

Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish

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An illustration on the left side of the page featuring a pomegranate with its seeds spilling out, several olives, and a scroll. The background has a subtle, wavy pattern.

Go, eat rich foods
and
drink sweet drinks,
and
allot portions
to those who have
nothing prepared;
for today is holy
to our LORD.

Nehemiah 8:10

**Third
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**
January 23, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY: JANUARY 22**

4:00 For the People of St. Therese Parish

SUNDAY: JANUARY 23

7:30 Joan Hafemeister, req. Tom and Helen Sites

7:30 Joann Allen, req. Tom and Helen Sites

9:30 Robert Toups, Jr., req. His Parents

9:30 Josie Allesandro, req. Marlene and Family

11:30 Paul Gaglio, req. The Gaglio Family

11:30 Edward Mullins, req. Kathy Jaeger

MONDAY: JANUARY 24

8:30 Carol Kraeuter, req. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hudick

TUESDAY: JANUARY 258:30 Josephine Barretta,
req. Ken, Andrea, Sophia and Lily**WEDNESDAY: JANUARY 26**

8:30 Peggy Gorman, req. Sheila Gorman

THURSDAY: JANUARY 27

8:30 Bill O'Malley, req. Wife, Mary

FRIDAY: JANUARY 28

8:30 Leo, John, Artie and Joe, req. Anne Diggins

SATURDAY: JANUARY 29

4:00 In Thanksgiving, req. The Angeles Family

4:00 Joseph Diggins, req. Marie Gilde

SUNDAY: JANUARY 30

7:30 For the People of St. Therese Parish

9:30 Muriel Butterfield, Jr.,
req. Diasparra and Catalano Family

9:30 Edward Willcox, req. Francesca Sberna

11:30 Peter Joyce - 3rd Anniversary,
req. Wife, Bridget and Family

11:30 Stanley Zak, Jr., req. The Zak Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Richard C. Barretta

Carole Cicio

Anne Diggins

Janet De Felice

Kathy Foley

Mary Foley

Kyle Geran

Pat Geran

Joan Henry

Arian Hila

Anna Holohan

John P. Holohan

Rolando Joaquin

Denis Kelleher

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Gary Natale

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Albert Pineda

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Nancy Porcaro

Bob Prince, Jr.

Quinn Rosa

Anthony Ruffino

Cayden Tansey

Vincent Tripodi

Catherine Ulshoefer

Diane Voltolina

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

Cody McGrath U.S. Marines

Mario Medina U.S. Marines

Christopher D. Smith U.S. Army

MASS SCHEDULE**Daily** 8:30AM**Saturday** 4:00 PM**Sunday** 7:30AM

9:30AM

11:30AM

Holy Days 7:30 PM Vigil

8:30AM

12:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday

3-3:30PM

or by appointment

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REST IN PEACE

We pray for our loved ones
and for all military men and
women who have died this
week, may they be at
peace with God.

Ministries & OUTREACH

ST. THERESE WOMEN'S BIBLE SHARING

Scripture - Coffee - Sharing
Thursday Mornings in The Parish Center
9:00 -11:15AM

LECTIO DIVINA

Come join Br. Benito for weekly
Lectio Divina

FRIDAYS at 9AM

following the 8:30AM Mass in the Spola Center.

CARES COLLECTION

Our Cares Collection which serves parishioners facing financial hardship will be taken next weekend, January 29-30.

All donations to the Cares Fund go directly to help members of the St. Therese Community.

If you or anyone you know in our parish is in distressed circumstances, please reach out to Fr. Sam. All inquires remain confidential.

Thank You

*We had an overwhelming response to
The Tree of Life Christmas collection!*

Donations totaled more than \$5,000! The following items were purchased for the Carmelite Missions and Finca in El Salvador on behalf of our very generous parishioners:

50 Flocks of Chicks	20 Goats
26 Cocoa Plants	13 Avocado Plants
26 Coffee Plants	11 Pigs
22 Pineapple Plants	5 Papaya Plants

2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2022 Annual Appeal?

This weekend, Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark to make their yearly commitment to the Annual Appeal (see page 5). Thank you to everyone who has given generously to the Appeal in the past. Your gifts continue to support vital programs and ministries.

The 2022 Base Goal for St. Therese Parish is **\$57,980**. The Stretch Goal is **\$65,563**. If the Base Goal is not met by 12/31/22 - the parish is responsible for the shortfall. Parish incentives will be based on St. Therese surpassing the 2022 Stretch Goal by June 30, 2022.

Giving is not just about making a **donation**. It is about making a **difference** (Kathy Calvin - UN Foundation.) With some sacrifice we can reach our goals!

*"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks,
and allot portions to those
who had nothing prepared..."*

NEHEMIAH 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part - to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

David Baranowski

REFLECTION QUESTION

How can I allow God to direct
my actions this week?

T.W.I.G.S.

Upcoming Winter
Events
Jr. High

Hang Out!

JANUARY 30
1:00 - 2:30PM
Youth House

Super Bowl Party

February 13
1:00 - 2:30PM
Youth House

For more information email Izzy and Aaron, Youth Ministers at youthministry@stthereseccresskill.org



Upcoming Winter
Events
High School

Super Bowl Party

February 13
1:00 - 2:30PM
Youth House

T.W.I.G.S.

DON'T FORGET THIS SUNDAY!

Rock Painting - Bring a medium sized rock(s)
JANUARY 23 from
1:00 - 2:30PM
Youth House



**Mark Your
Calendar**

FEBRUARY 12-13
AFTER MASSES

The Branches and Twigs Youth
Groups will be participating in the
**Annual Souper Bowl
of Caring Fundraiser.**
DETAILS COMING!

