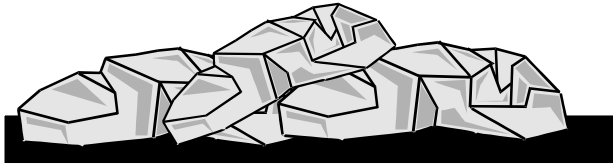


Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2010



*Cast the first stone,
 if you are without sin!*

Intentions for the Week of March 21st

Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles Altar Bread & Altar Wine	Matthias & Mary Rusnock Margaret McCann
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Masses for the Week

Monday, March 22	6:30AM	Stella Ferreira
	12:05PM	Lucille Braddock
Tuesday, March 23	6:30AM	Daniel Davies
	12:05PM	Joseph V. Conwell
Wednesday, March 24	6:30AM	James P. Acquaviva Dorothy Hayowyk
	12:05PM	Anthony "Cookie" Suler
Thursday, March 25	6:30AM	Intentions of Rev. Juan Diego Brunetta, OP
	12:05PM	Mary, Michael & John DeFelice
Friday, March 26	6:30AM	Maribeth Hastings
	12:05PM	Barbara Lewis
Saturday, March 27	7:00AM	Michael Daley
	5:00PM	Dominic Fiorello & Nicholas Fiorello Jr.
Sunday, March 28	7:45AM	Thomas Miller & Regina Steele
	9:00AM	Anthony Tumminello
	10:30AM	Richard Lesay
	12:00PM	Edward Waglin

Intentions for the Week March 28th

Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles Altar Bread & Altar Wine	--- Clinton C. Eckert Sr.
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GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income Last Weekend	\$13,104.00
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$16,269.25

From the Pastor: "Generosity in our hearts is a sign of the presence of God within us. That is part of the light that the Lord asks us to let shine into the darkness around us. Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing."

Comments from the pews: "It's simple to tithe: you just give back 10 percent of what you earn to the source of your spiritual teachings. It's done for the joy of giving. When you lovingly donate, the abundance starts to come to you in many ways."

EASTER DINNERS & BASKETS

Reminder: Return of the hams and dinners will be on Saturday morning, March 27th, from 8:30 – 9:30am in the church atrium. Easter Baskets can be returned to the All Purpose Room after Masses by March 20/21st. Thanks for your help and generosity. Thank you.



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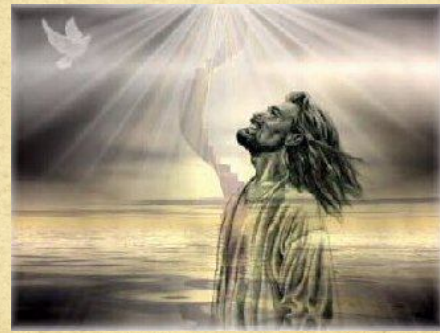
Sunday Night Meditation
 7:00-8:00pm in the Church

THE
LENTEN SKETCHES
by Joseph M. Martin

Artwork, Music And readings
 based on the
 Last supper and CruCifixion

Featuring the voices of:

Robin Porter John Hayowyk
 Therese Nocchi Alan Bauer



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



WELCOME HOME TO HEALING
Reconciliation throughout Lent, 2010

Tomorrow night is the last Monday evening to take advantage of the opportunity to go to confession in any Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. 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



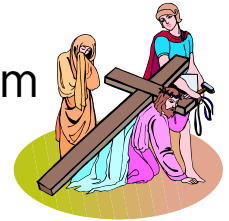
Every Friday in Lent we have the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross at 4pm. We as a community gather to reflect on the Lord's journey of His agony and crucifixion to which He submitted Himself for the forgiveness of our sins. When we prayerfully reflect on the "way of the cross" we come 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.



Journey back with us to Jerusalem for a Retelling of the Easter Story

experience the Living Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 26th at 7:30pm
Palm Sunday, March 28th at 7:30 pm
at St. Therese Church



- Walk with Jesus as he arrives in Jerusalem
- Sit with Jesus at the Last Supper & His Agony 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
A Lenten Gift to you from St. Therese Youth Ministry
No Tickets Required, arrive early for best seating

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

Individual confessions will be heard on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening, March 29, 30, 31st from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Please take advantage of the opportunity to experience Reconciliation with the Lord. Please note that no confessions will be heard during the Easter Triduum, that is, no confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

April 1 – Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

April 2 – Good Friday

Stations of the Cross – 3:00PM
Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord,
Holy Communion 7:30PM

April 3 – Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Food at Church 5:00PM
Easter Vigil Service – 7:30-9:00PM
There is no 5:00pm evening mass

EASTER SUNDAY MASS – April 4

Church: 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM
School Auditorium: 9:15, 10:45AM and 12:15pm

GROCERY GIFT CARDS - EASTER

We will not be selling Grocery Gift Cards on Easter weekend. Please plan ahead and buy your store cards early. We carry Shoprite, A&P, Pathmark and Sussex Meat Packing.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, designated the Sunday after Easter as Mercy Sunday. He has asked that devotions be held in all churches imploring the Divine Mercy on the Church and on the world. These devotions will be held at St. Therese on Sunday, April 11th, beginning at 3:00 P.M. They will last from 45 minutes to an hour.

EVANGELIZATION

NEXT IN OUR SPEAKER SERIES

7:30pm in our church.

Tuesday, April 27th

End of Life Decisions

Keith Northridge, holds degrees both in Catholic Theology and Law, he is a practicing attorney and former parishioner of St. Therese. He will explain from both a Catholic and legal perspective End of Life Decisions including making a Living Will and setting up an Advanced Directive and a Power of Attorney for Health Care.

