

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2010



Intentions for the Week of January 24th

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

Masses for the Week

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| Mon., January 25 | 7:00AM | Jim Hart Anthony Rispoli Vincent Miller, Sr. |
| Tues., January 26 | 7:00AM | George Ossi |
| Wed., January 27 | 7:00AM | Mary Harris Richard Shiable Margaret Julian |
| Thurs., January 28 | 7:00AM | Bea McShay (Intentions) |
| Friday, January 29 | 7:00AM | Massimo & Christina Vergano |
| Saturday, January 30 | 7:00AM | Robert Ciurczak |
| | 5:00PM | Frank Rodgers Joseph G. Tekula Sr. Domenico Michael Bizzari |
| Sunday, January 31 | 7:45AM | Barbara Nocchi Ruth A. Rudloff |
| | 9:00AM | William Ganter |
| | 10:30AM | Josephine Zymroz |
| | 12:00PM | John Douglas Pflug, III |

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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| Tithing Income January 18/19: | \$14,151.25 |
| Income Same Week Last Year: | \$13,799.75 |
| Special 2 nd Collection for Haiti: | \$ 6,620.00 |

From Father Davis: "I'd like to thank all of you for your generosity in the Haiti Collection. I'm sure God will bless you for your support of the people of Haiti in their hour of need."

Comments from the pews: "We believe that tithing's time has come and will be part of a spiritual renewal for our parish. Our family has begun to tithe and in two months we have seen God's blessings on us. We hope that all our parishioners will also begin to give back to God what He deserves."

Financial Statements

We have mailed financial statements for your Charitable Contributions for 2009. Again this year to cut expenses, we are only mailing statements for total annual contributions of \$250 or above. If for any reason there is a discrepancy in your statement or you do not receive one and wish to, please call the parish office and simply make a request.

WHY CATHOLIC?
 JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

SIGN UP SUNDAY

The best way to stay warm this winter is to start a fire!
 Fire up your knowledge and love of God by participating in our *Why Catholic?* Small Communities. Join us as we gather in small groups once a week for 6 weeks and grow in our faith. Our sessions will be based on the Scriptures and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The theme is *Sacraments: the Celebration of the Christian Mystery*. Sign-up at Mass January 23/24th or 30/31st or call the rectory at 973-584-8271. A display of materials can be found in the church atrium.

Book Two: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery Sacraments

Spring Session

Celebrating the Liturgy and the Sacraments: We will look at liturgy, the sacraments, and rituals that mark important moments in our spiritual lives.

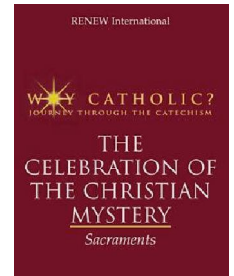
As we know, these moments, such as Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, or Matrimony, also hold significant meaning for how we live our lives every day in the world.

The power of the sacraments: As we grow in our knowledge of the sacraments, we will appreciate more the meaning and impact they can have on our lives.

The meaning of our sacramental symbols:

Why do we use oil, bread, wine, salt, and water? These ordinary elements of life speak powerfully for themselves and often negate the need for words.

Review, deepen and renew: It is our hope that revisiting these very familiar expressions and celebrations of faith will deepen our respect, love, and appreciation for these treasured traditions of our Church.



A Note from Father Davis

I'm happy to let you all know that I have been cleared by my doctor to start my Physical Therapy. I will be doing it at JFK Hospital in Edison. I'm feeling stronger everyday and thank God for your prayers. I'll try to give you an update in a few weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS

My Blessings and Congratulations to the children of our parish who celebrated God's love in the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in January. May God bless you always!
Fr. Bob Hooper

Desert Days at Mt. Carmel in Chester

You are graciously invited to join us for our Desert Days, if not in person, then in spirit, held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10am – 2pm, 80 Pleasant Hill Road, Chester. Please bring a bag lunch; coffee served. The day includes Holy Mass, 2 talks, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, time for communication in the Holy Spirit and the Rosary. The upcoming dates are: February 17th, April 21st and May 19th and June 16th.

Emergency Brief 2; Haiti Earthquake DISASTER RELIEF

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti.

On the morning of January 20, a 6.1 magnitude aftershock hit off the coast of Haiti, about 6.2 miles deep, with an epicenter about 35 miles (60 kilometers) west-southwest of the capital of Port-au-Prince (PaP), according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The Caritas PaP team reported that it was not strongly felt there, though further structural damage is a possibility, and further assessments closer to the epicenter are still needed. The current Haitian Ministry of Health's death toll is 85,000 with predictions of this rising to around 200,000.

CRS, which has worked in Haiti for over 50 years and has a permanent staff of more than 300 there, has committed at least \$25 million for relief and recovery. It has received \$16.5 million in cash donations and commitments, including \$1 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and \$225,000 from the New York Yankees baseball team.

