cards for the residents of Catholic Charities programs. Please bring donations to CCD class or to the Rel. Ed. office M-Th before 3 PM. Deadline for donations: Dec. 16th.
- SNOW CLOSING POLICY** It’s getting to be close to that time of year! If CCD classes are canceled due to inclement weather, we will (1) send a blast email to parents (2) post a notice on the parish website www.StThereseRoxbury.org (3) leave a recorded message on the office line 973-584-9444. Cancelled classes are not re-scheduled; home assignments are issued to make up the hours.
- QUARTERS FOR COLUMBIA:** check your email for an important letter from Fr. Davis asking the students to bring one quarter each to their next CCD class. Monies collected will go toward candies Fr. Luis Carlos will be sending to the needy children in his hometown in Columbia.

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.

Vespers

The Sisters of Christian Charity, 350 Bernardsville Rd., Mendham, invite you to join us on each Sunday during Advent for Vespers, the evening prayer of the church, at 4:30pm in the convent chapel. We are located on Country Route 525 between Bernardsville (Route 202) and Mendham (Route 24).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 5/6	5:00PM	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	S. Haggerty D. Kendzior M. Magi D. Monico K. Orlando M. Scerbo	D. Preuss I. Preuss C. Saks B. Sarate C. Schmidt B. Tasnady	M. Dajer T. DeCraine G. DeTogni J. Evangelista L. Evangelista P. Hefferan	D. Riegler A. Serpa D. Sparano L. Tumminello L. Adams L. Canfield	S. Conte L. Kali D. Kobza M. Kobza A. Mazzone S. Slobuski
Lectors	A. Carroll	R. Kirchdoerffer	D. Rasmussen	Children’s Liturgy	F. Slobuski
Altar Servers	S. Brutosky K. French J. Magarelli	D. Padron L. Padron E. Scerra	M. Brennan S. Brennan Jr. M. Burdorf	N. Damico N. Maguire C. Radler	S. Puzio G. Turiansky M. Corpuz
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: Fr. Bob Atrium: C. Christel Sacristy: D. Falk	
Nursing Home	J. Butler & J. Wolf				
Soup Kitchen	Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen.		Servers: C. Saks , M.K. Ciriaco, K. Miller, L. Brown, J. & L. Decker Cookers: K. McNear , M. Holland, K. Scardigno, M. Scerbo		