

**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 6, 2009**



**Intentions for the Week of December 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Masses for the Week**

Mon., December 7	7:00AM	John G. Cline
	7:30PM	Edward Waglin
Tues., December 8	7:00AM	Lillian & Anthony Cordileone
	8:30AM	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
	12:05PM	Elizabeth Bradley
Wed., December 9	7:30PM	Martin Rudolph
	7:00AM	Rose Trombetta
Thurs., December 10	7:00AM	Patricia Lane
Friday, December 11	7:00AM	Cathy Garry
Sat., December 12	7:00AM	Robert Forte
	5:00PM	The Ferrucci Family Antonio Circelli Genoffia & William Mirabile
Sunday, December 13	7:45AM	Rev. Robert Gordon
	9:00AM	Eugene Kirchdoerffer Lena & Sam Gambino Diane Brameyer
	10:30AM	Walter & Anna Skoczylas
	12:00PM	Pauline Gearity James Manley

**Intentions for the Week December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles	---
Altar Bread	Clinton Eckert Sr.
Altar Wine	---

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Tithing Income Last Weekend	\$15,788.25
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$14,303.00

*From Father Davis: "If you look for ME at Christmas, you won't need a special star — I'm no longer in Bethlehem, I'm right where you are. You may not be aware of ME amid the celebrations. You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations. But if you take a moment from your list of things to do and listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you. You're the one I want to be with. You're the reason that I came. And you'll find ME in the stillness as I'm whispering your name. "Love, Jesus."*

*From the Pews: "Tithing to see how God works in making and to His Church so we may continue to receive His graces."*

**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 12/13<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to participate in this diocesan initiative with a guest speaker and special prayers for the intercession of St. John Vianney.

**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**

This weekend we will have a speaker, Sister Mary DeBacco, 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 8<sup>th</sup>. The mass schedule is as follows: On Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> the vigil mass is at 7:30pm. Masses on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am, 8:30am, 12noon, and 7:30pm.

**2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

**Now More Than Ever**

Please take advantage of the remaining weeks of 2009 to make a year-end gift to our Bishop's Annual Appeal. We need the support of every parishioner to strengthen the vital ministries and programs that help so many people throughout Morris, Passaic and Sussex County. In addition, all parishes receive a 50% rebate of all funds that are received over their parish goal, so your generous response helps both our Diocese and our Parish. Thank you for your support!

**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.





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

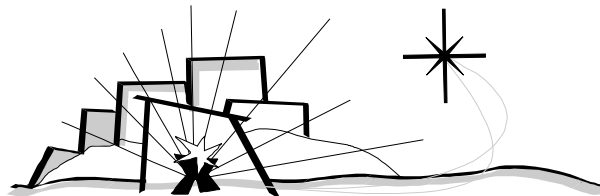
**4:00 pm performance**

**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.



### GIVING TREE

The annual Giving Tree with Christmas gift tags are in the atrium of the church this weekend. Please consider helping the needy families have a brighter Christmas!

REMEMBER: Please return the gifts, wrapped, with the tags attached by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> until Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 4pm.



### Come Celebrate Advent with Us!!

On Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, St. Therese Prayer Group will hold their Annual Advent Celebration. Singing of Christmas Carols will be followed by the celebration of Mass. Refreshments will follow in the Atrium.

*Everyone is invited – Bring your families!  
Children are most welcome!*

### 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).

NOTE from

Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Principal  
Dear Parishioners,

*As you know, I broke my hip and had surgery on October 30<sup>th</sup> for a partial hip replacement. Thanks to all of you for your prayers, good wishes and cards. I am now on the mend. I had two weeks at Kessler and now four weeks at St. Anne's Villa. My goal is to be home by Christmas.*

*I can't begin to thank all of you, especially for your prayers. Please keep them up and God bless all of you with a Blessed Christmas!*

Sr. Mary Elizabeth

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### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vocationdirector@patersondiocese.org).