In addition to being lead agency for the Pétienville Club camp (golf course in PaP), CRS has been designated as lead agency for coordinating relief efforts in the town of Légoane, due west of PaP. CRS will be primarily responsible for basic needs (food, water, non-food items, including nurse/doctor team as available).

DIOCESE OF PATERSON - Special Collection

The devastation in Haiti is beyond description. Many calls have been received from throughout the diocese inquiring about what people can do to help. Bishop Serratelli has asked that a special collection be taken up to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services in helping the people of Haiti rebuild their lives. Every cent collected will go completely to the work of Catholic Relief Services which is already working in Haiti to assist the people.

You can receive the latest possible information on the relief efforts by going to the Catholic Relief Services website, www.crs.org.

ST. THERESE IS FOOD DROP OFF POINT

The relief agency, FOOD FOR THE POOR, who has in the past shipped our collections to Cap-Haitien, has offered to ship specific items to Port-au-Prince the first week of February. This collection is open to the Entire Community. St. Therese (and 6 other area churches) will act as drop off points for the following items (only):

- **CANNED FISH** (TUNA, SALMON, SARDINES)
- **CANNED MEAT** (SPAM, CHICKEN, CORNED BEEF, HAM)
- **CANNED MILK or PARMALOT (NOT BOXED)**
- **WATER (CASES OR LARGE CONTAINERS.)**

Also, if you would like us to purchase an item for you, you can make a donation in cash or check (made out to St. Therese - memo should read HAITI). For more information call Barb Martinez at 973-927-5391. ALSO - we did receive word that our friends in Cap Haitien survived the quake but did have some building damage.

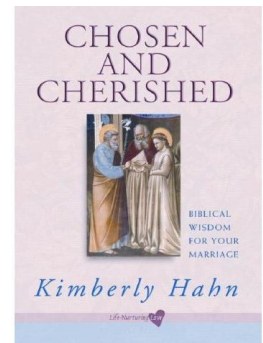
LADIES' DAY-IN CONFERENCE

DVD SERIES: Author and Presenter, Kimberly Hahn, shares Scripture, Church teaching and pastoral wisdom for marriage through this DVD series.

**St. Therese Church
All Purpose Room**

**Friday, January 29, 2010
9:35 -- 11:30 a.m.**

Come join us for a morning of viewing and sharing! Childcare, inspirational book-share, and refreshments as always... R.S.V.P. Theresa Solazzo at TLCS5@hotmail.com or 973-927-3978



SPIRITUALITY CONVOCATION COLLEGE OF SAINT ELIZABETH

The Annual Spirituality Convocation will take place at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Keynotes by Rev. Ronald Rolheiser and Mary Catherine Hilkert, O.P., a choice of 18 workshops, and a closing Eucharistic celebration will be a part of this great day. Keynotes and workshops in Spanish will also be offered. Please call (973) 290-4302 for a brochure giving all of the details, or register online at www.cse.edu/center.

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, Domingo Claudio, Jaime Vega.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY SIGNUP

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.

Crafters Wanted!

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany is looking for crafters of personally hand-made items for their Arts & Craft Show on Saturday, April 10th from 10am - 3pm. Table fee \$50, widespread advertising and a prominent location. Call Marti Veletto at 973-335-9693.

Liturgy Corner

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

In What Way is the Eucharist a Sacrifice?

To understand the Eucharist as a sacrifice, it is important to understand the Jewish practices of sacrifice. In Jesus' time, all Jewish sacrifice took place in the Temple in Jerusalem. There were three forms of Jewish sacrifice: whole, burnt offerings, which were a gift to God; sin offerings, which involved policies about the use of the blood from the sacrifice for the reparation of the sin, and peace offerings, which the worshiper was allowed to eat as a guest of the Lord.

The Passover sacrifice is an extension of the third type. Recalling the night the angel of death passed over the homes of the enslaved Israelites in Egypt; the paschal lamb was sacrificed every year in the spring at the Temple. Heads of households would take the lamb home to celebrate the Seder meal with their families. After the destruction of the temple in 70 CE, the Jewish community no longer had access to a sacrificial lamb because it could only come from the Temple. Very quickly the *matza* began to take on the symbolism of the Passover lamb.

Jesus had identified his body with the bread used at the Last Supper and with the Passover lamb. However, unlike the Passover lamb, which was sacrificed once a year, Jesus, the Paschal Lamb, died only once. In the Eucharist, when the bread and wine are broken and poured out, we are not re-sacrificing Jesus' body and blood; we are, instead, participating in the one sacrifice, which has already happened but which transcends time and place. Jesus' sacrifice is eternal and is present in every moment of history--past, present, and future. Our memorial of that sacrifice allows us to be present to it, to make it real for ourselves. But more than that, our Eucharist is a way for us to join ourselves with Jesus' sacrifice so that, just as he is offered, we are also offered.

