Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish

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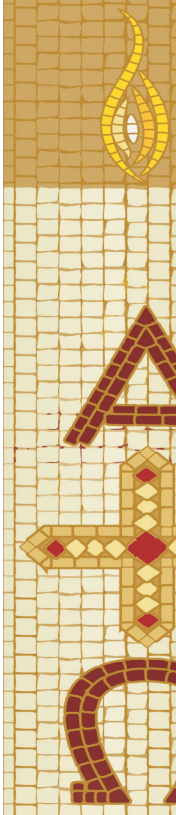

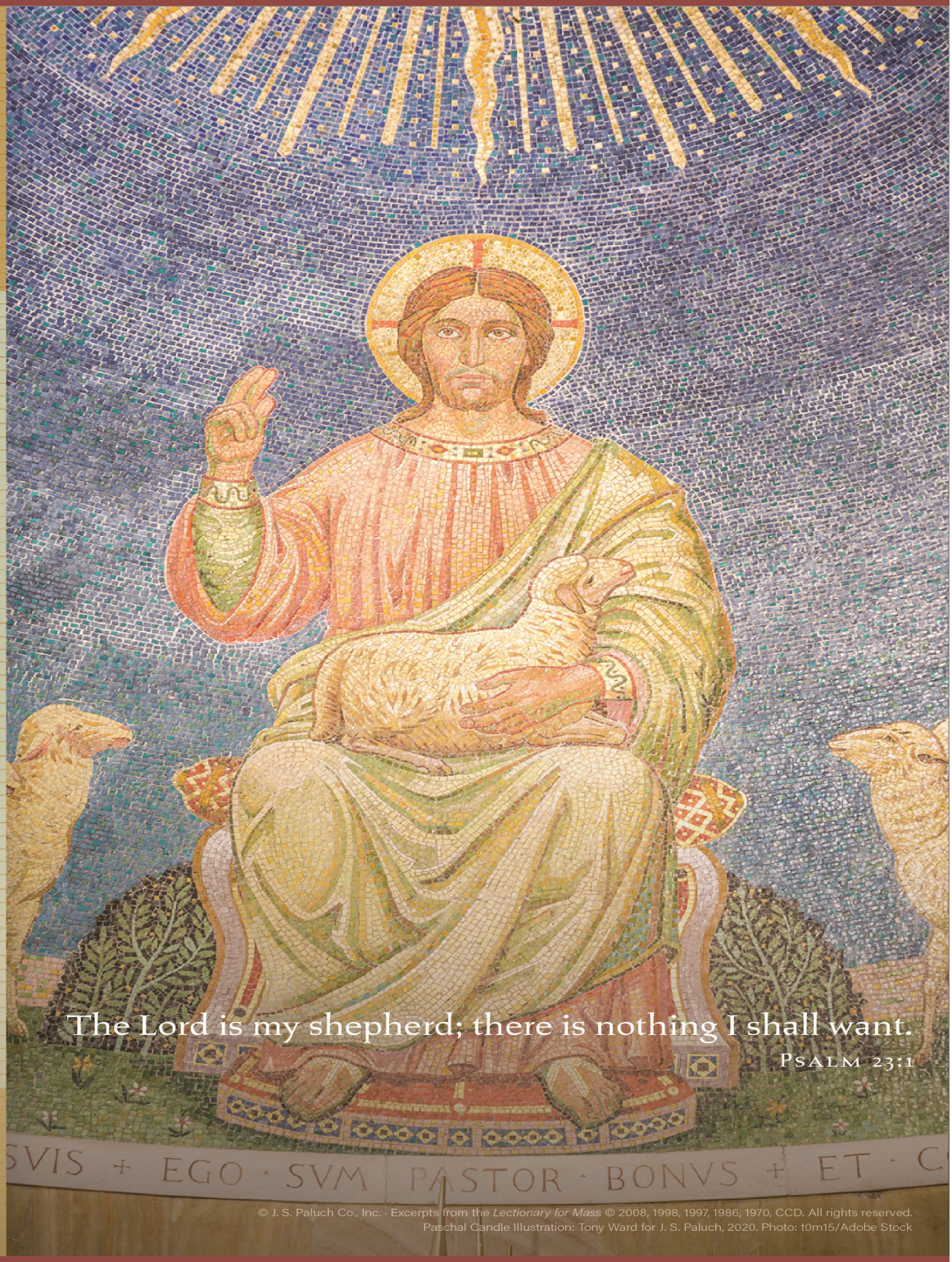

FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
Easter

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Parish Office
201-567-2528
200 Jefferson Avenue
Cresskill

