

Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2010



*On that day
God made a covenant*

Intentions for the Week of February 28th

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

Masses for the Week

Monday, March 1	6:30AM 12:05PM	Dan & Lillian Davies Henry F. Moranski
Tuesday, March 2	6:30AM 12:05PM	Anne Docherty Dominick Angione
Wednesday, March 3	6:30AM 12:05PM	Christine Ianco Paul Falcone
Thursday, March 4	6:30AM 12:05PM	Louis Paladini Valerie Pat Rozyla
Friday, March 5	6:30AM 12:05PM	Dorothy Bukowski Thomas Geiger
Saturday, March 6	7:00AM 5:00PM	Roy F. Viola Sr. Matthew Greer
Sunday, March 7	7:45AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 12:00PM	The People of St. Therese Robert Siano Diane Brameyer Manuel Mejia Elizabeth Ann Healey

Intentions for the Week March 7th

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

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

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income Last Weekend	\$16,066.25
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$14,767.50

From Father Davis: "Unless we are extremely fortunate, many of us own our homes and cars on credit. We really don't own them outright, but instead we have the loan until they are paid for. In a similar sense, whatever goods of this world we have are on loan from God. We are stewards of the time, talent and treasure loaned to us and we do eventually have to render an accounting. We should try to practice consistent and meaningful stewardship of what God has given us, sharing with others to improve their time on earth. This is a common thread with which religion and charity are joined. Here at St. Therese we have many parishioners who donate unselfishly so that God's work may continue. I thank them for their generosity."

Comments from the pews: "I have been tithing faithfully for the last 10 years and it is the best decision I ever made. There is an inner conviction and peace that says you are doing the right thing, and there are other benefits as well. Right now, I could not afford to stop tithing! God is good and God is faithful – take the leap!"

LENT 2010

Sunday Night Meditations

7:00-8:00pm in the Church

- **TONIGHT** - 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.

This 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.

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 at 4pm. 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.

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.

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

all are at 7:30pm in our church.

Monday, March 1st



*Christopher Barkhausen,
Diocesan Seminarian*

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

How to Pray the Official Prayer of the Church

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

Confessions/Reconciliation:

Every Monday Night 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Confessions will be held Mondays during Lent, February 22nd to March 22nd from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in every parish in the Diocese of Paterson. This is a wonderful opportunity to come to Confession as a family or to invite a friend who you know has not had the opportunity to go to Confession in some time. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!
www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

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 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.

Roxbury Social Services NEEDS

Social Services is in need of plastic and paper grocery bags to send food home with their clients. If anyone has extra that they can donate, they can be dropped off at Social Services Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between the hours of 8 AM and 1 PM.

Fish & Chips Dinner

Argyle Restaurant

The eighth grade students of St. Therese School will have a Fish (or Chicken) and Chips dinner catered by Argyle's Restaurant on **Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 6-8 pm**. Ticket prices are Adults-\$15., Seniors-\$12., and children under 10-\$10. **Advance sales only** and take-out orders will be available. Tickets may be purchased after the Masses on the weekends of March 13/14 or March 20/21. Ticket requests may also be made by calling the school 973-584-0812 or by mail to:

D. Shagawat, St. Therese School,
135 Main Street, Succasunna, NJ 07876.

Make all checks payable to St. Therese School. If you are mailing in a request please make sure you indicate your choice of fish or chicken.

ST. THERESE SCHOOL OPENINGS

St. Therese is preparing for next year's registration. We have openings in our pre-kindergarten 3 and 4 classes. Pre-kindergarten students must be 3 or 4 by October 1st and must be potty-trained. There are openings, also, in the following grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8. You will need your child's birth certificate, Baptismal certificate and social security number to register. If you wish to visit or register, please contact Sr. Mary Elizabeth at 973-584-0812. God Bless all of 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.