St. Therese Liturgy Committee

BINGO

BINGO is played at St. Therese Auditorium Sundays at 7:00pm and Mondays at 7:30pm. Doors open 1 hour before start time. Our Bingo is Smoke Free for your enjoyment. Refreshments are available for purchase – FREE COFFEE on Sunday's in January. Come and try your luck!! (Adults only).

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!

Here's another opportunity for our parish children to put their faith into action! All parish children in grades 3-8 are invited to participate! **Saturday, February 6th, 3:30 PM in the church All-Purpose Room.** (We will be finished in time for your family to attend the 5:00 Mass together.) The children will be making Valentine cards and packages for the residents of Merry Heart. To sign up, please email your child's name(s) and grade to franday129@gmail.com. Deadline to sign up: February 1st. This event is limited to the first 50 children registered, so don't delay! **SUPPLY DONATIONS NEEDED!** We need donations of sugar free hard Candy, Valentine gift bags, and red and white curling ribbon. Please call Fran Day (973-476-1193) to arrange drop off/pick up of donations or if you have any questions.

Bensi Fundraiser

The 8th grade of St. Therese School will be sponsoring a fundraiser at **Bensi** in the Roxbury Mall, 275 Route 10 East, Succasunna on Monday, February 8, 2010 to defray graduation costs. Please bring the ad in this bulletin with you and turn it in with your check so that the class will receive the proper credit. Additional flyers will be available at the school and at **Bensi** that day if needed. Come and have dinner with family and friends. We appreciate your support.

DINNER ON THE TOWN 'A TASTE OF TUSCANY'

St. Therese School's Home School Association invite you to:

Dinner on the Town ~ A Taste of Tuscany

Saturday, March 6th at 7:30pm.

Dinner & Dancing ~ BYOB ~ Adults
Only Please

\$50 per person

CASUAL TO

SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

R.S.V.P by February 24, 2010



Questions, call Jennifer Hegarty, 973-476-3746 or e-mail JIMJENHEGS@OPTONLINE.NET or mail checks payable to St. Therese School to 90 Lazarus Drive, Ledgewood, NJ 07852. Please include your name, phone number, # Attending and list any person(s) you would like to be seated with. (Tables of 8-10)

MARCH MADNESS BEEFSTEAK DINNER

A fundraiser to benefit St. Therese CYO Basketball. A full Beefsteak Dinner, Coffee, Dessert, Beer, Wine, Soda, 4 HUGE screen's to Broadcast 2 NCAA tournament Games. Sports Memorabilia Raffle, 50-50 Raffle and many more games.



WHEN: March 20th, Doors open at 5:30pm

WHERE: St. Therese School Gym/Auditorium

TICKETS: \$45 – Reserve your tickets by March 13th by calling Mike McDonald at 973-927-5290 or e-mail

mike.mcdonald@medtronic.com



Rectory Cooks Needed

Are you looking for a small way to volunteer? Would you like to quietly help out our parish community without having to interact with crowds of people? We would like to expand our list of rectory cooks. If you feel that once every 2 months, you would be able to cook a dinner in your own kitchen and bring it over to the rectory to feed our parish priests, please contact me for details. This is a wonderful way to help our priests enjoy a home-cooked meal, so they can spend more time serving the spiritual needs of our parish members and less time figuring out what's for dinner tonight. Thank you, Jane Daum (H)908-876-5298, (C)973-584-4540.

SPECIAL DOOR COLLECTION

The Little Sisters of the Poor of St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, Totowa, will be at the doors of the Church on February 6/7th. Their work is taking care of the elderly of low asset, low income. We thank you for what you can do to help them.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL

Sunday, January 31st

✚ **Catholic Schools Week** opens with a Liturgy at 9:00am. Our eighth graders will receive their school pins and rings. A Continental Breakfast for the eighth graders and their families will follow the Mass in the school auditorium.

✚ **Open House from 12:30pm to 2:30pm** – All interested families, friends, parishioners and community are invited to come and visit us

✚ Registration for Pre-Kindergarten 3 and 4 year-olds today and throughout the week

Monday, February 1st

✚ **"Grandparents and Special Friends Morning"** (8:30am-9:30am) Doughnuts & hot chocolate will be served.

Tuesday, February 2nd

✚ **Open House from 9:00am to 11:00am** – All interested families, friends, parishioners and community are invited to come and visit us.

✚ Our Music classes will be learning North American songs.

✚ "Comfy Afternoon" Students wear slippers when reading to the "buddy classes". Cookies and juice will be served.

Wednesday, February 3rd

✚ **"Spirit Day"**

✚ **"Teacher Appreciation Day"**

✚ Regular gym classes in the morning, Line Dancing in the afternoon

Thursday, February 4th

✚ **Open House from 9:00am to 11:00am** - all interested families, friends, parishioners and community are invited to come and visit us.