Religious Education
201-567-4781
200 Jefferson Avenue
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Academy of St. Therese
201-568-4296
220 Jefferson Avenue
Cresskill

Confirmation &
Youth/Young Adult
Ministry
201-567-2528 x 307

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: MAY 2
5:00 For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY: MAY 3
7:30 Artie, Leo and John, req. Anne and Joe Diggins
7:30 Lillian Breen, req. Sister, Marie Connolly
9:30 Deceased Members of the Maus and Passano Families, req. The Passano Family
9:30 Ed Manke, req. Wife, Kate
11:30 Olive and Bill Hebert, req. Richard and Joan Hebert
11:30 Jeannette Bickel, req. The Cooper Family
MONDAY: MAY 4
8:30 Sonya Cahill, req. Peter and Belinda DeVries
8:30 Marilyn Callahan, req. Branko and Maria Badurina
TUESDAY: MAY 5
8:30 Joseph Caldararo, req. Marlene Tolan
8:30 Esty Parlanti, req. Melissa Carroll and Jonathan Gold
WEDNESDAY: MAY 6
8:30 Judy and Ted Valentine, req. Betty Connolly
8:30 Ioan Danciu, req. The Academy of St. Therese HSA
THURSDAY: MAY 7
8:30 Ralph Acello, req. His Wife and Children
8:30 Judith Schaffroth, req. Tish and Michael Oates
FRIDAY: MAY 8
8:30 Carol Thompson, req. The Abreu Family
8:30 Patti and Phil Gildenberg, req. Ida O'Neil and Family
SATURDAY: MAY 9
5:00 Paul and Peggy Tortorici, req. The Family
5:00 Fina Dean, req. The Family
SUNDAY: MAY 10
7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Susanna Magarelli, req. Magarelli/Hallihan Families
9:30 Marie and Carmela, req. Winnie
11:30 Louise Hillas, req. The Keim Family
11:30 Anne Glynn, req. Mary O'Malley

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Richard C. Barretta
William Cooper
Kathy Foley
Mary Foley
John French
Kyle Geran
Pat Geran
Michelle Guerra
Edward Harthorn
Sr. Judith Hebert, D.O.C.
Louie Hebert
Arian Hila
Jeremiah Kissane
Mike Loiacono
Jeff Meeks
Ed Naso
Mary Ann Naso
Joanne Nicastro
Judy Porcaro
Nancy Porcaro
Bob Prince, Jr.
Quinn Rosa
Catherine Ulshoefer
Amanda Wilson

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily 8:30AM
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30AM
9:30AM
11:30AM
Holy Days 7:30 PM Vigil
8:30AM
12:00 PM

Reconciliation
Saturday
4 - 4:30 PM

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

Pastor
Fr. Samuel Citero, O. Carm.
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Brian Henden, O. Carm.
Deacon
Rev. Mr. Anthony Porcaro, T. O. Carm.
Pastoral Associate
Ms. Gina Marie Loiacono
Intern
Br. Geovanny Martinez Morales, O. Carm.
Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Lois Pagnozzi
Youth Minister
Izzy Aytona
Principal
Mr. Glenn Clark
Assistant to the Principal
Mrs. Eileen Walsh
Business Manager
Ms. Sharon Rabbitt
Trustees
Mrs. Joan Hebert
Mr. Donald Wuertz

REST IN PEACE

We pray for our loved ones who have died. We pray for all those in our country and around the world who have died from COVID-19. We remember all those serving in the military and all our first responders who have died this week.
May they be at peace with God.

