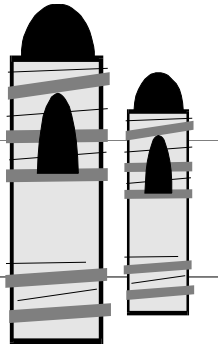


Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 27, 2009

Jesus
remained
in Jerusalem



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

We remind everyone that **The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God** is a Holy Day of Obligation. The mass is a Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31st at 5:00pm and Mass on New Year's Day on Friday, January 1st at 7:45am and 12:00noon. Note that there is no evening mass.

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 10th.

Intentions for the Week of December 27th

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

Masses for the Week

Mon., December 28	7:00AM	Intentions for Rev. Joseph Davis
Tues., December 29	7:00AM	Joseph Bodnar
Wed., December 30	7:00AM	Asund DeRosa
Thurs., December 31	7:00AM	Edward Paul Denninger, Sr.
	5:00PM	Asund DeRosa
Friday, January 1	7:45AM	Georgina Santos
	12:00PM	John R. Dickman
Sat., January 2	7:00AM	Intentions for Rev. Joseph Davis
	5:00PM	Michael Longo
		Frances Marie Hoppe
		Mary Ann Loughran
Sunday, January 3	7:45AM	The People of St. Therese
	9:00AM	Robert Christian
		Mary Ann Loughran
		Asund DeRosa
	10:30AM	Lucille Bilella
	12:00PM	Gary Hughes

Intentions for the Week January 3rd

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

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Due to early print deadlines for the Christmas and New Year Holidays, we will recap all the tithing information on the weekend of January 10th.

From Father Davis: "Every financial contribution made to our church, small or large, is truly appreciated. We are blessed by your generosity and I'm sure God will bless you for sharing part of your treasure to support our parish."

From the Pews: "My husband and I have always tithed, since we've been married - 33 years ago."

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.

ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

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

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

Pro-Life January

January 2010 has been designated 'Pro-Life January' in St Therese parish. There will be a number of events in support of life taking place:

- The Knights of Columbus will offer Red Rose decals for a donation starting the weekend of January 3rd for 3 weekends
- The Pro-Life Committee will present the Procession for Life to be held during the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday, January 17th - signups next weekend
- The Knights of Columbus and Pro-Life Committee will sponsor a bus to the March for Life to be held in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 22nd - signups next weekend

Being 'Pro-Life' is not about focusing on just one or two issues. We believe all human life is sacred, from conception, the earliest point in a human's existence, through all of the stages of life until the final moment of natural death when the soul leaves the body to be one with God. It is our responsibility as Catholic Christians to spread the Gospel of Life. We are advocates of Life in a world that is increasingly advocating death - to the very young, to the old, to the sick, and to the imprisoned.

SAVE THE DATE - MARCH FOR LIFE

The Annual March for Life, in Washington DC, is scheduled for Friday, January 22, 2009. Bus arrangements will follow in early January.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY SIGNUPS

THURSDAY MORNING GROUP

Topic: The Gospel of Luke Begins on January 21st
Don't get the winter blahs, join us in January as we take an interesting journey through the life of Jesus from His birth in Bethlehem to His resurrection in Jerusalem. You will experience His love and guidance for all of us.

We will meet Thursday mornings at 10:00am in the All Purpose Room, beginning January 21st for 12 consecutive weeks. The cost for your books is \$13 and you must register to join no later than January 6th. Call Deanna at 973-398-3883.

We have refreshments, friendship, small group discussions and some fun too! It's a warm place to be on a cold winter morning.

TUESDAY EVENING GROUP

Topic: The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus Begins on February 2nd

The Adult Evening Bible Study will compare the unique insights found in each of the Gospel accounts of the Passion and Resurrection. We will be enriched using the Little Rock Scripture Study® materials as the guiding resource as we read the passion and death accounts – accounts which are the very core of our faith. The study will consist of an introductory hour followed by 7 consecutive 90 minute sessions. The sessions involve group dialogue based on the guided readings and sharing experiences and /or insights. The study will conclude on March 30th with a viewing and discussion of the Mel Gibson film, "The Passion of the Christ".

Sessions begin at 7:30pm and end at 9:15pm and are moderated by Deacon Tony. The cost for your books is \$13 and you must register to join no later than January 27th. Call Marta at the rectory at 973-584-8271.

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.

MCYA "Theology on Tap":

The Morristown Catholic Young Adults of Notre Dame (MCYA) invite you to our January series of Theology on Tap! This is a free event for married and single adults in their 20s and 30s. *Each one will be at 7:30pm at Chevy's Restaurant, 1900 State Route 10, Morris Plains, NJ.*

- **January 12, 2009** "Suffering: Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" by Fr. Rocco Danzi, SJ
- **January 19, 2009** "God's Work, Our Hands" by Greg & Therese Floyd
- **January 26, 2009** "Marriage and Sexuality" by Fr. Frank Agresti

Please contact Katie at info@mcya.us or visit www.mcya.us for more information.

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.



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.



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!



Religious Education / CCD Grades 1-8

No CCD classes meet the week between Christmas and New Year's. You may check January class dates online at www.StThereseRoxbury.org/ccd_sched.php then choose "Class Dates" from the top bar.

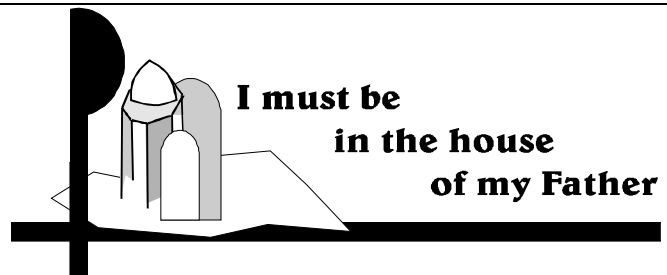
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

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 or visit <http://capemayeddybear.com/StMichaels/index.htm>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE



Dec. 31 st /Jan. 1 st	Vigil 5:00pm	7:45am			12:00 Noon
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	D. Kendzior P. Kmetz D. Monico K. Orlando G. & G. Panula				M. Byank C. Bourdon J. Bourdon R. & R. Kiesche D. Lenge
Lectors	S. Nicholl				C. Fitzgerald
Altar Servers	A. Medina E. Medina K. Rotella				C. Lenge J. Martinez G. Turiansky
January 2/3	Vigil 5:00PM	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	A. Pessolano M. Pessolano K. Rotella M. Rotella M. Scerbo J. Tekula	C. Schmidt B. Tasnady B. Viola J. Vogler T. Berlangieri F. Calabrese	M. Barkhausen S. Barkhausen T. Calabrese R. Christian D. Colucci M. Dajer	D. Rasmussen A. Ceacatura M. Grant D. Riegler D. Sparano T. White	B. Sclafani M. Sclafani S. Sclafani C. Cmielewski S. Conte J. Desrenleau
Lectors	G. Ramacciotti	B. Goehner	T. Loughrey	Children's Liturgy	A. Troy
Altar Servers	A. Pilrun C. Silverman D. LoVasco	E. McLaughlin E. Scerra J. Kobza	J. Fay H. Martinez K. Ryan	N. Damico A. White C. White	M. Corpuz J. Desrenleau S. Puzio
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: TBD Atrium: S. Mendelsohn Sacristy: D. Falk	
Nursing Home	L. Kali & J. Tekula				
Soup Kitchen	Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen.			Servers & Cookers: AMMA Group	