

Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish

120 Monroe Avenue • Cresskill, NJ 07626

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

by Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests laboring at home or
abroad in distant mission fields;
for Your tempted priests;
for Your lonely and desolate priests;
for Your young priests;
for Your sick priests;
for Your dying priests;
for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.
But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priest who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I have assisted
and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me and gave me counsel;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.
O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.
Amen.

Amen.

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Priesthood Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

SATURDAY: OCTOBER 24

5:00 John and Margaret Joyce & Family, req. Bridget Joyce
 5:00 Stephen M. Fitzpatrick, req. John F. Fitzpatrick

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 25

7:30 For the People of the Parish
 9:30 Ed Manke, req. Wife, Kate
 9:30 Rosemarie Jodice, req. The LaMastra Family
 11:30 Keith Abramson, req. Eileen and Armand Mercandino
 11:30 Anthony Lombardi, req. Eileen and Armand Mercandino

MONDAY: OCTOBER 26

8:30 John Buck, req. Eleanor Buck
 8:30 Theresa Salvatore, req. Marlene Tolan

TUESDAY: OCTOBER 27

8:30 Eileen Callaghan, req. Mary Whelan
 8:30 Rev. Thomas Byrne, req. Sr. Helene and Sr. Agnes

WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 28

8:30 Madeline Morrissey, req. Desmond Morrissey
 8:30 Joan I. Higgins, req. The Olivieri Family

THURSDAY: OCTOBER 29

8:30 Joseph Connolly, req. Mom and Dad
 8:30 Elaine Amorosso, req. Erin and Tori DeCandia

FRIDAY: OCTOBER 30

8:30 Thomas Vanderberg, req. The Passano Family
 8:30 John Sestanovich, req. Joe and Pat Donnelly

SATURDAY: OCTOBER 31

5:00 Anne Keegan, req. Mom and Dad
 5:00 Patrick Murphy, req. His wife Margaret

SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 1 - All Saints' Day

7:30 Tadeusz and Jan Trojanowski, req. Wife and Mother
 7:30 Daniel Tolan, req. Marlene Tolan
 9:30 For the People of the Parish
 11:30 Pat Szczubelek, req. Jeri and Bud Yundi
 11:30 Thomas Contino, req. Valerie Contino

Danny Angelucci
 Richard C. Barretta
 Janet De Felice
 John Flynn
 Kathy Foley
 Mary Foley
 Kyle Geran
 Pat Geran
 Michelle Guerra
 Edward Harthorn
 Sr. Judith Hebert,
 D.O.C.
 Louie Hebert
 Joan Henry
 Arian Hila

Jeremiah Kissane
 Mike Loiacono
 Patti Mazzo
 Brianna Medeiros
 Jeff Meeks
 Ed Naso
 Mary Ann Naso
 Joanne Nicastro
 Judy Porcaro
 Nancy Porcaro
 Bob Prince, Jr.
 Quinn Rosa
 Vincent Tripodi
 Catherine Ulshoefer
 Amanda Wilson
 George Wymer

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

Austin Cardo	U.S. Army
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

If you have a relative serving in the military,
 please e-mail us at bulletin@stthereseccresskill.org
 so we can add his/her name to our prayer list.

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
 2 - 2:30 PM

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 Fr. Samuel Citero, O. Carm.
Parochial Vicar
 Fr. Brian Henden, O. Carm.
Deacon
 Rev. Mr. Anthony Porcaro, T. O. Carm.
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 Br. Benito Martinez Dominguez, O. Carm.
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REST IN PEACE



We pray for our loved ones
 who have died, especially
Elizabeth Dyba
 may they be at peace
 with God.

Virtual Lectio Divina

Come join Br. Geovanny & Br. Benito for weekly, virtual *Lectio Divina* Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00PM.



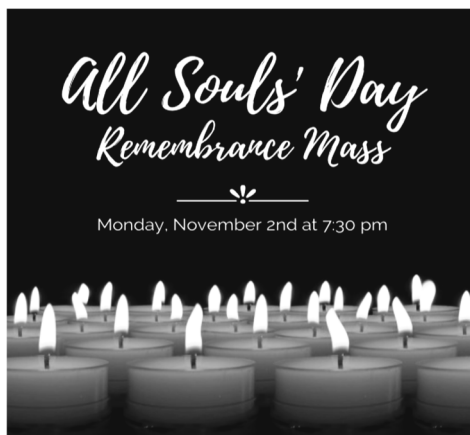
Lectio Divina is a form of prayer in which we can learn to become more aware of the presence of God in everyone and everything. It is an ancient practice of reflection and sharing on the scriptures.