Monday, May 3rd

~~Understanding~~ Enjoying the Mass

Marta Barkhausen, our parish secretary and Team Member of the Evangelization Committee, will explain, from a lay person's point of view, on how to enjoy the mass. With humor and down to earth explanations, along with *touch and feel* visual aids, you will come to see why the mass is really a very interesting celebration. You're guaranteed to learn a lot!

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This Spring, be the type that cares!
Be a Blood Donor!

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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THERESA SOLAZZO!

Sr. Mary Elizabeth, S.C. and the Sisters of Charity are enjoying their 150th Anniversary during the 2009/2010 year. As part of that celebration sisters who are serving a full time ministry were invited to recognize one lay woman or lay man as the 150th Anniversary Ministry Partner. This nominated person was to be recognized if he/she "worked with/for the poor and underserved, helped to alleviate suffering and dispelled ignorance, promoted justice and reaffirmed the sacredness of all creation." Sr. Mary chose Mrs. Theresa Solazzo as our representative for all of the work she has done for the school, parish and community. On Monday, March 15 Theresa was honored during a morning prayer service in school. Her husband, Tony and their three children, Nick, Dena, and Angela all actively participated in the service. We are so proud of all of Theresa's efforts locally and globally and pray for her continued service.

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

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 your choice of fish or chicken.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LIVE AUCTION AND TRICKY TRAY

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual charity live auction and tricky tray on April 17, 2010 at the St. Therese School Gym. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Please join us! The auction is presided over by a professional auctioneer. Complimentary snacks and refreshments will be served. Please look for additional information in future bulletins. For additional information please contact Matt Wronko at 908-229-0686.

ATTENTION MEN INTERESTED IN THE ORDER OF DEACONS

If you feel you may be called to the Order of Deacons, please see Father Bob. The Paterson Diocese has revised the Permanent Diaconate Formation Process and is now prepared to re-open the program. There are two introductory meetings that you will attend in May and June of this year, to start the process, you will need a letter of recommendation from Father Bob, please call him at the rectory.

HELP NEEDED

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.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters were here in our parish to speak about their good works for the residents of St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly and collect donations at the doors of our church on the weekend of March 7th. They have written us a beautiful thank you note saying:

"Jesus promised that we will always have the poor with us, but he went even further than that, identifying himself with the poor: *"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."* Thank you and your parish community for the charitable donations amounting to \$3,212.31".

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

CHOSEN
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CHERISHED



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 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 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!

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.

Social Services Thanks

“On behalf of the Township of Roxbury Social Services Department, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to St. Therese Church for your very generous donation of food. Your never ending support and the spirit of giving and care you have shown has always been a significant element in our ability to maintain our food pantry program and continue to distribute many much needed items to the less fortunate families of Roxbury. Thank you and God Bless.”

Sincerely, Janet Wald, Director, Roxbury Social Services

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.



PARISH PANTRY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, March 28th is Parish Pantry Sunday. Our Pantry serves Roxbury Township's Social Services Department. Please bring any food or personal hygiene items to the atrium before mass.

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

We need parishioners willing to house 2 - 3 N.E.T. Retreat Team members when they visit us on Holy Thursday, April 1st. The N.E.T. Team is a group of 18-24 year old young men and women that will be giving a retreat to our Confirmation Candidates. They would need to be picked up at our school 10:30pm on Thursday and returned to the church by 10:00am on Friday, April 2nd. A snack at night, a place to sleep, breakfast in the morning and transportation from/to the school/church is all that is needed. They are a wonderful, spiritual group of young adults and we'd be so grateful if you could help out. Call Michael Harding 973-252-2465. Thanks!

Check Your Attic for Old Toys

Homeless and poor children of Passaic County, NJ are in desperate need of your recycled, clean and usable (good condition) toys, bassinets, children's furniture, baby carriages, high chairs and strollers. The Knights of Columbus of Immaculate Heart of Mary Council in Wayne are having a collection. *Please, no stuffed animals, puzzles or small parts.* Collection is Sunday, April 18th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the I.H.M. Ministry Center located in the rear of Immaculate Heart of Mary School, 584 Ratzler Road, Wayne. Please bring your items in plastic bags and include your name and address. For info call Tony Giaccio at (973) 943-6335.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - PALM SUNDAY

March 27/28	Vigil 5:00PM	7:45AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	D. Kendzior	D. McLaughlin	S. Tygar	R. Russomanno	H. Puzio
	D. Monico	S. Nocchi	M. Barkhausen	A. Serpa	G. Sandelli
Lectors	K. Orlando	R. O'Brien	S. Barkhausen	A. Teti	E. Scapyak
	G. Panula	D. Preuss	J. Butler	L. Tumminello	B. Sclafani
	G. Panula	I. Preuss	T. Calabrese	T. White	M. Sclafani
Altar Servers	M. Scerbo	M. Recchia	R. Christian	L. Adams	S. Sclafani
	P. Kmetz	B. Goehner	D. Klein	Children's Liturgy	
	S. Bogdan	M. Birrer	A. Cooper	M. Damico	C. Lenge
Liturgy of the WORD for Young Children	T. Guettler	B. Istvan	D. Smethy	C. Radler	S. Puzio
	D. LoVasco	J. Istvan	H. Martinez	E. Scerra	E. Villasin
	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:	No Children's Liturgy on Palm Sunday or Easter.
Nursing Home			Atrium:		
			Sacristy:		
Soup Kitchen	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		