Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish

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Jesus said to the woman,
"Daughter, your faith has saved you.
Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

MARK 5:34

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 27, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: JUNE 26
5:00 Peter Joyce, req. Bridget Joyce and Family
5:00 Desideyio Fernandez, req. Philip and Dorothy Fernandez

SUNDAY: JUNE 27
7:30 Leonore Rivera, req. Ernesto and Deanna Mattera
9:30 George Postolakis, req. His wife, Madeline
9:30 Robert Ripke, req. Denise Ripke
11:30 For the People of St. Therese Parish

MONDAY: JUNE 28
8:30 Terence Conaty, req. Sheila Gorman

TUESDAY: JUNE 29
8:30 Frances Castorina, req. The Citero Family
8:30 Peter and Eleanor Maro, req. Their Family

WEDNESDAY: JUNE 30
8:30 Stan Zak, Jr. req. The Zak Family
8:30 Mary Musso and Mae Manke, req. Daughter, Kate

THURSDAY: JULY 1
8:30 Marie Smith, req. Sheila Gorman

FRIDAY: JULY 2
8:30 Bruce Henry, req. Kevin and Eileen Walsh

SATURDAY: JULY 3
5:00 For the People of St. Therese Parish

SUNDAY: JULY 4
7:30 Ulrike Byrns, req. Marlene Tolan
9:30 Edo Barzelatto, love, Maryann
9:30 Helen Lupardi, req. Madeline and Alfonso Diasparra
11:30 Norman David Atkinson, req. Louise Karach
11:30 Jack Flynn, req. Wife, Pat and Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Josephine Barretta
Richard C. Barretta
Anne Diggins
Janet De Felice
Lillian Elliott
Kathy Foley
Mary Foley
Kyle Geran
Pat Geran
Michelle Guerra
Edward Harthorn
Sr. Judith Hebert, D.O.C.
Louie Hebert
Joan Henry
Arian Hila
John P. Holohan
Jeremiah Kissane
Gloria Kovach
Mike Loiacono
Patti Mazzo
Brianna Medeiros
Jeff Meeks
Ed Naso
Mary Ann Naso
Joanne Nicastro
Lea Ann Nicolich
Fran Paternoster
Judy Porcaro
Nancy Porcaro
Bob Prince, Jr.
Quinn Rosa
Cayden Tansey
Vincent Tripodi
Wladyslawa Trojanowski
Catherine Ulshoefer
Amanda Wilson

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

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
3:30-4PM
or by appointment

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

Pastor
Fr. Samuel Citero, O. Carm.

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Br. Benito Martinez Dominguez, O. Carm.

Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Lois Pagnozzi

Youth Minister
Izzy Pineda

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Ms. Sharon Rabbitt

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Mrs. Joan Hebert
Mr. Donald Wuertz

REST IN PEACE

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of
Peter Joyce
at the request of
Bridget Joyce and Family

SACRAMENTAL BREAD AND WINE

The bread and wine offered at the masses this week has been donated in loving memory of
George Postolakis
at the request of
His wife, Madeline

WHO'S MORE GENEROUS?

Does the Christian duty to help the poor seem to be overwhelming? We hear more and more are out of work, more and more are homeless, and we see more and more pictures of starving children. Even in St. Paul's time there was more than enough poverty to go around. He was trying to build interest (in our second reading) in a project to help the Christians in Jerusalem. We see two of his reasons here.

First he tells what fine Christians they are, and hopes that they will be just as good in giving to his collection. (Reminds me of letters from the bishop, telling parishioners how good and generous they have been in the past.) But Paul isn't just flattering the Corinthians; he is challenging them to continue to show their love for God in their support for fellow Christians. The second reason was to show a good example: By helping the church in Jerusalem, they would show that Christians were united in faith and love for each other. He also doesn't make a competition out of who could be most generous. He expects them to be more interested in love for each other than in outdoing each other. The main example he uses is Jesus, who made himself poor (i.e., human) so that we could be rich in grace and forgiveness. Paul challenges them, and us, to follow that example in giving from our wealth so that others can survive. Note that he doesn't expect them to live in poverty, just to share what they have out of love for Christ. Perhaps they may need help themselves sometime, and could count on the other church to do the same for them.

Today, we can ask ourselves, "Do I give to the poor because I feel guilty about all that I have? Or do I want to show my love for Jesus when I see him in the poor? Do I give because I want the parish to look more generous than the neighboring parish, or to show that we are all united in concern for each other?" By looking at why we give to charities, we may find ourselves being even more generous than we expected.

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality."

2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

David Baranowski

DINNER PROGRAM TO FEED THE HOMELESS

Friday, August 20th

Drop Off Outside the doors of the Church between 8AM-2PM

Please visit www.sttheresecresskill.org for the list of Food/Items needed and to sign up!

