

First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2010



Intentions for the Week of February 21st

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

Masses for the Week

Monday, February 22	6:30AM	Dorothy Jean Lucas
	12:05PM	Dominick Angione
Tuesday, February 23	6:30AM	William Zurey
	12:05PM	Christine Ianco
Wednes., February 24	6:30AM	Melba Busse
	12:05PM	John Hawley
Thursday, February 25	6:30AM	Frederick Kiesche
	12:05PM	Jane Holbrook
Friday, February 26	6:30AM	Thomas Templin
	12:05PM	John DeMartino
Saturday, February 27	7:00AM	Thomas Templin
	5:00PM	Gina Pintar
		Domenico Michael Bizzari
Sunday, February 28		Regina Peterson
	7:45AM	Ralph Marshall
	9:00AM	Anthony Tumminello
	10:30AM	Martin J. Sheldon Jr.
	12:00PM	Joseph Tekula Sr.

Intentions for the Week February 28th

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REMINDER: Weekday masses during Lent will be at 6:30AM and 12:05PM.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income Last Weekend	\$13,905.50
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$13,722.75

From Father Davis: "To those we love we give our best. Let us then Give God our best, too. Thank you for your generosity in Tithing."

Comments from the pews: "I think that tithing's time has come and it is part of the new springtime in the Church. We financially support two churches; we cannot give 10% to both, but we intend to increase our financial support."

FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER PARTNERS

101 of our parish children are now preparing to receive First Communion in May. We invite all parishioners to support these young disciples by becoming a Prayer Partner. Forms with complete information and instructions are located on the offertory table at the back of the sanctuary. Please take one home!

LENT 2010

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We would like to call to your attention that every Friday in Lent we have the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross. It is a time when we as a community gather to reflect on the Lord's journey of His agony and crucifixion to which He submitted Himself for the forgiveness of our sins. When we prayerfully reflect on the "way of the cross" we come to understand the great love the Lord has for us, and hopefully appreciate even more, the gifts of His Resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday. Please make plans to join us to celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 4PM.

Sunday Night Meditations

7:00-8:00pm in the Church

- **February 21st - JOURNEY** – Join us for an evening of Prayer, Reflection and Music that will help all of us prepare for our Lenten Journey
- **February 28th - 7 Last Words of Our Savior on the Cross** – Journey with Jesus' followers to the foot of the cross on Calvary, through the 7 last words come face to face with the central Christian symbol – the cross.
- **March 21st - Lenten Sketches** - Music and Readings based on the Last Supper and Crucifixion.

HEALING MASS

Sunday, March 7th, 12 Noon

Our parish Healing Mass will be at the 12noon mass on Sunday, March 7th. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to all who request it. You don't have to be in danger of death to receive the sacrament. Any physical, spiritual, mental, emotional, or physiological malaise is sufficient. We invite and urge all who might benefit from the sacrament to come and participate in the Healing Mass.

**40 Hour Devotion
Continuous Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Sunday, March 14th,
after the 12 Noon mass to
Tuesday, March 16th

Jesus the Lord will be present on our altar for the Forty Hour Devotion from after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, March 14th continuously to its conclusion on Tuesday, March 16th. Daily Mass will be at 6:30am and 12:05pm as usual. At 7:30pm each evening we will have Evening Prayer (from Liturgy of the Hours) and we will close with Evening Prayer and Benediction on Tuesday evening.

Next weekend - We ask every parishioner to sign their name for one (or more) of the periods of devotions. We ask every teenager and young person who can drive to take a period of devotion during the night hours so that Our Lord will not be left alone. This is a time of great grace and favor from God. For all our sakes please take advantage of it.

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

all are at 7:30pm in our church.

Wednesday, February 24th

ENCOUNTERING THE LORD JESUS

When some Greeks came to the apostles, they said simply, "We would like to see Jesus." (John 12:21) The request reflects a need that all of us have. We want to meet the Lord, to hear his words, and to experience his love. It is not enough to know about Jesus; we need to encounter him ourselves. In order to provide for this need, Jesus arranged to continue to be with his Church even after his resurrection and ascension. In order for us to see him, it is important to know where to look for him. One of the primary ways we can meet him is through the celebration of the sacraments. In this session, we will explore the various sacramental presences of Jesus in the sacraments and the REVERENT response we are called to make to each of them.



