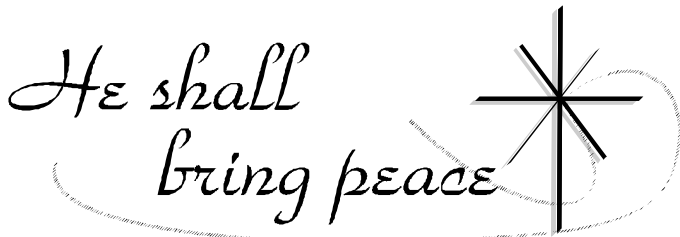


**Fourth Sunday in Advent  
December 20, 2009**



**Intentions for the Week of December 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Masses for the Week**

Mon., December 21	7:00AM	Emil Molinaro
Tues., December 22	7:00AM	Isabel & Eufrazio Cempron
Wed., December 23	7:00AM	Antonino Dattolo
Thurs., December 24	7:00AM	James Acquaviva
	5:00PM	Keating & Irwin Families
	5:15PM	Deceased Members of the Figueroa & Resurreccion Families
Friday, December 25	8:00PM	Rebecca Desranleau
	12:00Mid	Edward Parent
	7:00AM	Ruth & Darwin O'Brien
	9:00AM	Geiger & Russomanno Families
Sat., December 26	10:30AM	Conlan & Dowd Families
	12:00PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Schott & Crawn Family
	7:00AM	Richard E. Fifoot
Sunday, December 27	5:00PM	Deceased Members of the Fiorello Family & Mary Cholish & Kathy Cook
	7:45AM	Kenn Lucas
	9:00AM	Lucy Roselli
	10:30AM	Anna Solecki Stephen White Eileen Bowden
	12:00PM	Vincent & Louis Scerbo Pauline Gearity Daniel McCann & Thomas Whelan

**Intentions for the Week December 27<sup>th</sup>**

Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles	Theresa J. Daniels and Walter W. Daniels
Altar Bread	Theresa J. Daniels and Walter W. Daniels
Altar Wine	Dolores Pryblich

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Tithing Income Last Weekend	\$17,180.00
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$14,572.75

*From Father Davis: "In the name of Jesus, who was once a newborn King, I thank you for your gifts to Him during this Christmas season."*

*From the Pews: "My parents always used the Holy Family as their model. Their example led me to believe and feel — this is right, this is what Jesus, Mary and Joseph did. Knowing that God's direction is leading me in tithing is exciting to me. Thank you, Father and the parish of St. Therese."*

**From the Pastor's Desk**

**KENYA COLLECTION**

It is with great joy that I thank you in the name of the people of our sister parish of St. Cecilia in Kenya for your support of our Annual Fund Drive. This year, despite the economic conditions, we collected \$20,000. Fifteen thousand of that goes directly to St. Cecilia's Nutrition Program and the remaining monies Bishop Martin will use to help other children in his Diocese of Machakos in Kenya. God Bless you all for your generosity!

*Father Davis*

\*Please note that this note was dictated before Father Davis was hospitalized on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

St. Therese Parish Office, CCD Office, and School will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> through the New Year, reopening on Monday, January 4, 2010.

*Wishing you a very  
Blessed & Merry Christmas  
and Holy, Happy New Year.*

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

*Christmas Day and New Year's Day*

We remind everyone that **The Feast of the Nativity of the Lord** and **The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God** are both Holy Days of Obligation. The mass schedule follows:

**Christmas  
Schedule 2009**

**Masses:**  
Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 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 25<sup>th</sup>  
 7:45am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon  
New Years Day – Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
*(a holy day of obligation)*  
 Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, Vigil Mass 5:00pm  
 Friday: 7:45am and 12:00 noon  
 (Note: there is no evening mass)

**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.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

I would especially like to thank the local businesses – without your donations it just wouldn't happen!  
*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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## 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](http://www.masstimes.org).

## Liturgy Corner

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

### The Connection Between the Liturgy Of the Word & Liturgy Of the Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Word is the first half of the Mass and concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the second half of the Mass, which begins with the preparation of the gifts. Because of the way ritual works, the connection between the two is important. In the ritual of the Mass, we enter into the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. By ritualizing that story, we become part of it and Jesus becomes a part of us

We know that Jesus is the Word of God. We also know that all creation flows from the Word of God. In the beginning, when God spoke, creation happened. The Word of God--Jesus--is the agent of creation. When we proclaim the Word of God in our Sunday assembly, we are participating in that same creative action. The Word--which is Jesus--is present and creative. What gets created is faith. Those with no faith receive faith. Those with faith receive a deepening of faith. That creation of faith happens every Sunday at Mass.