✚ "Gym Demonstrations" from 8:15am to 11:45am – Grades K & 1 / 2 & 3 / 4, 5 & 6

Volleyball Game from 1:00pm to 2:00pm – Grades 7 & 8 vs. the Faculty & Parents.

Friday, February 5th

✚ **Liturgy at 11:00am sponsored by Grade 5 to close Catholic Schools Week and to celebrate all who help us here at St. Therese School.**

✚ North American luncheon in the afternoon.

Thank you for supporting us for the past 46 years. Anyone who might be interested in attending St. Therese School is encouraged to visit to see firsthand our school facilities. For more information, please call Sr. Mary Elizabeth Davies, SC, Principal, at 973-584-0812.

Please Note: We will be registering for the PreKindergarten program starting on Sunday, January 31st. (Children must be 3 or 4 years-old by October 1st and potty-trained).

If you are interested in Kindergarten through Grade 8, please sign up at one of our open houses.

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.

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!

NOTE: We are closed, February 7th – Superbowl Sunday.

2010 Mass Book Openings

The 2010 mass book has been open for several months now and we still have many, many masses available. If you haven't reserved yours yet, please stop by the parish office, 9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday. The stipend for mass intentions is \$10. We also have openings for intentions for the Sanctuary Lamp, the Altar Bread and the Altar Wine; the stipend for these is \$25.

Reflections on the Book of Revelation - A Catholic Perspective

Presented by Deacon Stu Murphy, St. Michael Church

Drawing from the insights of 2000 years of Catholic teaching Deacon Stu offers insight to reading, reflecting upon and praying the inspired Word of God found in the last book of the Bible - Revelation. Hosted by St. Michael Knights of Columbus Council #3665 at their K of C Hall on Rt. 46 East in Netcong on Sunday January 31st at 4:00pm. All are Welcome. *A free will offering will be solicited at the conclusion.*

Religious Education / CCD Grades 1-8

- GR. 2 PARENT MEETING:** Letters were mailed home regarding the February parent meeting for First Communion. Please respond with which session you will attend. Any questions, please call 973-584-9444.
- ADVENT COLLECTION UPDATE:** We collected 132 board games, 40 blankets, and 100 home-made Christmas cards during the month of December. All items were distributed to needy families in Catholic Charities programs. Thank you for your generosity!

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:

The next **Teen Mass** is January 31st – please bring an item of food for the Parish Pantry.

XAVIER CENTER

Xavier Center, located at 23 Convent Road, Convent Station, NJ 07961-0211 offers the following retreats:

Desert Days: Tuesday February 16th; 9:30am – 3:30pm (short reflection 10am). Spend some quiet time in a peaceful atmosphere to “get out of the fast lane and sit back in your soul...” A short presentation at 10:00am, materials available for reflection. Lunch provided. Advanced registration required. Director: Sr. Barbara Connel, SC. Fee \$25

Conversion: The Art of Forgiveness: Saturday, February 6th, 9:30am – 3:30pm. Brother Don Bisson will teach us that to reconcile, to forgive self and others is a continual call for spiritual transformation and conversion. The day will focus on the soul's need for reconciliation from one-sidedness, hurts and memories. Presenter: Brother Don Bisson, FMS Fee: \$45
Call 973-290-5100 to register.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| January 30/31 | Vigil 5:00PM | 7:45AM | 9:00AM | 10:30AM | 12:00PM |
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| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | G. Panula | C. Saks | St. Therese School Faculty and Staff, Parents and Students in Celebration of Catholic Schools Week | R. Russomanno | C. Youngmans |
| | G. Panula | B. Sarate | | A. Teti | C. Cmielewski |
| Lectors | A. Pessolano | C. Schmidt | | L. Tumminello | S. Conte |
| | M. Pessolano | B. Tasnady | | L. Adams | L. Kali |
| Altar Servers | M. Scerbo | B. Viola | L. Canfield | F. Day | D. Kobza |
| | J. Tekula | J. Vogler | F. Day | Children's Liturgy | M. Krysa |
| Liturgy of the WORD for Young Children | D. Kendzior | R. delaFuente | C. Radler | C. Radler | J. Desrenleau |
| | K. Rotella | D. Boylan | D. Padron | D. Padron | J. Lawrence |
| Nursing Home | C. Silverman | E. McLaughlin | L. Padron | L. Padron | J. Kobza |
| | S. Brutosky | B. Sparano | | | |
| Soup Kitchen | 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. | | | Atrium: | A. Chulsky |
| | Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen. | | | Sacristy: | A. Brady |
| | | | Servers: J. & P. Russell , M. & S. Koval, R. Bolognese, M. Holland Cookers: G. Fickenor , M. Medina, A. Galan, J. Quinn | | |