

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012



INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5TH

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 6	7:00am	Elaine Suhocki
Tuesday, February 7	7:00am	Mary Elizabeth Lampron
Wednesday, February 8	7:00am	Wilhelmina Davis
Thursday, February 9	7:00am	James Acquaviva
Friday, February 10	7:00am	Manny Reindeiro
Saturday, February 11	7:00am	Gloria Puco
	5:00pm	Theresa Arbolino Paul & Angela Merbach Abigail Dorris Brown
Sunday, February 12	7:45am	Joseph Cannavo
	9:00am	Lillian Anselmo
	10:30am	Richard Lesay
	12:00pm	Debra Lynch William Springer

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12TH

Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles	In Loving Memory of
Altar Bread & Altar Wine	Anna Gole

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing Income Last Week:	\$14,439.63
Income Same Week Last Year:	\$13,036.93

From the Pulpit: "John Donne tells us 'no man is an island.. we're all a piece of the continent...' This means we cannot exist alone; we must be involved in the wellbeing of and have concern for all people. This means caring and sharing. Caring about people...and sharing with people what God has given. This is also known by another term called 'tithing'."

Comments from the pews: "My wife and I considered three steps in our tithing leap. I would propose them to all of our St. Therese family. 1. Count your blessings with someone you love. 2. Sit quietly and ask God to help you make this a prayerful decision. 3. Enjoy the feeling of knowing that you are making a difference when you see the joy, service and growth of our parish!"

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

February 11th/12th St. Therese Youth Ministry will be hosting a "Valentine's Bake Sale" after all masses. Please stop by to pick up something "sweet" for yourself and your loved ones. The proceeds are put toward trips for the Youth Ministry throughout the year. Thanks for your support!



MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED LAZARUS MINISTRY FOR FUNERALS

Our Lazarus Ministry is a group of dedicated volunteers who help out at our parish funerals. After a funeral they put away the items used and reset the altar, this usually takes about 20-30 minutes. You do not need to be a Eucharistic Minister.

We also occasionally need Eucharistic Ministers - especially on Wednesdays - but you are welcome any day you can help!

More volunteers are very much needed to join our ministry. At St. Therese we have approximately 50 funerals per year and volunteers rotate on an as-needed basis. Most funerals are in the morning around 10:00am.

If you are available to help, please call Barbara Viola at 973-584-9679. All volunteers will be trained in all facets of the ministry.

2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who picked theirs up after mass on the previous two weekends. We saved \$157.50 in postage costs plus we gave several teens the opportunity to do some community service for our parish. All remaining Financial Statements have now been mailed.

As has been done in the past, again this year to cut expenses, we have only prepared statements for total annual contributions of \$250 or above. If for any reason there is a discrepancy in your statement or you do not receive one and wish to, please call the parish office and simply make a request. *Father Marc*

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE

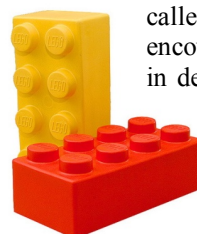
The women of St. Therese Parish are invited to join the women of St. Lawrence Parish in Chester for a Women's Cornerstone Retreat Weekend. Women's Cornerstone is a 27-hour Retreat conducted by women for women. It is an opportunity for the women of St. Therese's to build community, renew your faith and deepen your relationship with God. The atmosphere is warmhearted and friendly.



For more information call Marta Barkhausen at 973-584-8271. The dates are March 9th at 5pm through March 10th at 8pm. Expect to be inspired regardless of where you are on your faith journey.

Space is limited ~ don't wait to send in your registration!

LEGO BRICKS WANTED!



St. Therese School is beginning a new club called *Creating With Legos*. This club will encourage creativity and building skills. We are in desperate need of "gently-used" or new Lego sets. Please help us make this new club a huge success. A box for these donations will be in the atrium. Thank you and God bless. Any questions feel free to call Carol at 973-601-9858.

Letter from Bishop Arthur Serratelli

As you are well aware, we are facing some serious challenges to freedom of religion and the exercise of our Catholic faith in the United States.

On January 20, 2012, the Department of Health and Human Resources issued a ruling about the implementation of President Obama's healthcare bill, *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*. The ruling is not a threat to religious liberty, it is a direct attack on Catholic conscience and religious liberty.