SAY A PRAYER TO A PANDEMIC SAINT St. Rosalia

Rosalia was born in the 12th century into a Norman family said to be descended from Charlemagne. Intensely religious, she decided to devote her life to prayer and sacrifice in a cave on Mount Pellegrino, where she inscribed on a wall: "I, Rosalia have taken the resolution to live in this cave for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ."

Five hundred years later, when Palermo was being decimated by a plague, St. Rosalia appeared in a dream to a hunter, and told him where her bones could be found. Then he was to bring them to Palermo.

The people of the town carried her remains throughout the city, and the plague ended. Soon after, St. Rosalia became the patron saint of Palermo, and a sanctuary was built where her remains were recovered.

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"THE HISTORICAL JESUS"

Lecture with Msgr. John Meier,
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Thursday, February 3

6:30 - Reception/7:30 - Lecture
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CONCENTRATE.

8 KEYS TO PRAYER



THE QUALITY OF
YOUR PRAYER IS
IMPORTANT, EVEN IF
IT'S SHORT.



PRAY FREQUENTLY
SO YOU GAIN THE
HABIT OF
RECOLLECTION.



SEEK FOR SILENCE,
BOTH INTERIOR AND
EXTERIOR.



DISTRACTIONS ARE
INEVITABLE. IGNORE
THEM.

My life is an instant,
an hour which passes by;
My life is a moment
Which I have no power to stay.
You know, O my God,
That to love you here on earth—
I have only today.

St. Therese of Lisieux

Source: [Aleteia.com](http://es.aleteia.org/2016/10/04/10-claves-para-una-oracion-profunda-y-eficaz/) • 10 claves para una oración profunda y eficaz
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Annual Appeal^{the 2022}

January 14, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A blessed New Year to you and your loved ones.

I recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of my installation as the Archbishop of Newark. During my homily, I shared the following words, which Paul wrote to his beloved friends in Philippi:

“Rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again, rejoice! ... Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”

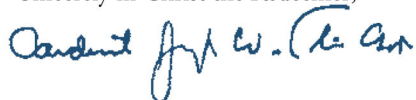
God is always present to listen to our prayers and requests. This is evident in the faith and generosity of people like you who help fund the mission and the necessary programs and ministries of our Archdiocese. Thanks to the support of more than 25,000 families, last year we raised more than \$9 Million to support our programs and ministries. I am also excited to announce that \$1.2 Million was given back directly to the parishes that exceeded their Appeal goal to help them meet the immediate needs of their parish.

Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your generosity and my assurance that we are exercising good stewardship of your gifts.

I have made my own gift to this year's Annual Appeal and I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift as well. The gifts we receive are used exclusively to serve the mission of the Church and nothing more. Despite the continued difficult climate, I am grateful to the people of this Archdiocese for their faith, generosity, and commitment.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness. May Mary, Mother of our Redeemer and our Mother, protect you and lead you ever closer to her Son. You are in my prayers, and I ask you to remember me in yours as well.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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COMMUNITY

Community is important. Community is essential. Community is crucial. This message is the foundation of today's readings from Nehemiah, Corinthians, and Luke. Ezra's reading of the scroll is done in front of the community, including—a radical act at the time—women, and children old enough to understand, groups usually not counted among those hearing God's promise proclaimed. Community is important. The mystical Body of Christ, like the human body, functions best and most fully when all members are playing the role for which they were meant. Community is essential. God's word is fulfilled when the community has heard it, and witnessed it. In Luke, the baptism and desert trials of Jesus lead to the synagogue scene, which will then lead Jesus to his public ministry of proclaiming the reign of God. He eventually will journey to Jerusalem and his crucifixion. Community is crucial.

ONE BODY, ONE JESUS

Our liturgical calendar separates different Gospel scenes, which can sometimes do them a bit of a disservice. The liturgical year, of course, has its own rhythm and purpose, into which the stories of the life of Jesus are placed. However, when Luke was organizing his Gospel (for "Theophilus" the lover of God whom we encounter in today's Gospel introduction), today's scene was part of a three-fold structure: the baptism of Jesus; the temptation in the desert; the announcement of the public mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. Linking these is the Holy Spirit, who descended on the body of Jesus at his baptism, who filled his body as he endured his forty-day trial, and who is upon his body to announce and to bring about God's reign, a mission he fulfills with his body on the cross. The incarnation (the "in-flesh-ing") of Jesus, which we think of in connection with his birth, remains central to his story.

ONE CHRIST, ONE BODY

Last week's reading from Corinthians concerned the one Spirit who gives many gifts, yet is the source of our unity. Paul continues this theme today using the image of the body, whose different members each have an important and distinct role to play. The Spirit of baptism forms that one mystical Body of Christ. The Spirit of baptism fills the many members, but unites them always as one. The Spirit of baptism is on each member, as it was for Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. That Spirit of our baptism anoints each of us as a member of Christ's Body to be glad tidings, proclaim liberty, bring clearer vision, lift the oppressed, to announce God's reign to all. As different members of Christ's Body, we are each called upon to do this in our own way. We may face opposition or rejection, as Jesus did, but we can always turn again in faith to the Spirit of our baptism who is still with us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15

1 Corinthians 12:12–30 [12–14, 27]

Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21

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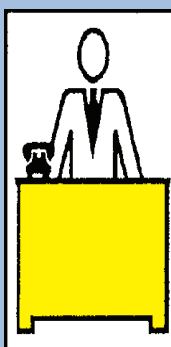
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