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...Matthew 25:35

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. If you have yet to give, *please* pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or at the parish office. You can also visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Your gift will truly make a difference!

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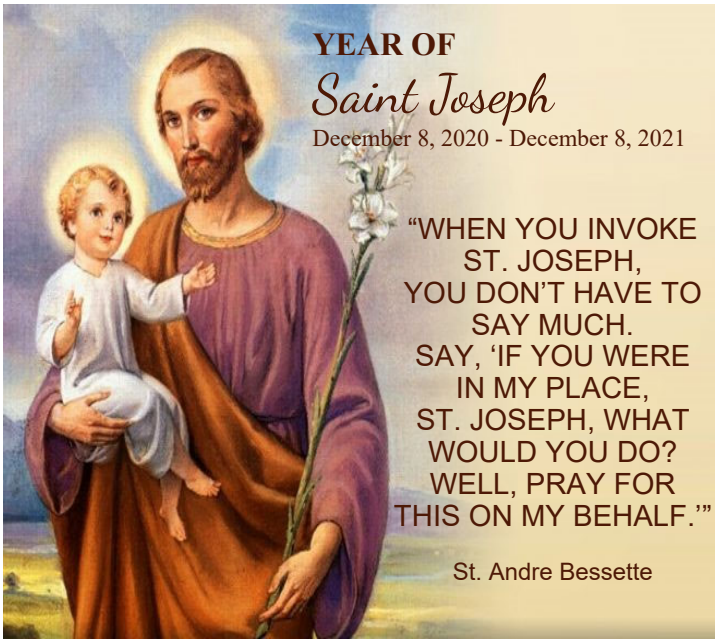

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The Parish Offices
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Monday, July 5th in
recognition of
INDEPENDENCE DAY

We wish you a happy, safe, holiday!

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention.

JULY
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JESUS SAID TO JAIRUS,

"Do not be afraid; just have faith."

MARK 5:36

JUNE 27, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH PRECEDES HEALING

As always on Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading illumines today's Gospel. In the longer form, Jesus performs two healings; and the Book of Wisdom proclaims our God the God of life, who "fashioned all things that they might have being" and formed human beings in "the image of his own nature," to be "imperishable" (Wisdom 1:14; 2:23). People of faith, therefore, choose to live God's "undying justice (righteousness)" (1:15) in this mortal life, thus beginning, even now, the undying life for which we were created. To choose otherwise is to choose the other side: the devil and death (2:25). Mark presents the two healings as a story within a story, a "story sandwich," a literary device that reinforces his message for those who originally would have heard, not read, the story. Mark wants to emphasize an essential truth of his Gospel: that Jesus does not perform miracles to compel faith, but rather that faith precedes healing.

JUST HAVE FAITH

Jairus' daughter is the child of an important, privileged man, who publicly seeks out Jesus and loudly proclaims—and demonstrates—his faith, "falling at Jesus' feet and pleading earnestly with him" (5:22–23). The anonymous woman virtually "sneaks up behind" Jesus and, though clearly filled with faith, keeps that faith to herself until Jesus draws "the whole truth" out of her after her cure (5:27–28, 33). All the more impressive, then, that Jesus delays his healing of the seemingly "more important" and younger woman for the unknown, truly marginalized older woman. Returning to the "domestic church," so to speak, of Jairus' house from the public setting of the older woman's cure, Mark tells us that Jairus' daughter has died. In the face of a hopelessness even more definitive than that of the hemorrhaging woman, people tell Jairus "why trouble the teacher any longer?" (5:35). But Jesus does not consider his response to Jairus' faith hopeless or a bother: "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (5:36). Despite death's apparent triumph at Jairus' home, Jesus grasps the child's hand—even though the law prohibited touching the dead—and bids her, "Talitha koum—Little girl, I say to you, arise!" (5:41).

WHY BOTHER?

So Mark seems to be asking us: Like Jairus on his way home or like the woman after twelve years, will we wonder, why bother? Or keep walking in faith with Jesus? Is a silent touch of Jesus' garment—a quiet prayer of faith—enough for us? In the face of apparent hopelessness, will we choose faith over despair despite the ridicule of the crowd, remembering that Jesus has grasped us by the hand in baptism and commanded us to rise? Note the Gospel's ending: after bidding Jairus' daughter rise, Jesus commands that she be given something to eat (5:43). So, too, Jesus invites us now to feast at his eucharistic sacrifice and banquet!

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24
Psalm 30:2, 4–6, 11–13
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13–15
Mark 5:21–43 [5:21–24, 35b–43]

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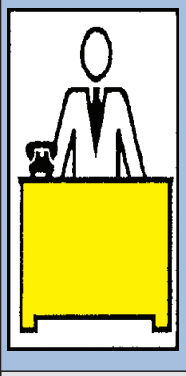

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