Following is a copy of my article that will appear this week in *The Beacon*. Please read it.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

Obama Administration: Catholic Conscience Not to be Tolerated

On January 20, 2012, the Obama administration made an unprecedented move to curtail the freedom of religion in the United States. It mandated that all institutions providing health insurance to their employees must also provide for sterilization, artificial contraception and abortifacients (drugs that induce abortion), religious beliefs notwithstanding. Despite many attempts to get the government to respect the conscience of Catholics and others who hold contraception, abortifacients and sterilization as morally evil, Kathleen Sebelius, the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, confirmed that the present administration will allow no exemptions.

Church-affiliated hospitals, universities, dioceses, agencies and charities are now being mandated to pay for services that clearly go against the teaching of the Catholic Church. One concession. Nonprofit employers who do not currently provide such coverage in their insurance plan because of religious beliefs have a grace period of one year before they must comply with President Obama's healthcare bill, *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*. Really? One year to be free before being forced to violate their conscience.

The U.S. bishops are not alone in opposing this new mandate. Other religious leaders who find mandated contraception, abortifacients and sterilization morally wrong are speaking out as well. These procedures are not preventative medicine. Unless, of course, you consider the birth of a child a disease!

The final ruling of Department of Health and Human Resources is insidious. Yes, it does touch on what should rightly be considered preventing a disease. But deeper than that, it is the blatant, insensitive and unnecessary undermining of our constitutionally protected freedom of religion. This is the first instance in the history of our country than any administration is forcing some of its citizens to purchase something that violates their conscience.

Thomas Farr, director of the Religious Freedom Project at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, also challenged this latest ruling of Health and Human Resources. He said, "What we are seeing here is precisely what the First Amendment was intended to prohibit: state action targeted against the religious consciences of particular religious communities, and intended to attack their conceptions of justice, equality and the common good. It is tyranny, pure and simple. The stakes go beyond the questions of contraception and abortion to the very meaning of American democracy" (Joan Frawley Desmond, "HHS Secretary Sebelius: Church Groups Must Provide Contraception," *National Catholic Register*, January 21, 2012).

Just one day before the Obama Administration announced its final decision not to allow any reasonable exemption to Obamacare on the basis of religious belief or conscience, Pope Benedict XVI spoke to some U.S. bishops on their *ad limina* visit. He warned them precisely about what we are witnessing in this decision. The Pope said, "it is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church's public moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres. The seriousness of these threats needs to be appreciated..."

What will be the results? Will Catholic institutions, including schools, universities and Catholic Charities, no longer be able in conscience to provide health insurance for their employees? Will we see other rights soon denied by a government that refuses to respect conscience? Will the government mandate other morally objectionable practices in the future? Why not? Once the moral conscience of a substantial group of Americans is simply swept aside by any government, no right remains safe.

In this most recent ruling on healthcare, a government that avidly promotes freedom of choice has decided not to allow Catholics the freedom to choose. It need not be this way. But, the line has been drawn in the sand. Can Catholics simply accept the fact that the Catholic conscience is not to be tolerated in America?

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We are very pleased to *Joyfully Welcome* those who registered in our parish in December 2011 & January 2012:

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Berry, Kenvil
Mrs. Vilma Berry, Kenvil
Ms. Eileen Fletcher, Mt. Arlington
Ms. Edwina Meade, Ledgewood
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Ortiz, Landing
Ms. Zenaida Perez, Succasunna
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pignataro, Succasunna
Mrs. Nicole Potillo & Family, Landing
Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Rondon, Landing
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Ryan, Landing
Mrs. Angela Taylor & Family, Succasunna
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Torsiello, Succasunna

LADIES' DAY IN CONFERENCE

The Ladies' Day-In Conference (LDC) available to all women who are interested in being inspired and educated about family life issues. It is a great way to meet those who share similar Catholic values. Friday Morning Ladies' Sessions are held in the Church All-Purpose Room and begin with a decade of the Rosary. Refreshments will be served and childcare may be available upon request at "TLCS5@hotmail.com" or 973-927-3978. Our next sessions are:

2/17/12 @ 9:45 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
"Marriage in Christ" Part 2 - DVD Session
3/16/12 @ 9:45 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
"Theology of the Body" Format TBD
4/20/12 @ 9:45 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
"Keeping Your Children Catholic" Listening Session

Please be there, share, and enJOY~

DID YOU MISS FATHER MARC'S INSTALLATION MASS??