Dr. Patricia Bartle, just retired Diocesan Liturgist

Monday, March 1st

Liturgy of the Hours

How to Pray the Official Prayer of the Church



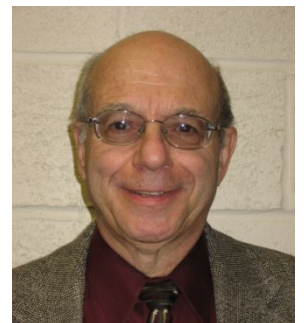
Christopher Barkhausen, Diocesan Seminarian

The early Christians continued the Jewish practice of reciting prayers at certain hours of the day or night. In the Psalms we find expressions like "in the morning I offer you my prayer"; "At midnight I will rise and thank you"; "Evening, morning and at noon I will cry and lament"; "Seven times a day I praise you". The Apostles observed the Jewish custom of praying at the third, sixth and ninth hour and at midnight (Acts 10:3, 9; 16:25; etc.). The Christian prayer of that time consisted of almost the same elements as the Jewish: recital or chanting of psalms, reading of the Old Testament, to which were soon added readings of the Gospels, Acts, and epistles, and canticles such as the Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Other elements were added later in the course of the centuries. The **Liturgy of the Hours** or **Divine Office** is the official set of daily prayers prescribed by the Catholic Church to be recited at the canonical hours by the clergy, religious orders, and laity. The Liturgy of the Hours consists primarily of psalms supplemented by hymns and readings. Together with the Mass, it constitutes the official public prayer life of the Church.

Thursday, March 18th,

Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)

Lectio divina is the most ancient method of the Church for reading the Bible. It is the Church's ancient art of reflectively and prayerfully reading Sacred Scripture. Lectio divina lets us understand that our desire for God is the result of God's initiative, the stirring of God's grace within us, drawing us and inviting us to a deeper intimacy with him. We will look at the necessary dispositions for lectio divina to do its work of conversion within us. We will then look at the step-by-step approach to lectio divina, the individual practice of lectio divina which was the regular practice in the early centuries, and conclude with a communal practice of lectio divina, called collatio, whose aim is to build a spiritual community around the Word of God.



Phil Russo, Paterson Diocesan Staff



WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Reconciliation throughout Lent, 2010

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Paterson will have confessions available every Monday evening in March from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ

and His Church. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God! www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

**Confessions/Reconciliation:
Every Monday Night 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

FAQ: I'm divorced. May I receive the sacrament?
If you are civilly divorced and have not remarried or were validly married after receiving a declaration of nullity for your prior marriage, you may participate in the Sacrament.

If you have remarried outside of the Church or have questions about your situation, we encourage you to speak with your parish priest. We also have written packet [Marriage Annulments: Questions & Answers](#) available near the confessional that you will find very informative.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The specific discipline of the Church of the United States regarding penitential days is as follows:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance. This may be physical mortification or acts of religion, charity, or Christian witness.

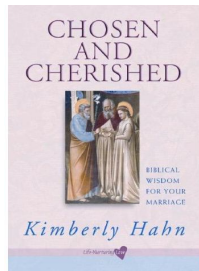
Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obligated to fast, by this obligation the individual is permitted only one full meal in the day. At the age of 14, people are obligated to abstain. The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind even though made from animal fat. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence (unsubstantially or as a whole) is a serious obligation.

LADIES' DAY-IN CONFERENCE

DVD SERIES: Author Kimberly Hahn presents, "She Is Far More Precious Than Jewels," in the second of this DVD series.

St. Therese Church
All-Purpose Room
Friday, February 26, 2010
9:35 -- 11:30 a.m.

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



ST. THERESE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Recent happenings at St. Therese School...

Catholic Schools Week was a tremendous success! Thanks to all who participated - school parents and parishioners!

- Students and teachers are currently attending workshops in their new technology software program, Pixie2, by our representative from Tech4Learning.
- We are now enrolling students in grades PK3 through grade 8 for the coming 2010 – 2011 school year. If you or others are interested in St. Therese School feel free to contact the school office at 973-584-0812 to make an appointment for a tour.

Sister Mary Elizabeth Davis, SC – February 2010

Argyles Lenten Fish & Chip Dinner

Sponsored by the Morris Catholic High School Athletic Booster Club. February 26th, 2010 from 5pm – 7pm at Morris Catholic High School. Dinners are \$15 per adults, \$10 per child, advance sales only, take out available. For more information call: 973-627-6674 x 330.

