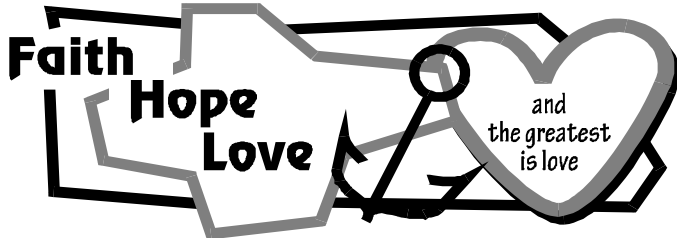


4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2010



Intentions for the Week of January 31st

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

Masses for the Week

Mon., February 1	7:00AM	Harold L. Davis
Tuesday, February 2	7:00AM	Robert Ciurczak
Wednes., February 3	7:00AM	William Burns Valerie Cygon Frank Glowacky
Thursday, February 4	7:00AM	Dolores T. Smith
Friday, February 5	7:00AM	Deceased Parents of Dominicans Alfredo Arboleda Barbara Marcinkowski
Saturday, February 6	7:00AM	Roy F. Viola Sr.
	5:00PM	Dan & Joan Ricco
Sunday, February 7	7:45AM	The People of St. Therese
	9:00AM	Robert Ciurczak
	10:30AM	Nannette & Milton Garrett
	12:00PM	Benjamin Critelli

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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income January 20/21:	\$15,890.25
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$15,453.50
Total of 2 Weeks	
Special 2 nd Collection for Haiti:	\$11,173.00

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: "Regarding tithing, nothing better has happened at St. Therese in years. Thank you for following what the Spirit is saying. We must continue to teach the spirituality of tithing so that the joy of giving can be experienced."

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.

BINGO

Bingo will be closed on February 7th for Superbowl Sunday!

WHY CATHOLIC?
JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

SIGN UP SUNDAY

Instead of "giving up" something this Lent...

...let God give you something! God is constantly reaching out to us with love and forgiveness. Allow God to touch you this Lent by giving God some of your time. Join with the rest of the parish in participating in *Why Catholic?* Small Communities. Based on the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church we will reflect on the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. We gather in small groups once a week for 6 weeks and grow in our faith. The theme is *Sacraments: the Celebration of the Christian Mystery*. Sign-up at Mass this weekend 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

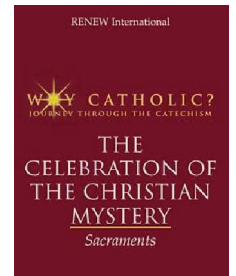
Celebrating the Liturgy and the Sacraments: We will look at liturgy, the sacraments, and rituals that mark important moments in our spiritual lives. As we know, these moments, such as Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, or Matrimony, also hold significant meaning for how we live our lives every day in the 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:

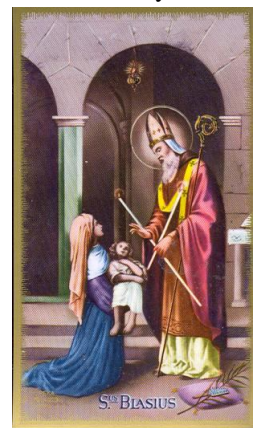
Why do we use oil, bread, wine, salt, and water? These ordinary elements of life speak powerfully for themselves and often negate the need for words.

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.



Blessing Throats

Wednesday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. Crossed candles are used for the blessing of throats on that day. We will bless throats during the 7:00am mass and again at a Prayer Service at 7:30pm. All are invited.



Emergency Brief 3; Haiti Earthquake

AFFECTED POPULATIONS/NEEDS:

New developments

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.

The Haitian government recently stated that it will need international support for at least five to 10 years to help recover from this month's devastating earthquake. Donors have decided to hold an urgent international pledging at the U.N. headquarters in New York in March. The President of Haiti stated at the Ministerial Conference (in Montreal on Jan. 25) that the priority need was for temporary shelter in the form of 200,000 tents and 36 million rations of ready-to-eat food to meet the needs of 1.5 million people for 15 days (source: UN/OCHA sit rep #13, Jan. 25 2010). Authorities are trying to relocate at least 400,000 survivors in temporary tent villages outside the wrecked capital Port-au-Prince. A joint UN/intergovernmental team assessed the movement of populations outside of PaP. 235,000 people have left Port-au-Prince using government funded transportation. They found that at this point the majority are being accommodated by relatives or returning to family homes. Local officials in some departments have indicated a need for medical support, food, non-food aid and security. Government and aid groups warn that children who have lost their parents in the earthquake face a growing threat from child traffickers or illicit adoptions. All schools remain closed and there is no firm indication of when they will re-open.

Health - CRS/Caritas Haiti's medical team is consolidating the program's health structure for the coming weeks, and conducting several visits across the city to provide vital treatment. On average, the doctors provide care to 300 people a day. They are seeing a gradual change in needs from acute wounds to more water-borne illnesses. Poor sanitation in the temporary living environments is leading to diarrhea and typhoid. Diabetes is big given preexisting conditions for people who never had the right medication.

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)**

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.

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.

Give Kids a Smile Day

The office of Dr. Daniel Armento is conducting a Give Kids a Smile Day on Friday, February 5th to help celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month. It is a one-day event where dentists and dental staff volunteer their time to provide free dental care to low-income and disadvantaged children. Only a limited number of children can be accommodated, if you are interested please call Maria Murray at 908-879-8530.

