

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2010



Intentions for the Week of March 14th

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

Masses for the Week

Monday, March 15	6:30AM	John "Jay" Scalfani
	12:05PM	Maribeth Hastings
Tuesday, March 16	6:30AM	Margaret Karnbach
	12:05PM	Sophie Aleksandravicius
Wednesday, March 17	6:30AM	Marion O'Toole
	12:05PM	Stella Ferriera
Thursday, March 18	6:30AM	Patricia Toroni
	12:05PM	Thomas J. Furrey
Friday, March 19	6:30AM	Michael Daley
	12:05PM	Jacob Mathes
Saturday, March 20	7:00AM	Lucille Braddock
	5:00PM	Theresa Arbolino & Nicholas Fiorello Jr.
Sunday, March 21	7:45AM	Henry & Barbara Pagliara
	9:00AM	Pacencia F. Resurreccion
	10:30AM	Sophie DiBenedetto
	12:00PM	James Manley

Intentions for the Week March 21st

Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles	Matthias & Mary Rusnock
Altar Bread & Altar Wine	---

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income Last Weekend	\$17,332.00
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$15,204.50

From the Pastor: "According to an old saying "The world is divided into givers and takers; the takers eat well and the givers sleep well." Jesus tells us that the Lord gives to the givers and takes from the takers. To all the generous givers, our deepest thanks."

Comments from the pews: "We are seniors on a limited income, but we decided instead of going to breakfast after Mass, we would go home, cook breakfast and use the money to increase our donation to God. We will continue this plan as long as we can financially. Thank you for the opportunity to give back to God."

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 this weekend to donate dinner items, hams, and/or baskets to help these families. Thank you.



LENT 2010

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.

Thank you to those that signed up for a period of devotion so that we can be sure that Our Lord will not be left alone, especially during the overnight hours. Everyone is invited at any time to stop by and spend some time with Jesus; this is a time of great grace and favor from God. For all our sakes please take advantage of it.

Sunday Night Meditation

7:00-8:00pm in the Church

March 21st - *Lenten Sketches* - Artwork, Music and Readings based on the Last Supper and Crucifixion. This is a Prayerful way to enter the last full week of Lent.

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



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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday in Lent we have the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross at 4pm. 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.

NEXT IN OUR SPEAKER SERIES

7:30pm in our church.

Thursday, March 18th,

LECTIO DIVINA (Divine Reading)



*Phil Russo,
Paterson Diocesan Staff*

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.

CCD LENTEN COLLECTIONS

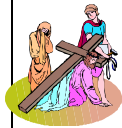
Our CCD families are participating in two special Lenten missions this year and we invited all parish families to join us!

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.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser

The 8th grade of St. Therese School will be sponsoring a fundraiser from noon – 9pm, at *Pizza Hut* (adjacent to the Ledgewood Mall), on Route 10 East, Succasunna on **Monday, March 15th** to defray costs of their graduation trip. Please bring the coupon below and turn it in with your check so that the class will receive the proper credit. Additional coupons will be available at the school and at *Pizza Hut* that day if needed. Come and take out or dine in with family and friends. We appreciate your support and would like to thank all for supporting our recent Bensi fundraiser.



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.

GIVE BLOOD – GIVE LIFE

St. Therese Rosary Altar Society will sponsor a Blood Drive on Sunday, April 11th from 8:30am – 1:30pm in the Gym. Complimentary Cholesterol Screening for all Blood Donors. Please bring picture I.D. and your Social Security number and try to eat a meal before donating. Signup in the atrium this weekend!



Fundraiser Ticket



20% of bearer's purchase will be donated

to:

St. Therese School Grade 8

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.

St. Therese KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & Coffee

Men of the parish are invited to join their council. Members will be available after all the masses this weekend to answer questions and take applications. Stop by for a cup of coffee. For more info please call Vince Esterly at (973) 770-5782.

LENTEN Spiritual Enrichment Day All Women are Invited

Sponsored by the Paterson Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on Saturday, March 20th at All Saints Academy, Parsippany. The presenter is 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." Program 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.