Travel Back with Us



on a Lenten Journey to Jerusalem

to experience the

Living Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 26th & Palm Sunday, March 28th
7:30pm, in the Church

- Walk with Jesus as he arrives in Jerusalem
- Sit with Jesus at the Last Supper & in the Garden
- Watch as Jesus is betrayed and tried
- Journey with him on The Way of the Cross
- Experience with him the Crucifixion
- Rejoice at his Resurrection

A Journey the Whole Family Can Attend

This journey is a play presentation with inspiring music. It is a Lenten Gift to you from St. Therese Youth Ministry.

No Tickets are required...but don't miss it.

PARISH PANTRY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 28th, will be Parish Pantry Sunday. Our Pantry serves Roxbury Township's Social Services Department. They are especially in need of the following items:

- Baby Products - Food, Diapers, wipes
- Depends for Adults
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Carrots, Beets, Mixed Vegetables
- Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste
- Tuna, Baked Beans
- Rice (in small packages)
- Chicken Broth, Beef Broth, Turkey Gravy
- Canned Fruit, Juices
- Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Condiments
- Peanut Butter, Jelly
- Cereal, Crackers, Cookies
- Toilet Paper, Facial tissues, Paper Towels



Please bring any food or personal hygiene items to the atrium before mass. Thank you!

St Therese Pro-Life Committee Membership Weekend

Come help us celebrate the Culture of Life at our 'Coffee And' just after the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, February 28th, in the All Purpose Room. The Committee just completed its first Pro-Life January, which included the Procession for Life, March for Life, and Pro-Life Workshop for CCD students. We have more activities planned for Spring and early Summer. Committee members will be at the Pro-Life Committee table in the Atrium after all the Masses on February 27th and 28th to discuss membership, issues, legislation, etc. Come by and see us!

EASTER DINNERS & BASKETS

Each year our parishioners generously provide Easter dinners and Easter Baskets to help needy Roxbury residents during the Easter Season. Please consider signing up in the atrium after all the masses on the weekend of March 6th and 7th to donate dinner items, hams, and/or baskets to help these families. Thank you.



LENTEN Spiritual Enrichment Day for Women

Sponsored by the Paterson Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. All the women of the parish are invited to attend, Saturday, March 20th at All Saints Academy, Parsippany. The presenter will be Newark Auxiliary Bishop Most Rev. Edgar M. daCunha. He will assist his listeners in finding new insights and inspiration for discipleship as he shares on the theme: "the spirit of Lent – our personal relationship with God." Programs begins at 9:00am, Mass at 11:00am. Reservations must be in advance, donation \$5. Please bring a "brown bag" lunch, beverages and dessert will be served. Call Kathy Levendusky 973-772-5918.

Liturgy Corner

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

Changes!!!

During the past couple of weeks two minor changes have occurred during our Masses. They concern our Pulpit Announcements and Reading of the Word.

First, Pulpit Announcements. In the past our announcements have taken place at the end of Mass, after communion. However, a closer look at the dynamics of the liturgy shows us the announcements would be better served by placing them at the *beginning of Mass* where they do not interfere with the flow and solemnity of the Liturgy. Liturgists tell us the first action of the liturgy is the gathering of the community. This gathering begins as we enter the parking lot, continues as we walk toward the church, goes on as we enter and find our pew, and flows to the opening song. However, as a continuation of our community gathering, a minister can share with us the community news through the announcements before the opening song is sung. All this serves to call and gather us as a particular community concerned about and interested in particular issues. The final act of community business before we are called to prayer is then to stand and sing, in one voice with one communal heart, the gathering song.

The Second minor change is the addition of Introductions to the Readings. These introductions are two or three lines. Their sole purpose is to help all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God. They do not try to tilt the readings to fit a particular theme, tell anyone what they're supposed to get out of a reading, homilize, or moralize. They simply are a tool to try to give the context, the setting, explain a strange name, word or geographical locale, so that the assembly can take in whatever is being proclaimed.

Change can sometimes be uncomfortable. However, given some time, these two changes will soon fade from 'change' to 'ordinary'.

