

Third Sunday in Advent December 13, 2009



Intentions for the Week of December 13th

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

Masses for the Week

Mon., December 14	7:00AM	Cail Wachter
Tues., December 15	7:00AM	Bertram McLaughlin
Wed., December 16	7:00AM	Clinton Eckert Sr.
Thurs., December 17	7:00AM	Betty Hefferan
Friday, December 18	7:00AM	Asund DeRosa
Sat., December 19	7:00AM	Giustina Gioia
	5:00PM	Mary, Michael & John DeFelice Marie Barbato Gina Pintar Anna & Joseph Toth
Sunday, December 20	7:45AM	Ruth O'Brien
	9:00AM	Anthony Tumminello
	10:30AM	Sylvia Teti Johanna Nemeth Patrick Rose
	12:00PM	Evelyn Sembrot Vincent & Louis Scerbo
		Pauline Gearity

Intentions for the Week December 20th

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

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO PARISH PANTRY for the month of December.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income Last Weekend	\$15,358.50
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$15,292.75

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 is host to the relic this weekend. We are participating in this diocesan initiative with a guest speaker and special prayers for the intercession of St. John Vianney.

Fr. Davis

Come Celebrate Advent with Us!!

On Wednesday, December 16th 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!*



Christmas Schedule 2009



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, December 19th 2:00 – 5:00pm
(Four priests will be available)

Masses:

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24th

5:00pm in the Church (children's liturgy)
5:15pm in the Auditorium (children's liturgy)
8:00pm in the Church
12:00am Midnight Mass in the Church
(Carol Service begins at 11:15pm)

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25th

7:45am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon

New Years Day – Friday, January 1st

(a holy day of obligation)

Thursday, December 31st, Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Friday: 7:45am and 12:00 noon

(Note: there is no evening mass)

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!



THANKS for SENIOR LUNCHEON

Once again St. Therese Parishioners can be justifiably proud of its annual effort to reach out and embrace all the seniors of our community through the Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon. Including the volunteers, almost 300 people enjoyed the festivities and a full turkey dinner on December 4th. We want to thank Irene Preuss and Sophie Manley, and all the volunteers as well as all those who contributed or participated in a real family effort. Special thanks to the Eisenhower Middle School 8th Grade choir, under the direction of Mr. Daniel Salyerds, who performed so beautifully. Also, thanks to the Brownies & Cub Scouts who sang, the St. Therese Band who played, and the volunteers who made the table decorations. We thank all of you for your gracious hospitality, especially the bakers of all those delicious cookies!

Fr. Davis

Thank You from the Ever Young Seniors of Roxbury

Father Davis, for years now you and your Angels have been making Happy Christmas Memories for the Seniors of Roxbury. The love and dedication that is put into the December Christmas Luncheons each and every year is amazing. We can't thank you enough for the food, entertainment and gifts we receive at the beginning of the Christmas Season from the folks at St. Therese.

Thanks from The Roxbury Senior Citizens Club

Dear Father Davis and the Parishioners of St. Therese,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas dinner you have given to the "Senior Citizens" of Roxbury Township each year.

Thank You from Merry Heart

The residents and staff of Merry Heart Health Care Center and Assisted Living would like to express deepest appreciation to all at St. Therese Parish for including them in the delightful Holiday Luncheon for Seniors held Friday, December 4th, in the school auditorium. We applaud and congratulate everyone at St. Therese, especially Irene Preuss, chairperson, for providing our seniors with such a wonderful and beautifully orchestrated event. Everyone had a great time! It is so much to your credit that you go out of your way to honor our senior citizens in this special and very generous way. Cheers and a Merry Christmas to all of you!

Tracy Stewart, Director of Activities
Merry Heart Health Senior Care Services

Mobility Scooter Available

Free to someone who needs it. Contact John Hayowyk directly to arrange for delivery of the unit. He will deliver it to your home. Call 973-713-2662.

The details about the Scooter are as follows:

Manufacturer: Electric Mobility; Model: Rascal R235 Short 3 Wheel Scooter; Battery Powered, Rotating Seat with 2 Arm rests, Front and rear baskets. Trunk Lift Operating Mechanism for transporting Scooter in trunk of car or van.

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, Claudia Robertson, Barbara Wilk.



Gift Card / Gift Certificate UPDATE

Sales: November 1 th – December 6 th	\$80,840.00
Families participating per week	95
Amount raised for the parish – 5%.	\$4,042.00

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.

MASS TIMES WHEN TRAVELLING

Traveling Catholics can find mass times nationwide by calling 1-410-676-6000 or by clicking on their website www.masstimes.org.

GIVING TREE



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

Thank you for helping the needy families have a brighter Christmas!

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.



NOTE from

Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Principal
Dear Parishioners,

As you know, I broke my hip and had surgery on October 30th 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

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.

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 19th 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).