To register and receive the virtual ZOOM invite, please email Gina Marie at gloiacono@stthereseccresskill.org

We will acknowledge, remember and pray for all of our parishioners who have died this year.

Unfortunately, because of our capacity restrictions due to COVID-19, attendance is by *invitation only*.

Please keep these members of our parish family in your prayers. We will remember in a special way all those who can not join us at mass to honor those they love.



10 BLESSINGS OF PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY EVERYDAY

1. Sinners are forgiven.
2. Souls that thirst are refreshed.
3. Those who are fettered have their bonds broken.
4. Those who weep find happiness.
5. Those who are tempted find peace.
6. Those poor find help.
7. Religious are reformed.
8. Those who are arrogant are instructed.
9. The living learn to overcome pride.
10. The Holy Souls in Purgatory have their pains eased by suffrages.

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**Have you been baptized Catholic
but have not yet received the sacraments of
Eucharist or Confirmation?**

The RCIA is a process of faith formation for those who would like to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith.

RCIA may be for you if:

- You were not baptized into any faith tradition and would like to become a Catholic Christian
- You were baptized in another tradition but wish to become Catholic
- You were baptized Catholic but have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or would like to explore the Catholic faith please contact Deacon Anthony Porcaro at aporcaro@stthereseccresskill.org or call the parish office 201-567-2528.

CONGRATULATIONS



Best wishes to
**Paige and Edward
Capone**
who were married
on October 17th.

*May God bless them with
many wonderful years!*

**“You shall love the Lord, your
God, with all your heart, with all
your soul and with all your mind.”**

MATTHEW 22:37

Do you put other ‘gods’ before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news - it’s not too late to put God first in all things in your life.



Saturday Evening Mass Winter Schedule

Starting November 7th
Saturday Evening Mass
will begin at 4:00PM.

Prayer Before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.



We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

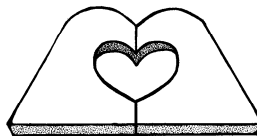
Amen

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time THE DIAMOND RULE

What the first reading calls aliens are immigrants or newcomers. They lived among the Hebrews, but were not Jews themselves. The Lord reminds the people that they were once aliens themselves. They should not make the same mistake the Egyptians did when they mistreated the Israelites. God uses the same logic in commanding them to take care of widows and orphans. Treat them like family, or else your own wives and children will be in the same situation.

The reason for such compassion should be deeper than just fear of punishment. Jesus said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). He called this the second commandment. The first is to love God wholly and completely, heart, mind, and soul. If the second commandment is the Golden Rule, the first might be called the Diamond Rule. If you think about it, in order to keep the first commandment, you have to be keeping the second as well.



Jesus said that whatever you do for the poor, the homeless, the sick, or prisoners, you do for him (Matthew 25:31-46). We can't really say we love God if we don't love the people God created.

So that gives us two reasons to love our neighbor. First, because God lives in other people, so loving God means loving God wherever God is found. Second, God loves them, so if we are to be holy, we must be like God. What does that mean? Remember the saying that "charity begins at home"? It doesn't end there. If we truly love God, we will extend our charity to those outside our homes. People are probably still rebuilding after earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, and other disasters, and every city has some kind of homeless shelters. You say you love God? Let's see you love your neighbor.

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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 25th
NOON - 5PM

On-Campus, In-Person Open House. Learn more and register today at www.donboscoprep.org, and come and explore life as an Ironman!

IMMACULATE HEART ACADEMY

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 25th
11AM - 2PM

Thursday October 29th
6:30 - 8:30PM

Online registration is requested at www.ihanj.com. Please check the website and social media pages for any potential changes in our Open Houses due to ongoing COVID-19 circumstances.

For more information please contact Ms. Alexis Fatigati '07, Director of Admissions at afatigati@ihanj.com

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TOURS

Attention Prospective 8th grade families

Bergen Catholic will be holding personal one on one tours for interested families Monday-Friday. Registration is required on the website, and a minimum of 10 families will be permitted per day.