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### Journey with the Saints of Advent

Quellen Spiritual Center, 350 Bernardsville Rd, Mendham, NJ is sponsoring a "Journey with the Saints of Advent", on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. The fee of \$20 includes beverages & snacks. For more information call Sr. Theresa SCC at 973-543-6528 x 217 or visit [www.quellenspiritualcenter.org](http://www.quellenspiritualcenter.org)

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### Cub Scout Pack 54 Holiday Blood Drive

There is a critical need for blood donations, especially during the holidays. Give the gift of life - be a blood donor! Cub Scout Pack 54 will be staging a Blood Drive on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Roxbury Community Center at Horseshoe Lake (72 Eyland Ave., Succasunna) from 8:45 am - 2:45 pm. If you have questions contact Bob Murphy at 973-632-5208 ([rjmurphy@att.com](mailto:rjmurphy@att.com)).



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### Assumption College for Sisters

Assumption College for Sisters welcomes lay people to register for the following courses in their Spring Session - January 11 - May 12<sup>th</sup>:

- Sacred Scripture II - Wednesdays, 9am - 11:45am
- Mystery of God - Tuesdays, 12:45pm - 3:30pm
- Mary and the Scriptures - Wednesdays, 12:45pm - 3:30pm
- Historical Introduction to Philosophy Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:30 - 11:45am

All courses are 3 credits, \$450/course for credit, \$225/course for audit. For registration and more information contact Sr. Gerardine Tantsits, SCC at 973-543-6528 x 228.

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### H.S.A. Annual Super 50-50

The St. Therese School H.S.A. is once again sponsoring their Super 50-50 raffle. Tickets are \$100.00 each and are limited to 750 tickets! The first prize winner will receive 37.5% of the proceeds with the second prize winner receiving 12.5% of the proceeds. Currently, less than 200 tickets remain available; so, the first and second prizes will be approximately \$20,000 and \$6,800, respectively. Why not ask your friends or neighbors to take a chance with you. The drawing will be held following the annual STS Christmas Concert on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. For tickets call Diane Bogdan 973-927-0989.

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### 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](mailto:phboomerang@optonline.net)

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### Keep Christ in Christmas Christmas Card Program

The Knights of Columbus are selling boxes of religious Christmas Cards in the church atrium until December 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### 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 13<sup>th</sup>. Any questions contact Michael Moschella, 973-538-2242.

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### 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!

## Liturgy Corner

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

### **No Applause, Please**

Often times congregations are so pleased with the music minister's mediation songs after communion that they may be inclined to applaud. However, to applaud for the minister implies that they are performers and the congregation is the audience. In reality, the primary music ministers at Mass are the members of the assembly. The people up front are there purely to assist the congregation in their praise in song.

The question is perhaps easier to understand if it is asked in terms of the homilist, lector or Eucharistic ministers. Is it appropriate to applaud for these ministers when they do a good job? Clearly it is not. Likewise, we should not applaud for the musicians, no matter how wonderful they may be. It would be more appropriate, should you respect the talent of any minister, music or otherwise, to share your appreciation for their talent privately. They are always happy to hear of your pleasure if they in some way enhance your liturgical experience.

*St. Therese Liturgy Committee*

## Letter of Thanks

*November 17, 2009*

*Dear Father Davis & Parishioners of St Therese:*

*Peace and Blessings!*

*Of the many fine qualities that aptly describe your parish family, charity is one that certainly stands out. This charity expresses itself in so many ways—locally but even across the seas!*

*Over the past several years, our Mission in Cap-Haitien has been a most grateful beneficiary of the charity you have for those who are “on the other side” (cf. John 6:11). Through the yearly container of food and other items that you send to us for the use of our poor, you remind us of God’s abundant love and His unceasing care for the least of our brothers and sisters.*

*Other than the homeless and destitute residents who live with us at the Asile Communal and Bethlehem Home, hundreds others benefit from the items you send. These are helped through our weekly Food Line where each of them receives a package of food that helps them for almost a week.*

*If I haven’t yet mentioned, I wish to let you know that a lot of those that come to our Food Line are people who are in dire physical needs. For many of them, getting regular meals each day is definitely a challenge. In fact, there are some that try to manage on only one meal a day! You can therefore understand the kind of joy and gratitude that our people have for your kindness and generosity. Our good Lord can only be pleased for these your acts, which are lifesaving, indeed!*

*As before, let me extend to each of you a personal invitation to come and visit with us and our poor in the Mission.*

*In His service,*

*Rev. Father Henry V. Lozano, M.O.P.  
Mission Superior*

## 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. Are you a grandparent 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 or Sister Mary Joseph Schultz [SisterMary@patersondiocese.org](mailto:SisterMary@patersondiocese.org) 973-879-6397 cell

## Theology on Tap

### **How to find God in your everyday life?**

Featuring Guest Speaker: Mike Sabella

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youth@stjudeparish.org) or (973) 691-0038, ext. 19

## Matthew Kelly at Blessed Kateri Parish

The BEST speaker you’ll hear all year!! Guaranteed!