Baskets of Hope

We would like to ask the Children of St. Therese to help fill our... **Baskets of Hope.** We will be collecting the following items for **The Caritas Connection, in Passaic, N.J.**



All types of baby clothes



You can bring your donation to all masses the weekend of March 20/21, 2009. If you have any questions please call Maureen Scahill at 973-770-0253
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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, Claudia Robertson, Domingo Claudio, Jaime Vega, Caye McLaughlin, Fran Chandler, Miriam Gossman.

Liturgy Corner

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

The Power of Words The Danger of Repetition

"Take this, all of you, and eat it, this is my body, which will be given up for you."

John Westerhoff, an Episcopalian priest, predicted that the 20th Century will go down in history as "an era of unconsciousness." Too frequently this prediction becomes a reality during the Communion Rite of Sunday Eucharist! It is so easy to fall into the trap of receiving Communion as if it were just one more thing that we do at Mass. Because we hear the Words of Institution week after week, they can become so common place. Yet, if we take a moment to become conscious of their meaning, we will approach Communion with a vivid awareness of the sacredness of this moment.

When those present at the Last Supper received Communion, they were unaware of HOW Jesus would give his body up for them. The next day they witnessed the horror of the crucifixion. It would be hard to imagine that any of them would ever approach Communion casually!

The sacrifice of the Mass is a sacramental re-presentation of Christ's paschal mystery. The Words of Institution command us to "take and eat" in such a prominent a way they cannot be ignored. It was the general custom to have the Host placed in the hand of the communicant until sometime in the 9th Century. Sometime later people were expected to receive the Host with a hand covered by a white linen cloth. As reverence and awe of the Host continued to increase, the Host was placed directly on the tongue of the communicant. Even though this exaggerated sense of awe and unworthiness that were common for many centuries are not considered the ideal, neither is the opposite attitude of irreverence. Ministers of Holy Communion have a serious responsibility to set the example of reverence for the community.

NORMS FOR RECEIVING THE CONSECRATED HOST

The communicant approaches the Minister of Holy Communion reverently.

The minister offers the Host with the words, "The Body of Christ."

The communicant bows his/her head reverently and responds, "Amen."

If the communicant wishes to receive Communion in the hand, he/she stretches his/her hands forward one under the other to form a place for the minister to place the Host.

The Host is to be consumed IMMEDIATELY.

The faithful are not permitted to take the consecrated Host and dip it into the Precious Blood themselves. Communion is always given by another.

The communicant wishing to receive Communion on the tongue, approaches the minister with hands folded, says "Amen," and receives the Host.

The faithful never TAKE or GRAB the consecrated bread from the minister. Rather they RECEIVE the Body of Christ reverently.

Norms for receiving the Precious Blood will be considered next week.
St. Therese Liturgy Committee

MARCH MADNESS BEEFSTEAK DINNER

March 20th - 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.



TICKETS still available! \$45 call.0

Mike McDonald at 973-927-5290 or e-mail mike.mcdonald@medtronic.com

Fish & Chips Dinner

Argyle Restaurant

St. Therese School 8th grade students will have a Fish (or Chicken) and Chips dinner catered by Argyle's Restaurant on Saturday, March 27th 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, please make sure you indicate you 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.

Gift Card / Gift Certificate UPDATE

Sales: February 7 th – March 7 th	\$58,510.00
Families participating per week	79
Amount raised for the parish – 5%.	\$2,925.50

Thanks for your continued support of our program. Please consider joining for your regular weekly food shopping. We have Shop Rite, A&P, Pathmark, and Sussex Meat. If you have any questions please ask at the table in the atrium.

We will not be selling Grocery Gift Cards on Easter weekend. Please plan ahead and buy your store cards early. AND, grocery gift cards make great Easter Basket Gifts!

BINGO 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.

Spanish Mass

The Lord said: "come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

For this reason Saint Therese Parish wants to invite all our Spanish community to join us at our next Eucharist in Spanish, on Saturday, March 27th at 7:00pm. Remember if you wish to find answers in your life, just come to mass and Jesus will give you everything you need.

Dice el señor: "vengan a mi todos los que estan cansados y agobiados, que yo les daré alivio."

por esta razón la iglesia santa teresita del niño jesus quiere invitar a nuestra comunidad hispana, para que se unan a nosotros en la gran celebracion de nuestra segundo eucaristia en español, el cual se llevará acabo el sabado 27 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. recuerda, si tu quieres encontrar respuestas a tu vida, solo ven a la eucaristia y jesus te dara todo.