St. Therese Bingo MARCH 14th & 15th ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPECIAL

Bingo is played on Sunday nights at 7:00pm and on Monday nights at 7:30pm in St. Therese Auditorium. Look for a St. Patty's sticker on the back of your admission book if you find one – you win one free 50/50 sheet for that night's 50/50 special.

UNDERSTANDING MEMORY LOSS

Help for the person with Dementia and their Caregiver
Sunday, March 14th, 1:30-3:00pm at Assumption Church's Community Room in Morristown. The Assumption Holistic Health Ministry and the Alzheimer's Association of Greater NJ will sponsor a free information session. Registration is requested; please call 973-539-2141.

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.

Liturgy Corner

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

'Meaning of Lent'

from the writings of

Dr Marcellino D'Ambrosio

Lent is a time of introspections. It is a time for the spiritual equivalent of New Year's resolutions. We do things to burn off the excess fat that's weighing us down, try to improve our spiritual diet, and do some meaningful spiritual exercises to strengthen the muscles we call "virtues". But in the early days of the Church, Lent was not so much a time to focus inward. It was a time for Catholics to focus outward. It is a time not just for personal growth, but for growth of the Church.

In the days of the Church Fathers, did the whole Church fast, pray and give alms for the forty days preceding Easter? Absolutely but Catholics did this primarily for the sake of **others rather than themselves**. There were two groups of people that were the main beneficiaries of these prayers and penance: new Catholics to be baptized at Easter and lapsed Catholics to be readmitted to communion. These folks were praying and fasting during Lent to break the power of darkness in preparation for their crossing over the Jordan into the Promised Land through baptism and penance.

We ought to recover this ancient tradition and do penance for and with those who will enter or return to the Church at Easter. But there is something else that we should do. There are millions more who should be returning or entering. **We need to tell them about Jesus**. One of our more meaningful Lenten resolutions this year might be to get over the fear of sharing the good news, to be aware of the spiritual needs of those around us, share his love, and invite them to back to church. More people are searching than we may think. Find them! "The fields are white for harvest' (John:4.35).

St. Therese Liturgy Committee

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

Vocations Discernment Weekend for young men 15-25.

“Quo Vadis – Where are you going?” Legend tells us that Saint Peter asked Jesus this question on the outskirts of Rome. We know where Jesus went in response to His Father's will. What is the Father's will for you?

Quo Vadis Days are a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and discussion to help you explore our Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, etc.), hiking, games, bonfires, recreation and sports (soccer, capture the flag, volleyball, swimming, ultimate frisbee, flag football), talks, great food and discussions. **A time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will.** It will be held Sunday morning, July 18th thru Wednesday evening, July 21, 2010, at the Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center in Ringwood, New Jersey. The cost is free. For more information and/or registration, contact Fr. Thomas Fallone, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Paterson, NJ at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711 or vocationdirector@patersondiocese.org.

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.



Tricky Tray

The Mount Arlington PTA is pleased to announce its fourth annual tricky tray on Friday March 5, 2010, 6:30 pm @ Roxbury High School 1 Bryant Drive Succasunna. (Snow Date March 13th). Advance tickets are 3 sheets for \$10.00 or 2 sheets for \$10.00 at the door. For ticket sales contact Jen Woodward at 973-601-9877. All the profits will be used to provide educationally enriching programs.

Need Help with your Natural Gas Bills?

Programs are available for income-eligible households as well as families experiencing temporary difficulty due to loss of employment or illness. To learn if you qualify, contact the program directly at:

- Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs, 95-97 Bassett Highway, Dover, NJ 07801, 973-366-1131
- NJ SHARES 1-866-657-4273 or visit www.njshares.org
- Lifeline Credit Program (Seniors & disabled) 1-800-792-9745

Bereavement Support Meetings

Assumption Church in Morristown is sponsoring Bereavement Support Meetings on Tuesday evenings in April and May, 7:30 - 9:00pm. For more information call Michele Cameron at 973-769-9634.