Assumption College for Sisters

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

- 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.

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. 17th. For tickets call Diane Bogdan 973-927-0989.



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

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.

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).

Reunion - St. Michael's, Elizabeth, NJ

A reunion of St. Michael's School, Elizabeth, NJ will be held on Sunday, 10/10/10 - October 10, 2010. Pass the word! We are looking for class lists and all Alumni. Contact us if you have information to share, want to join the committee, or are interested in attending. Call Yolanda Diaz-Reyes at 908-354-1274, email stmikealumlists@aol.com or visit <http://capemayteddybear.com/StMichaels/index.htm>

Bringing Communion to Your HOME

Our Priests and Eucharistic Ministers bring communion on a monthly basis to the homes of those who are unable to come to church. If you or a loved one cannot come to church, either permanently or temporarily, please call the rectory to make arrangements to be added to our Communion List. 973-584-8271.



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

WHEN YOU (or your family) ARE HOSPITALIZED

Due to federal privacy guidelines, all hospitals are restricted from notifying us automatically when you have been admitted. If you want to be visited while you are in the hospital we recommend the following:

- You or your family notifies us in advance of your hospital stay or when you have been admitted.
- You ask the hospital chaplain to notify us
- You be sure to tell the admitting registrar your religious affiliation including both religion and parish name
- Please tell the admitting registrar that you wish to have your name listed in the directory available to the clergy

Also, if any member of the parish is aware that another member is in the hospital that you ask the patient or their family to call us.

RORY O'MOORE DANCE

Please join the Rory O'Moore Pipes and Drums at our Annual Celebration Dance at St. Therese auditorium on Saturday, January 16th at 7:30pm. Beer, soda, Guinness, and setups are provided, bring your own snacks. Dance Music by Tropical Storm. Bagpipe Music by Rory O'Moore Pipes and Drums. Tickets are \$20. Call 973-448-0980.



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!

FOOD and TOYS in CHURCH

I would strongly suggest that parents and grandparents please refrain from bringing food and toys for their children during Sunday Liturgy. You should be especially mindful of the fact if you choose to sit in the main body of the church and not in the Children's Prayer Room. If in fact you are in the Children's Prayer Room I find no problem with one or two little toys or a simple snack.

I am writing to you concerning this because I think it's important that we be sensitive to all our parishioners who are attending liturgy and help our children understand, to the best extent they can at their age, that they should be paying attention and participating in the liturgy.

I am a realist however, and somehow Cheerios have become, to some extent, acceptable. So I think you have to make a determination between Cheerios, toys, and a small snack, and the Main Body of the church during mass.

Religious Education / CCD Grades 1-8

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

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.

MARRIAGE RESOURCES

"Marriages may be made in Heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth..."

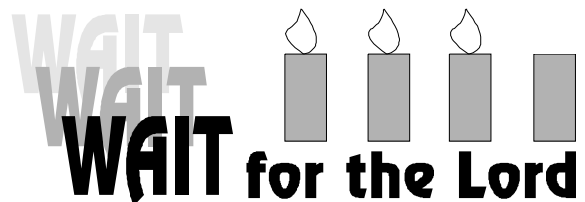
The following is a list of resources to further assist couples with their most important and rewarding work.

FamilyLife "WEEKEND TO REMEMBER" -- "For a deeper purpose of your life together..." please call 1-800-FL-Today or see "Familylife.com/weekend."

Retroville -- "A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages" at 1-800-470-2230 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com."

Marriage Encounter -- To "turn a good marriage into a great marriage," please go to www.wwme.org or call 909-863-9963.

May God bless your family always...



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 19/20	5:00PM	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	K. Rotella M. Rotella J. Wolf K. Ahern D. Bogdan T. Campbell	F. Calabrese M. Caruso S. Crowley W. Lovas S. Nocchi R. O'Brien	E. McCarthy P. McDonnell T. O'Connell M. Podlaski M.S. Rodriguez S. Tygar	D. Riegler A. Serpa D. Sparano A. Teti L. Tumminello T. White	B. Sclafani M. Sclafani S. Sclafani C. Younghans C. Cmielewski S. Conte
Lectors	P. Kmetz	M. Cannavo	A. Galan	Children's Liturgy	J. Dowd
Altar Servers	A. Pilrun K. Rotella C. Silverman	S. Birrer D. Boylan J. Istvan	H. Martinez D. Podlaski K. Ryan	B. Sparano A. White C. White	C. Lenge A. Medina E. Medina
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.			President: Fr. Davis Atrium: M. Birrer Sacristy: T. Birrer	
Nursing Home	R. Crimmando / J. & A. Salerno				
Soup Kitchen	Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen.		Servers: B. Najda, V. Delimata, B. Riley, P. Watson, Girl Scout Troop Cookers: T. Johnsen, R. & K. Tighe, M. & C. Tully, E. Villa		