LADIES' DAY-IN CONFERENCE

Author and Presenter, Kimberly Hahn, shares Scripture, Church teaching and pastoral wisdom for marriage through the second of this DVD series.

**All Purpose Room
Friday, March 26th**

9:35 - 11:30 a.m. (12:05 mass follows)

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

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Kimberly Hahn

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.

The Travel Club Meeting

Monday, March 29 @ 7:30pm. We are going to **Italy!** We have a wonderful travel experience planned with stays in Stresa, the Italian Riviera, Venice and Cortona including **4 nights in a villa** tucked away in the beautiful Tuscan countryside. You will also take side trips to Florence, Siena, San Gimignano and the Tuscan countryside to visit a winery with lunch. Prices will include your transportation to/from Newark airport. This is a trip not to miss!!!! Mark your calendar now and give me a call, 973-895-9150 or email me at phboomerang@optonline.net your attendance or for further information.

We also have an opportunity for a **ship tour** on Sunday, **March 28th** on the Explorer of the Seas in Bayonne. Includes a tour of cabins, public area and a great lunch with wine. Cost is **\$20 per person**. Space is very limited so if you're interested give me a call.

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!

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.

Religious Education / CCD Grades 1-8 and CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

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

Reminder: Confirmation Sponsor Catechist (teachers only) Meeting – March 24th in the All Purpose Room. 7:00pm class of 2010, 8:00pm class of 2011.

TRUE LOVE WAITS

True Love Waits 1, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Newark, is presenting an adult training program for youth leaders, teachers, parents and people with a heart for youth. Be trained to present this 5-session program to your youth group or high school/junior high age students. Discover how to use this program which includes skits, videos, and discussions, to help you communicate the message of sexual purity to youth in an interesting and positive way. Saturday, April 10th from 8:45am–2:30pm at St. Thomas Church, Bloomfield. Sponsored by LIFENET. For more info call 201-804-8331 or visit www.lifeneteducation.org.

Body & Fender Collision experience?

Do you have any body & fender collision experience? Fixing not creating please. The carnival committee is looking for a volunteer(s) to repair its storage trailer during the week after Easter. Bring your friends. We’ll buy all the supplies you need. This trailer was donated to us by the fire department and would be a real asset once minimal leaks & repairs are made. Please call Joe Sclafani at 973.584.1792 if you can help out.

Host Families Needed for N.E.T. Retreat Team

A snack at night, a place to sleep, breakfast in the morning and transportation from and to the school/church 10:30pm on Thursday April 1st and 10:00am on Friday, April 2nd. If you can house two 18-24 year old young men or women overnight please contact Michael Harding at 973-252-2465. Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 20/21	Vigil 5:00PM	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	C. Buczynski	K. Downey	C. Ryan	J. Kunz	D. Kobza
	G. Buczynski	A. Galan	E. Ryan	S. Moore	M. Kobza
Lectors	J. Cascio	G. Galan	D. Ryder	J. Padron	D. Lenge
	J. Cascio	B. Goehner	A. Salerno	A. Penney	A. Mazzoni
	R. Crimando	D. Goehner	J. Salerno	D. Rasmussen	E. Meisenbacher
	S. Haggerty	W. Lovas	E. Scahill	D. Riegler	M. Meneses
Altar Servers	J. Wolf	C. Fitzgerald	M. Harding	<i>Children's Liturgy</i>	J. Dowd
	K. Brutosky	J. Cloutier	M. Burdorf	C. Daum	J. Brown
	S. Brutosky	K. Cloutier	K. Irving	I. Rasmussen	G. Turiansky
Liturgy of the WORD for Young Children	A. Rave	R. Cloutier	J. Martinez	A. Tumminello	J. Kobza
	Nursing Home	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:
Atrium:					T. Birrer
Sacristy:					M. Birrer
Soup Kitchen	R. & K. Dul / F. Calabrese				
	Attention Cookers: aluminum pans are available for use in the closet in the All Purpose Room Kitchen.		Servers: J & C Whelan , T & B Stank, M Graham, B Riley Cookers: K Scardigno , M Scerbo, R & K Tighe, E Villa		