St. Therese Liturgy Committee

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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

MCYA – Young Adult Retreat

To help prepare yourself for the holy season of Lent come join fellow young adults (20s & 30s single and married) for this one-day retreat on February 27th, 10am-5pm at Notre Dame of Mount Carmel in Cedar Knolls. This FREE retreat will include talks and discussion on the Seven Last Words of Christ. The day will also include lunch, adoration, confession and will end with five o'clock mass. Please RSVP to info@mcya.us.

EYES FOR THE NEEDY

Give the gift of sight. During the month of March, the Knights of Columbus will have their annual Eyes for the Needy Drive. If you have an old pair of eyeglasses or lenses that are collecting dust, please drop them off in the boxes found at the church's exits. Last year over 350 eyeglasses were collected to help those that could not afford them. Thanks.



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. TERESE 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. TERESE 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!



Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Boy Scout Troop 159

Boy Scout Troop 159, Patriots Path Council, will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 6, from 8-11:00 AM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Eyland & Unneberg Avenue in Succasunna. Tickets for the breakfast are \$ 5 for adults; \$4 for Senior Citizens, \$3 for children 3-12 years old and under 3 is free. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Sam Conte (973) 927-3117 or purchased at the door. The breakfast is a popular event run by the scouts to raise money for their monthly camping trips and troop supplies.

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, Pat DeFelice, Anthony Avello, Marie Lepre, Barbara Lupia, Father Davis, Sister Mary, Claudia Robertson, Domingo Claudio, Jaime Vega, Janette Chevere.

Religious Education / CCD Grades 1-8

Class dates, policies and other important information can be found 24/7 on our parish website, under Religious Education.

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 March 7th.

THE TRAVEL CLUB MEETING

The Travel Club Meeting for Monday, February 22, 2010 is very special; we are having a **CRUISE NIGHT**. We will be featuring **Avalon Waterways** (River Cruising) where you will have an opportunity to speak directly with a Cruise Director, **Celebrity** with their new Bermuda itinerary and new ships; **Princess** with Alaska and the Panama Canal and **Royal Caribbean**, the ships that families love. The time is 7:30PM in the All Purpose Room of the Church. Join us for coffee, dessert, prizes and a fun filled night. \$5 per person to reserve your seat which will be applied to a cruise booking. Since this is a special event, reservations are required and seating is limited. This is a great opportunity to see what is new and talk directly to the reps. Mark your calendar, make your reservation and we will see you there!!!! Call Pat Howlett, (973)895-9150.

"NEW YORK, NEW YORK"

St. Jude's Rosary and Altar Society presents their 3rd Annual Tea & Fashion Show: "*New York, New York*" on Sunday, February 28th at 2:00pm (snow date March 7th). Doors open at 1:30pm. St. Jude's Parish Center, 40 Maxim Drive, Hopatcong. Fashions by P B & J Stores and Inner Designs by Robin Lennon (Spring Street, Newton). Door Prizes/50-50/Basket Raffles Tickets: \$15.00 Call Mary 973-770-4762.

HOPE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

House House is in need of volunteers for a telephone outreach program for senior citizens. If you can help, call Ann Togna at 973-361-5555 x 145.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 27/28	Vigil 5:00PM	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	P. Kmetz	T. Nocchi	T. Calabrese	S. Moore	D. Kobza
	M. Magi	D. Preuss	D. Colucci	D. Rasmussen	M. Kobza
Lectors	G. Panula	I. Preuss	J. Evangelista	D. Riegler	D. Lenge
	G. Panula	C. Saks	L. Evangelista	R. Russomanno	A. Mazzone
Altar Servers	K. Rotella	B. Sarate	R. Kiesche	A. Teti	E. Meisenbacher
	M. Rotella	C. Schmidt	R. Kiesche	L. Tumminello	M. Meneses
Liturgy of the WORD for Young Children	J. Tekula	R. Lucas	A. Lord	Children's Liturgy	A. Carroll
	M. Bogdan	M. Birrer	M. Brennan	D. Padron	J. Kobza
Nursing Home	S. Bogdan	N. Birrer	S. Brennan, Jr.	L. Padron	C. Lenge
	S. Brutosky	S. Birrer	C. Calabrese	B. Sparano	S. Puzio
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.			President:	Fr. Bob
	Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen.			Atrium:	L. Vega
				Sacristy:	J. Shelley
			Servers: First Methodist Cookers: First Methodist		