Copies of a video of Father Marc's Installation Mass as Pastor of St. Therese Church are available for purchase in the atrium. Copies are \$15 each; all proceeds will go to the Angel Tuition Fund of St. Therese School. The video includes both the mass and the Celebration Dinner later that afternoon.

BASKETS OF HOPE

Baskets of Hope will be collecting items on the weekend of February 11/12 for the Children's Crisis Intervention Services (CCIS) at St. Clare's in Boonton. CCIS is an inpatient facility providing high quality, compassionate psychiatric care for children and adolescents between 5 and 17 years who have been assessed to be in need of a safe and supportive inpatient care. While these children arrive in a crisis mode, CCIS' goal is to help patients move forward through a combination of individual and group therapy. A compassionate team of healthcare providers offer the best possible care in a safe environment for these young patients to heal. Their wish list includes items for both boys and girls:



- Pajamas, underwear, tee shirts, slippers
- Toiletries, hair brushes & combs
- Board games, writing & art supplies

Thank you for your compassionate support.

URGENT HELP NEEDED!!

With only 6 sessions to go we find ourselves in a situation mid-year, where the Religious Education program is in need of *two 2nd grade catechists and/or an aide*. Both individuals regrettably had to leave because of employment issues.

The classes in question are both on the "A" schedule and held on Tuesdays at 4:30 - 6pm and on Wednesdays at the same time. With the children just beginning to prepare to receive their First Eucharist, we need to find individuals who can commit to the next 6 classes (classes meet every other week) and share their faith with those little ones who are eager and wish to learn about Jesus.

If you can help, please contact me in the Religious Education office at 973 584 9444 or reledoffice@verizon.net.

With Warm regards, Cathy McGuire, Director of Religious Education.

SPRING SESSION OF ADULT EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

The Gospel of Mark – The Gospel of Cycle B

The earliest account of Jesus' life focuses on the Paschal events and will draw you into an examination of what it means to follow Jesus, even in his suffering.

The Biblical Scholar, Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere, S.S.S., Ph.D. wrote: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ [the Son of God]. So begins the Gospel of Mark, the first Gospel ever written. Before Mark, there were stories and clusters of stories about Jesus, and some of them must have been written, but none of these survived. When the Gospel was written, there was no precedents..."

Come and join us as we explore, discuss and journey through the Gospel of Mark on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:15 PM beginning February 14th (an introductory session) and ending on March 27th. Fr. LaVerdiere writes that deceptively simple, Mark's opening statement fulfills two functions...it defines and summarizes Mark's Gospel "as the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ". Not the end but the beginning! The beginning of Mark's Gospel also summarizes the message that Jesus Christ is the Son Of God.

Join us, and your facilitators, Deacon Tony and Anne Serpa, as we explore...as we share...the Gospel of Mark. We will be using the Little Rock Scripture Study Series for our journey. The cost books of \$13.50 is payable at the first night of class. To register please leave your name at the rectory by February 10th.

EVERY WEDNESDAY...

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

7:30am – 7:00pm in the Prayer Room.

Feel free to stop by anytime, Our Lord is waiting for you.

EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

7:00pm – 7:45pm in the Church.

Pray with us the Liturgy of the Hours (also known as Vespers). We will provide an easy to follow "script" for the evening.

ST. THERESE PRAYER GROUP

7:45pm in the Prayer Room

Please join us the after Evening Prayer and Benediction as we pray the Rosary and Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help. All are welcome.

THANK YOU

St. Therese Church would like to publically thank Roxbury's Fire Company #1 for donating their space for Father Marc's Installation Celebration Dinner on January 15th. We thank them wholeheartedly for their kindness and generosity.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP SERIES

St. Cecilia's Bereavement Support Ministry invites those, who have suffered a loss and who are grieving, to a journey towards healing. A series of nine weekly sessions will begin on Thursday evening, February 16th, 2012 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, at the Parish Office, 90 Church Street (the brick building to the left of the Church); Rockaway, NJ 07866.

This group is lead by trained facilitators certified by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved and the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. We pray that in this informative environment, you will find understanding, suggestions for coping, practical help, people who care, and friendship.

Please contact Joan Landry Haltigan at (973) 586-0185 or Tom Haltigan at (973) 900-0661 for additional information and to register. Advanced registration is required at your earliest convenience, but no later than February 13th, 2012.

There is no charge for this series. Confidentiality will be observed at all times and sharing is optional. Light refreshments will be served.