### IS CATHOLICISM STILL RELEVANT

December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Who is Matthew Kelly? One of the world’s best speakers, he has spoken in more than 50 countries. Author of 4 of the top 10 Catholic bestsellers. **Powerful** for regular parishioners; **Engaging** for those searching for a faith home; **Captivating** for young people. Come! Be energized! Invite someone! Ages 12+ are welcome and encouraged. Tickets must be purchased in advance. \$15 per person, \$40 per family. Call 973-729-1682.

## 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](mailto: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. TERESE 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](mailto:lsmith555@optonline.net)

**ST. TERESE 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!

## Confessions / Reconciliation

We have scheduled extra time for experiencing the Sacrament of Reconciliation here at St. Therese in preparation for Christmas. On Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> four priests will be available from 2:00pm until 5:00pm.

## Religious Education / CCD Grades 1-8

1. 1<sup>st</sup> RECONCILIATION date forms are due no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. Some sessions are beginning to fill up. You may mail, fax, email or walk-in your forms.
2. ADVENT MISSION donation deadline is Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>
3. QUARTERS FOR COLOMBIA deadline is Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## HOPE HOUSE

**Please join us for an "Hour of Hope".**

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

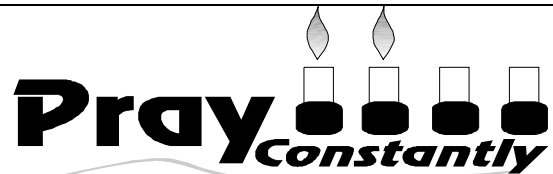
January 20, 2010 – 8:30am

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.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE



December 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> : Immaculate Conception	Dec. 7 Vigil Monday 7:30pm	Dec. 8 Day Tuesday 7:00am	Dec. 8 Day Tuesday 8:30am	Dec. 8 Day Tuesday 12:05pm	Dec. 8 Evening Tuesday 7:30pm
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	B. Harding M. Harding R. Harding R. Tighe S. Moore J. Padron	Regularly Scheduled Morning Mass People	School Faculty, Staff and School Children	Please sign up in Sacristy if you attend this Mass and are able to serve	J. Butler P. Hefferan M. Lepre C. Ryan E. Ryan E. Ryan
<b>Lectors</b>	D. Rasmussen			J. Tekula	M. Calabrese
<b>Altar Servers</b>	D. Padron L. Padron (open slot-pls sign up in altar server room if you are able to serve)			Please sign up in altar server room if you are able to serve	C. Calabrese J. Magarelli K. Ryan
December 12/13	5:00PM	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	P. Kmetz G. Panula G. Panula A. Pessolano M. Pessolano J. Tekula	B. Viola J. Vogler T. Berlangieri G. Birrer M Byank L. Coakley	R. Kiesche R. Kiesche L. Kubala M. Lepre F. Litts E. Marconi	M. Falzarano A. Ceacatura M. Grant S. Griffin A. Penney D. Rasmussen	E. Meisenbacher M. Meneses J. Osborne H. Puzio G. Sandelli E. Scapyak
<b>Lectors</b>	D. Kendzior	R. Lucas	S. Smethy	Children's Liturgy	W. Cmielewski
<b>Altar Servers</b>	D. LoVasco R. Mendelsohn M. Przitulsky	M. Birrer N. Birrer J. Istvan	C. Calabrese J. Fay J. Martinez	C. Daum E. Scerra R. Silva	J. Desrenleau J. Kobza J. Lawrence
<b>Liturgy of the WORD for Young Children</b>	<b>For Young Children in grades K, 1 &amp; 2</b> - 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.			President: Fr. Luis Carlos Atrium: A. Brady Sacristy: L. Vega	
<b>Nursing Home</b>	J. Dowd & A. Berlangieri				
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen.		Servers: <b>Knights of Columbus</b> Cookers: <b>Knights of Columbus</b>		