FROM THE *Pastor's Desk*

Dear parishioners:

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter and the beginning of May and the beginning of our 8th week separated from one another. I hope you are well.

Each day Fr. Brian, Brother Geovany and I gather together for morning prayer and mass in our residence. We pray for each of you and we pray for all those suffering the effects of this pandemic. We are connected through prayer in a way that we have never experienced before. We will not stop praying with you. We will not stop praying for you.

There have been many heartbreaking experiences within our parish family and around the world. We feel the pain of each and everyone of you. There have also been many stories of heroes—everyday heroes and unexpected heroes. Communities have come together to help one another. What seemed so important 3 months ago seems so trivial now in comparison to the real needs and the real problems which challenge us on every level.

We are learning to care more about each other and less about ourselves. We make the most of every minute of every day. One day soon life will slowly begin to return to normal. I hope and prayer that when we return to "normal" we will have been changed for the better. We will first need to be able to grieve and to properly commend back to God all those we have lost during this time. Then we must find the courage that Jesus gives us to walk away from death and into the light of the Resurrection. Once the disciples realized the full impact of the life, teachings, and resurrection of Jesus they knew that their lives could never be the same again. Now, we in our day and time as disciples of Jesus are challenged to do the same.

God bless you, stay well, stay safe.

Fr. Sam

St. Therese Church Email Connect

SHARE YOUR INFORMATION
So we can continue to connect with you!

Simply send an e-mail to gloiacono@sttheresecresskill.org
In the subject line type "email connect"

That's all you have to do!
Remember - we will never share your information.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

As a family, we pray for our parishioners and their relatives who are currently on active duty in the military.

Gavin John	U.S. Marines
Matt John	U.S. Marines
Mario Medina	U.S. Marines
Andy Naso	U.S. Army
Christopher D. Smith	U.S. Army

DIAPER DRIVE

The Office of Concern at St. Cecilia has an urgent request for Size 3, 4, 5 and 6 diapers and baby wipes.

Our vendor is unable to sell diapers to us in the quantities to fulfill the constant needs of our clients.
Diapers are not covered under any Federal or State program and cannot be bought with food stamps.
They can cost a family about $80.00 per month per child.

Our little ones appreciate your generosity.

If you able in these difficult times, please donate diapers or wipes:

Drop Off/Shipping Address/Donations:
Office of Concern-**DIAPERS**
55 West Demarest Ave, Englewood New Jersey 07631
Tel 201-568-1465.

You can also donate at officeofconcern.com or Facebook: Office of Concern.

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE: Bergen Catholic will be holding their summer "BC LEAD ON" Program for rising 7th and 8th graders from July 13-July 30 2020 from 8am-Noon. Registration begins May 1, 2020 and can be found on the Bergen Catholic website.

LET BC COME TO YOU: Bergen Catholic will share a virtual Open House on Wednesday May 20th. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For more information please contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org

St. Therese HSA Calendar Raffle Winners Week 7

4/15/2020	J. Noble	#3949	$50.00
4/16/2020	D. Checchi	#3122	$50.00
4/17/2020	G. Dagdayan	#2166	$50.00
4/18/2020	P. Berardo	#1363	$50.00
4/19/2020	T. Berardo	#1364	$100.00
4/20/2020	J. Scimanico	#3306	$50.00
4/21/2020	C. Lee	#0823	$50.00

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April 23, 2020

Five Reasons We Turn to Mary in Times of Crisis

By Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

Earlier this year when the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic became clear, and thousands—then millions—of people throughout the world were effected by physical, spiritual, economic and psychological hardships, including severe sickness and death, I began to implore the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, on a daily basis for her intercession and help. Throughout the ages, Christians have turned to Mary in times of war, pestilence and famine. In troubled times like these, she is a sure refuge, a source of comfort and hope.

My religious order, the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) maintains a particular devotion to Mary under the title *Mater de Perpetuo Succursu* (Mother of Perpetual Help). As guardians of the 15th century Byzantine icon that bears this holy name, for more than 150 years my community has promoted devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help as a means of helping people in all regions of the world draw closer to Mary, the Mother of God and our mother.