CAREER TRANSITION RESOURCE GROUP

The objective of the Career Transition Group is to provide general assistance and support for the unemployed and under-employed. While we cannot get you a job, *we can help you to find a job by increasing your job search skills.* We offer assistance in a number of *job search areas including the following:*

- Resume Writing
- Identifying most significant accomplishments
- Developing a job search marketing plan
- Interview Techniques
- Preparing for the Interview
- Networking
- Staying positive during job search
- Cover Letter preparation
- Actions to take after the interview
- Job Search Do's and Don'ts

We will repeat program content periodically both as a refresher for some and as an introduction for others. The meetings are also a forum for participants to share their experience during job search, to offer each other additional support and assistance, *and to network with each other. Networking is relationship building for the purpose of securing job search support, including identifying job leads.* If you are currently in transition between jobs, or if you are currently under-employed, join us on the third Monday of each month. We meet at 7:00 pm at St. Therese School in the 7th Grade Classroom. **For more information, contact John Butler 973-584-6605 or Mary Ann Dudak 973-927-8979.**

VENDORS NEEDED – FLEA MARKET

April 21st at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Lake Hopatcong. To reserve a table call Shannon at 973-464-9185.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

St. Therese Church will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning February 23rd, 7:30pm. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information please call Mike Calabrese (Program Coordinator) at 973-219-7312.

INVITE a LOVED ONE or a FRIEND!

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

NCAA FINAL FOUR BEEFSTEAK DINNER

The 9th Annual NCAA Final Four Beefsteak Dinner will be held on Saturday night, March 31st, 2012 at the St. Therese School gymnasium in Succasunna, NJ to benefit the St. Therese CYO Basketball program. Five huge TV's will broadcast both



NCAA semifinal games starting at 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm). A full beefsteak (filet mignon) dinner (catered by The Brownstone Restaurant), beer, wine and soda will be served, followed by dessert and coffee. In addition, a Sports Memorabilia Auction, Raffles and 50/50 games will be held at the event.

Price per ticket is \$45 and seats must be reserved in advance. Individual tickets or full tables can be purchased by calling Mike McDonald at 973-927-5290.

TRIP TO ITALY WITH FR. MARC OCTOBER 17-26TH

Information Meeting

**Wednesday, February 8th at 7PM
in the All Purpose Room of the church.**

Join us to learn all the details of Fr. Marc's upcoming trip. Trip highlights: Rome, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Perugia, Seine, the Lake region and much more. Cost is \$3679pp (book before February - save \$100 pp). Price includes air from Newark, 14 meals; two nights stays in Rome, Florence and Venice; and transportation to and from Newark airport.

Don't forget about our Washington DC trip May 4-7, 3 nights, 6 meals, plenty to see. Price is \$390pp.

Call or email to attend the meeting: Pat Howlett 973-895-9150 or phboomerang@optonline.net or visit www.travelboomerang.com Para informacion en Espanol contacte a Laura Zamora at lzboomerang@optonline.net or phone at 973-895-9150

ST. THERESE BINGO

In the School Gym

Sundays at 6:45pm & Mondays at 7:15pm

Doors open 2 hours before play time!

Refreshments are available for purchase

Come join us for a night of fun & prizes

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS



Smoke Free games start on Sunday at 6:45PM and on Monday at 7:15PM in the school auditorium. Join us!

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Second Monday of each month Sept.-May. Mass at 7pm, Rosary after Communion, meeting follows in the All Purpose Room. Call Donna Gorman at 973-584-6896.

CAREER TRANSITION RESOURCE GROUP: Third Monday of each month at 7pm. Meet at St. Therese School 7th Grade Classroom. All welcome for Employment Outplacement Assistance. Call John Butler at 973-584-6605 or MaryAnn Dudak at 973-927-8979.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: First and Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at the Seasons Glen Clubhouse in Mt. Arlington. Open to everyone. Call KerriAnn Mulligan at 973-479-0845 or by email to kam3@optonline.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Wednesday 7:30am – 7:30pm. Immediately after the 7:00am mass until Benediction in the Prayer Room. All welcome to stop by anytime; to become a scheduled adorer call Lucy Balko at 862-219-5794.

EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION: Every Wednesday evening in the Church Sanctuary. 7:00 – 7:45pm. All welcome.