Faith demands a response. It is impossible to receive faith and not respond to it. Our ritual response is to stand and gather around the table. At the table ritually, we take, bless, break, and share the bread of life. Likewise, we take, bless, pour, and share the cup of salvation. These are ritual actions that remind us of the actions in Jesus' life and make those actions present. Jesus was often sharing meals. But more significantly, he shared himself, being broken on the cross just as he is broken in the bread and poured out in the cup. This action of the Eucharist is a direct result of the faith we receive from Jesus, the Word. The ritual connection is essential.

However, we cannot stop there. Everything we believe in and celebrate is to be taken out into the world and lived out. In that way, we preach the Word in our daily lives. And that Word is creative, as God's Word always is. God's Word creates faith, causing those we encounter to want to respond. They respond by joining us on Sunday to celebrate their faith and to continue the cycle and, in this way, we carry on the mission Jesus left us: to evangelize the world.

*St. Therese Liturgy Committee*

### **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.



## 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!



## REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** First and third Thursday of each month at 8:00PM at the VFW Hall in Kenil. 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. 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](mailto: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!

## 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.

## Religious Education / CCD Grades 1-8

Class schedules, as well as other important information can always be found on our parish website.

## 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:

## 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](mailto:stmikealumlists@aol.com) or visit <http://capemayeddybear.com/StMichaels/index.htm>

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve 12/24	5:00PM	5:15PM	8:00pm	12 Midnight	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	M. & T. Bolger C. & G. Buczynski J. & J. Cascio	D. Rasmussen D. Padron	P. Kmetz D. Lenge B. & M. & S. Sclafani S. Moore	D. Kendzior H. Puzio M. & S. Barkhausen I & D. Preuss	
<b>Lectors</b>	<i>Children's Liturgy</i>	<i>Children's Liturgy</i>	J. Wolf	J. Tekula	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M. & S. Bogdan J. Magarelli	D. Padron L. Padron	C. Calabrese C. Lenge J. Desrenleau	D. LoVasco S. Puzio R. Mendelsohn	
Christmas Day 12/25	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00 Noon	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	L. Coakley K. Downey B. & D. Goehner D. McLaughlin T. Nocchi	P. Hefferan T. Lord A. & G. Galan A. Salerno G. Wolan	F. Day J. Dignazio B. & M. Graham J. & S. Silva	A. Mazzoni S. Slobuski E. Meisenbacher L. Kali D. & M. Kobza	
<b>Lectors</b>	G. Birrer	M. Harding & A. Lord	Tom Loughrey	E. Redfern & F. Slobuski	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M. Birrer N. Birrer S. Birrer	J. Scardigno D. Smethy M. Burdorf	R. Silva D. Squier A. Tumminello	C. Daum J. Kobza J. Lawrence	
December 26/27	5:00PM	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	R. Crimando R., K. & K. Dul S. Haggerty M. Magi	K. Pitt D. & I. Preuss M. Recchia C. Saks B. Sarate	C., E. & E. Ryan E. Ryan J. Butler D. Ryder E. Scahill	R. Russomanno M. Falzarano L. Adams L. Canfield S. Griffin A. Penney	M. Meneses J. Osborne E. Scapyak C. Youngmans H. Puzio G. Sandelli
<b>Lectors</b>	S. Lothian	R. DelaFuente	D. Klein	<i>Children's Liturgy</i>	M. Krysa
<b>Altar Servers</b>	A. Briscoe K. French M. Przitulsky	K. Cloutier R. Cloutier J. Istvan	C. Calabrese D. Podlaski J. Martinez	J. Wrobel C. Daum C. Radler	S. Puzio S. Sclafani G. Turiansky
<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.			Presider: TBD Atrium: M. Danielson Sacristy: A. Chulsky	
<b>Nursing Home</b>	R. & K. Dul / F. Calabrese				
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen.		Servers & Cookers: <b>First Methodist</b>		