For more information please contact Matt Rosa '08, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

SETON HALL PREP

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 1
Registration Required
www.shp.org/openhouse

St. Therese Parish
Outreach & Service Opportunities

NOVEMBER 6, 2020

Dinner Program for the Homeless

Would you like to cook a meal or a dish for our local homeless brother and sisters?

GREAT!

The following is a list of items in need.

- Large Meatloaf
- ½ tray of CORN
- ½ tray of SALAD
- ½ tray of RICE
- a dozen ROLLS
- a case of WATER

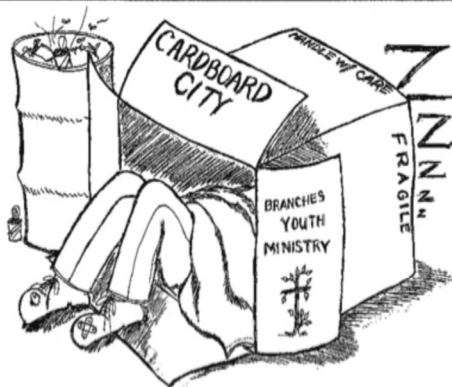
Food **MUST** be dropped off on Friday, Nov. 6 between 8:00am-3:00pm
and delivered hot, warm or room temperature.

For more details and to **SIGN UP** please visit our website at
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NOVEMBER 7-8, 2020

The Cardboard City Challenge!

OPEN TO ALL
PARISHIONERS & FAMILIES!



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website at
www.stthereseccskill.org or call the
Parish Office at
201-567-2528

**JOIN us as we advocate for our
Homeless brothers & sisters!**

This year Cardboard City will look a little
different due to Covid-19.

We have all been through a difficult time, yes,
but just imagine for a moment how much more
difficult it has been for those who are homeless!
Cardboard City will take place at your homes
this year **AND** the Parish will also provide virtual
moments for you to engage in.

Those who participate have the **option** to
CHALLENGE themselves to:

- Hold a clothing and/or food drive
- Build a shelter out of boxes.
- Sleep outside for the night in your own
back or front yard.

All those who sign-up will receive a
CC kit and resources.

JESUS SAID,
"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD,
WITH ALL YOUR HEART . . .
YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.
THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS
DEPEND ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS."

MATTHEW 22:37, 39

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THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

Love your neighbor. It sounds so simple. Yet it is not always easy to accomplish. Many things get in the way of taking this commandment to heart. Sometimes, it is things that get in the way, but more often, we get in the way. We tend to see things through our own perspective, rather than considering the other person's point of view. In our interactions with others, we often fail to truly listen, focusing instead on our next response or point to be made. We say we love our neighbor, right up to the point at which doing so requires some sacrifice of time, attention, or financial support, and then suddenly, a thousand reasons for keeping to ourselves emerge. Jesus knew this when he summed up the great commandments of loving God and neighbor. Notice what he said about this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

LOVE GOD

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). In this greatest and first commandment, Jesus describes deep and intentional love of God. Like the Thessalonians to whom Saint Paul wrote, we are to turn away from anything that could become an idol, anything that takes first place in our lives ahead of God. Loving God so completely calls us to place our lives in the heart of God, assured that when we do, all will be well. When we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we gradually learn to see the world and all people through the eyes of God, who is love.

LOVE NEIGHBOR

When God gave the covenant to Moses, the commandments of loving God and neighbor were clear, including what love of neighbor is all about. For example, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourself in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 22:20). In other words, care for the least among you; their struggles are not so different from your own. And remember, they are precious in God's sight, as are you. All are held in love by our good and gracious God. Jesus is the ultimate sign of God's love, and the perfect model of what it means to love God. Jesus teaches that real love requires sacrifice. There are moments when loving our neighbor requires us to put the other person first. No longer is it just nice to help the person who is poor, ill, lonely, in prison, homeless, or grieving. It is necessary. Their need is greater than our own. Failing to meet the person in his or her need is to ignore our very self. To love God is to love our neighbor; to love others is to love God, in whose image all are made.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 22:20–26
Psalm 18:2–4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10
Matthew 22:34–40

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