Pope Francis has frequently said that his favorite image for the Church is her motherhood. "The Church is feminine," Pope Francis says. "She is a mother." Of course, Mary is the model, the inspiration for the Church's motherhood and for all that is holy, compassionate and loving in the Church's life and ministry. When Mary's influence is missing or weak, the Church no longer acts as a loving mother.

That's why we should turn to Mary in both good times and troubled times. As Mother of Perpetual Help, she is always ready to assist us, always there for us, constantly prepared to seek her Son's guidance and support for all her children. Especially in times of grave danger, such as the current pandemic, Mary offers hope, healing and comfort to all who are in need of her maternal care.

As I reflect on our current crisis, and the serious challenges it presents to individuals, families, communities and nations in all regions of the world, I see five major reasons (among many more) why we should turn to Mary our mother for her intercession and help.

Here are my five reasons.

1. **People are sick and dying.** Throughout the Church's history, Christians have sought Mary's intercession in times of serious illness including pestilence and plagues. As a loving mother, Mary always responds with comfort and the healing grace of her Son.

> *Most Holy Mother, Health of the Sick, please stay close to all who are suffering from the effects of this deadly virus. Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Encourage caregivers, first responders and all who provide essential services often at great risk to themselves.*

2. **People are frightened, lonely and depressed.** Mary's loving presence offers courage and hope during frightening times, especially when we are isolated from family and friends. She reassures us and reminds us that we are never alone, never without the consolation and hope won for us by her Son's suffering, death and resurrection to new life.

> *Mother of Holy Hope, inspire us by your perseverance and courage. Help us see that we are not going through this time of trial alone. Show us the way to Jesus, and help us to accept your loving presence as a sure sign that even in this time of social distancing, your Son holds us in his loving embrace and says to each one of us: "Be not afraid!"*

3. **People are out of work or afraid they will lose their jobs.** Mary is alternately invoked as Our Lady of Abundance and as Mother of the Poor. She stands with us when the economy is growing and when there is widespread poverty and unemployment. She reminds us to be good stewards of all God's gifts and to share generously with others, especially the poor.

> *Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of all the Americas, you know the riches and the poverty of the lands we share with all our sisters and brothers here. Teach us to be grateful and generous stewards. Intercede for all who are poor. Reassure all who are frightened. Help us to help each other so that no one has to go without his or her share of God's abundance.*

4. **People are longing for the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.** Mary shows us the way to her Son. She is a sacrament of God's presence in the world, the Gateway to Grace and a model for the Church's prayer and worship. Deprived of access to the sacraments, and to liturgy *cum populo* (with our sisters and brothers), we understandably turn to Mary in the Rosary and other devotional prayers to help fill the spiritual gaps that exist in our lives.

> *Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Teach us to seek and find your Son, Jesus, in the prayer and worship of the Church, in the sacraments and in intercessory prayers to you and all the saints. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, help us to be patient and understanding until the day we can safely reopen our churches and once again make the sacraments available to all.*

5. **People need wise, prudent and compassionate leadership—now more than ever.** Mary is the Mother of the Good Shepherd. His teaching and example powerfully illustrate the meaning and vital importance of servant leadership. We implore the Mother of our Lord to help all our leaders in society and in the Church set aside their personal and political agendas so that they can place the needs of others first and foremost.

> *Mother of Justice and of Mercy, pray for all who are leaders. Inspire us by your obedience to God's will and your readiness to sacrifice your own needs and desires for the good of all. Open our minds and hearts to the selfless witness given to us by your Son so that we can lead our people with humility, wisdom and courage.*

In conclusion, I would like to once again make my own Pope Francis's prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, which uses the words of an ancient prayer, *Sub tuum praesidium,* actually the oldest hymn to Mary, the Mother of God, to implore her protection during the coronavirus epidemic:

> *O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*
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> *We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Holy Mary, we entrust to your maternal care the health and safety of all our brothers and sisters here in the Archdiocese of Newark and throughout the world. Help us to trust in the healing power of your Son and to stay close to one another spiritually even as we are required to maintain a safe distance physically.

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