Earthquake Relief in Haiti Update

It is now one month since a 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastated Haiti. The Haitian Government reports over 200,000 people were killed, 300,000 were treated for injuries and 250,000 were houses destroyed. In Port-au-Prince, up to 20 million cubic yards of rubble needs to be removed. Seven organized settlements have been established for 42,000 homeless people; some 460,000 people remain in 315 makeshift camps. Despite this, the resilience of the Haitian people is heard in a popular saying on the streets and in the camps, *Nou bite men nou pap tonbe: We may stumble but we will not fall.* CRS, working with Caritas Haiti, the local Church's charitable agency, has focused on the distribution of food and emergency shelter kits, and coordination with partners on water, sanitation, health and security issues. To date, CRS has provided food to 533,422 people at Petionville Golf Club camp, downtown Port-au-Prince and outside areas.

Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of prayers and support for the Haitian people. The Catholic community in the U.S. has deep connections to Haiti. For more information on CRS relief efforts in Haiti as well as prayer resources, educational resources, and information on how you can help with the long-term rebuilding process, please go to www.crs.org or call 877-Help-CRS (877-435-7277).

Imagination Station

Here's a fun way to contribute to the rebuilding of Imagination Station – purchase a Personalized Fence Picket for \$35. Each picket you purchase will have a name you designate engraved on it (20 characters including spaces & punctuation). Checks payable to Township of Roxbury Trust Account, Roxbury Recreation, c/o Imagination Station, 72 Eyland Avenue, Succasunna, 07876. For an order form visit www.imaginationstationplayground.com.

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!



Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Boy Scout Troop 159

Boy Scout Troop 159, Patriots Path Council, will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, **March 6th**, 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.

CCD LENTEN COLLECTIONS

Our CCD families are participating in two special Lenten missions this year and we invited all parish families to join us!

1. Operation Rice Bowl – bowls are available in the sacristy or thru the rel. ed. office
2. Diaper drive – to benefit local family service organizations

Please call 973-584-9444 for more information on either.

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.

HAPPILY EVER AFTER: COUPLE'S RETREAT

(Married, engaged or dating) Join international motivational speaker, Janet Pfeiffer for full day of lectures, interactive exercises, discussions, music and more to enrich, enhance and strengthen your relationship. Topics include: communication, resolving conflict, managing anger, and much more. Discover the most profoundly unique approach to marriage *ever!* Saturday, Mar. 20th, 9am – 4pm, Sparta United Methodist Church, 71 Sparta Ave., Sparta. Call 973-697-1904 to register. \$89 per couple (if registered before Mar. 10, \$129 after). Includes a FREE copy of Janet Pfeiffer's The Secret Side of Anger* Pre registration required.

"ALL THINGS GIRL"

A 13-week series airing on EWTN beginning on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00pm with a repeat showing on Friday, March 5 at 10:30am. This program will help girls, ages 9 through 13, to discover God's plan for their lives and how, by following Him, their world can be changed forever.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 6/7	Vigil 5:00PM	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	D. Monico	B. Tasnady	L. Kubala	A. Serpa	J. Osborne
	K. Orlando	B. Viola	M. Lepre	L. Adams	H. Puzio
Lectors	A. Pessolano	J. Vogler	E. Marconi	C. Bourdon	G. Sandelli
	M. Pessolano	T. Berlangieri	E. McCarthy	J. Bourdon	B. Sclafani
Altar Servers	M. Scerbo	M. Byank	P. McDonnell	L. Canfield	M. Sclafani
	J. Tekula	F. Calabrese	T. O'Connell	F. Day	S. Sclafani
Liturgy of the WORD for Young Children	G. Ramacciotti	G. Birrer	M. Calabrese	Children's Liturgy	
	K Rotella	J. Istvan	H. Martinez	R. Silva	L. Catalano
Nursing Home	C. Silverman	K. Cloutier	K. Ryan	D. Squier	A. Medina
	A. Briscoe	R. Cloutier	J. Scardigno	A. Tumminello	E. Medina
Soup Kitchen	Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen.			Servers: AMMA Group	
				Cookers: AMMA Group	