ST. THERESE PRAYER GROUP: Every Wednesday evening, Rosary and Novena after Evening Prayer 7:45pm in the Church. Open to everyone. Call Lucy Balko at 862-219-5794.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First and Third Wednesday of each month at 8:00PM at the KofC Hall in Netcong. Call Bob Barbalaci, GK at 973- 347-6805 or by email to bob_barbalaci@hotmail.com

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

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP/UN GRUPO DE ORACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL: Every Friday evening, 7pm – 8pm in the Prayer Room. Call Yolanda at 862-219-5850.

ANGELS NEEDED

Are you in a position to help a young boy or girl continue his or her Catholic Education? Economic hardships are placing several students in jeopardy of having to leave our school. You can be the “wings” to lift them up in these troubled times. If you can help, make your contributions payable to St. Therese School and send them to the rectory labeled “*Angel Tuition Fund*” but please make checks payable to St. Therese. Thank you!

STILL WANTED & NEEDED!!!!

Used cell phones, inkjet/laser cartridges, laptops, video games and any other small electronics will benefit St. Therese School. BUT PLEASE NO PRINTERS! A collection box is located in the foyer of the church, and is collected weekly. Any questions call Mandie Myers at 973-527-3369 or haroldandmandie@optonline.net ALSO – we still need Box Tops for Education. There’s a collection box for those too! Thank you for supporting St. Therese School!!!



Pray for those in need of the Lord's healing - especially for:

Robert Kuper, Eileen Redfern, Dorothy Hall, Carol Lauch, Eric Rotella, Dorothy Berdel, Brian Piper, Owen Smith, Dorothy DeTogni, Clifford Giampietro, Chris Rozyla, Robbie

Rozyla, Fr. Robert Hooper, Angela Barbalaci, Joshua Schriegg, Joey Johnson, Anna Gambino, Yvonne Maida, Lori Cagnoni, Cheryl Devine, Vivienne Alfieri, Virgilita Gonzales, Samuel Ventura, Baby Juliana, Steve Miranda, Jenn Hegarty, Fr. Joseph Davis, Sara Smethy, Cheryl Knop, Robert Hunt.

GUIDELINES FOR NAMES LISTED HERE: For privacy reasons, all names must be submitted by immediate family members only. We will place names on our Prayer of the Faithful Announcement from the pulpit for 3 weeks; afterward the name will be listed in our bulletin. Twice annually (January & July 1st) Fr. Marc will clear the list. If you wish to have a person relisted on either list, simply call the parish office.

NEW BOOK AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND!!

Pope John Paul II fascinated millions through his outstanding personality coupled with his great faith and holiness. However, there are few who are familiar with his teachings. The deep and knowledgeable teachings of the Blessed Pope have been distilled into a book entitled: “The Encyclicals of John Paul II: Foundations of Catholic Faith and Morality” written by Rev. Tyburski in a language easy for all to comprehend. Fr. Tyburski is a pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Boonton. The Imprimatur for this book has been granted by Bishop Serratelli, and the Foreword has been written by Msgr. Raymond Kupke, our diocesan archivist and the pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Hawthorne. The book will be available in our church next weekend!

Ministry Schedule

February 11/12	5:00pm	7:45 am	9:00 am	10:30am	12 noon
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	J. Lawrence	T. Berlangieri	T. O'Connell	A. Serpa	D. Kobza
	K. Orlando	G. Birrer	C. Ryan	D. Sparano	D. LoVasco
	G. Panula	M. Birrer	D. Ryder	A. Tesoriero	A. Mazzoni
	G. Panula	N. Birrer	S. Smethy	L. Tumminello	E. McCarthy
	C. Ramacciotti	F. Calabrese	C. Tygar	D. Billotti (new)	C. McGuire
	J. Zisa	L. Coakley	S. Tygar	T. Billotti (new)	E. Scapyak
Lectors	J. Wolf	S. Birrer	M. Harding	Children's Liturgy	A. Caivano
Altar Servers	T. Guettler	D. Boylan	M. Brennan	C. Radler	A. Cooper
	J. Irwin	J. Istvan	S. Brennan	E. Scerra	M. Corpuz
	J. Magarelli	E. McLaughlin	E. Vespucci	K. Scerra	J. Kobza
Nursing Home	M. Lepre & A. Bilotti <<new>>				
Soup Kitchen	Servers: D Hayowyk , J & L Decker, V Delimata, K Grant, K Mulligan Cookers: R & K Tighe , A Galan, D & J Krannich, H & S Bayard				