NEW Altar Server Training

"Anyone among you who aspire to greatness must serve the rest"

Mark 10

Any interested boy or girl in 4th grade and older (and their parents) are invited to fill out an application to become an Altar Server at our Weekend Liturgies. Applications are in the Atrium, training is planned for Saturday, February 13th and 27th after the 5:00pm mass. Attendance is required at both sessions. More information is on the application.

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.

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 Veleto at 973-335-9693.

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.

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

Theology on Tap - For Ages 18-39

Stump the Pastor! (Fr. Stan Baron from St. Elizabeth's) 7:30pm on Wednesday, February 10th, at Kennedy's Pub, 112 Route 46 in Budd Lake. Call for more info - 973-691-0038

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

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.

WEEKEND LENTEN RETREAT

"Seek the Lord" A retreat will be given on Feb. 19-21st in Newton by a Franciscan retreat team. For more information call Fr. Tom Kelly, OFM 973-985-9736 or Deacon Milt 973-271-5097. A Great Preparation for Easter!!!

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 by March 13th by calling Mike McDonald at 973-927-5290 or e-mail mike.mcdonald@medtronic.com

Baskets of HOPE for St. Augustine's, Newark

The Baskets of HOPE collection for the weekend of February 21st will assist the Missionaries of Charity (Sisters of Mother Teresa) who help the "poorest of the poor" from St. Augustine's in Newark. The sisters are always so grateful for our generosity, especially in these times when others feel they cannot help. As in previous years, we help to stock St. Augustine's immaculate soup kitchen with cleaning items. This year the sisters are in need of the following:

- Laundry detergent, both liquid and powder
- Clorox bleach
- Dishwashing detergent
- Napkins, paper towels and bathroom tissue
- Lysol and Pine-Sol disinfectant in liquid or spray
- Ajax
- Dishwashing sponges and Brillo pads

In anticipation, thank you, and may God bless you always...

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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 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!

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

Religious Education / CCD Grades 1-8

1. **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.
2. **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 at 7:00pm on *January 31st* – please bring an item of food for the Parish Pantry.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following parish children celebrated God's forgiveness in the sacrament of First Reconciliation. May God continue to bless them and may they celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation often during their lifetimes!

Regianna Alea	Michael DiLizia	Derek Hennes	Carly Longtine	Marisa Palmucci	Emily Stanich
Isabela Aranda	GinaMarie DiPaolo	Isabella Hermey	Rowan Luppnow	Gabriel Perez	Justine Stubbs
Sarah Attieh	John Doucette	Catherine Hinson	Michael Maglio	Nicolas Perez	Marin Stubbs
Bernard Belar	Kelly Ernst	Maya Jaworsky	Nicholas Marchesi	John Pergolizzi	Casey Stutz
Brianna Belar	Lauren Ernst	Lucas Kaelin	Shane Marshall	Alyia Puluse	Owen Tarnowski
Lauren Byrne	Adriana Fanizza	Kevin Keane	Adam Marzano	Daniel Radler	Anthony Tye
Meagan Byrne	Vincent Faroldi	Sean Kenworthy	Deanna Mauergeri	Adam Reingold	Nathalia Vega
Antonia Cacopardo	Ana Filomeno	Amanda Kenyon	Kate McClosky	Cole Reynolds	Matthew Velasquez
Esteban Cardenas	Ciera Flores	Gianna Kestenholz	James McCool	Skyler Rippon	Beanna Williamson
Joseph Carey	William Fulton	Matthew Kleiven	Michael Mendelsohn	Megan Roddy	Mathieu Wilson
Kelsey Chaplin Chang	Dana Gesregan	Christopher Kosloski	Adrian Meyers-Massuet	William Rosado	Jake Wohltman
Emily Christel	Jakob Giammarino	Camryn Lang	Nicholas Montesano	Nicholas Scibilia	Ethan Young
Evelyn Cmielewski	Derek Gil	Madison Lauch	Keili Murphy	Cassandra Sempiti	Anthony Zaccarino
Daniel Corvalan	Antonio Gonzalez	Andrew Laudor	Jordan O'Neill	Madeline Simone	Zachary Zoino
Justin DaSilva	Victoria Gonzalez	Patryk Lewicki	Michael O'Rawe	Brandon Stater	
Charles Daum	Liam Gunning	Alexander Lizotte	Kaitlyn Ostolaza	Madison Solano	
John DeAquino	Dylan Hayeck	Sebastian Londono	Kaitlyn Otto	Fiona Sparano	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 6/7	Vigil 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	T. Berlangieri G. Birrer M. Byank F. Calabrese M. Caruso L. Coakley	T. O'Connell M.S. Rodriguez D. Ryder A. Salerno J. Salerno E. Scahill	D. Rasmussen D. Riegler D. Sparano C. Bourdon J. Bourdon J. Dignazio	D. Lenge A. Mazzoni E. Meisenbacher M. Meneses J. Osborne H. Puzio
Lectors	P. Kmetz	C. Fitzgerald	A. Troy	Children's Liturgy	E. Redfern
Altar Servers	M. Bogdan S. Bogdan A. Briscoe	K. Cloutier R. Cloutier J. Wrobel	M. Brennan S. Brennan Jr. M. Burdorf	N. Damico E. Scerra R. Silva	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: Deacon Tony Atrium: M. Birrer Sacristy: T. Birrer	
Nursing Home	R. & K. Dul / F. Calabrese				
Soup Kitchen	Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen.		Servers: C Barrett , L & B Albrecht, S & C Ortolani, J Leonard Cookers: D Miranda , L Kali, D & J Krannich, L Petrucelli		