Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: MAY 21
5:00 Estelle O'Brien
Requested by Jeri and Bud Yundi
5:00 Jose Miguel Fernandez
Requested by The Fernandez Family

SUNDAY: MAY 22
7:30 For the People of St. Therese Parish
9:30 Edward Willcox
Requested by Rosalia and Phil Pernice
9:30 Fe Tiongson
Requested by The Angeles Family
11:30 David Celestina
Requested by Eleanor Fatovic
11:30 Joseph Violone
Requested by Margaret Haggerty

MONDAY: MAY 23
8:30 Joseph McDermott
Requested by The LaMastra Family

TUESDAY: MAY 24
8:30 Joey Falleti
Requested by Angela Caserta

WEDNESDAY: MAY 25
8:30 Alice Theresa Chanda
Requested by Tom and Charlotte Murray

THURSDAY: MAY 26
8:30 Joseph Diggins
Requested by Peggy Spadaccini

FRIDAY: MAY 27
8:30 Mary Ann Leclercq
Requested by The Scofield Family

SATURDAY: MAY 28
5:00 John, Nellie and Michael Sullivan
Requested by Helen and Jerry Keegan
5:00 Mary Franzetti
Requested by Ruth Nicastro

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Richard C. Barretta
JoAnn Bussa
Carole Cicio
Stella Diaz
Anne Diggins
Janet De Felice
Kathy Foley
Maureen Frazer
Kyle Geran
Pat Geran
Joan Henry
Arian Hila
Anna Holohan
John P. Holohan
Rolando Joaquin
Jeremiah Kissane
Sonia Laurent
Leonore Liebeskind
Mike Loiacono
Karen LoSchiavo
Carmela Marti
Patti Mazzo
Eileen Mercandino
Ed Naso
Mary Ann Naso
Gary Natale
Joanne Nicastro
Lea Ann Nicolich
Albert Pineda
Angelo Porcaro
Nancy Porcaro
Bob Prince, Jr.
Quinn Rosa
Anthony Ruffino
Cayden Tansey
Bobbe Tintle
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.

Matthew Agrusti	U.S. Marines
Austin Cardo	U.S. Army
Justin Greenberg	U.S. Marines
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 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30AM
9:30AM
11:30AM
Holy Days 7:00 PM Vigil
8:30AM
12:00 PM

Reconciliation
Saturday
4-4:30PM
or by appointment

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

Pastor
Fr. Samuel Citero, O. Carm.
Deacon
Rev. Mr. Anthony Porcaro, T. O. Carm.
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Ms. Gina Marie Loiacono
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Br. Benito Martinez Dominguez, O. Carm.
Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Lois Pagnozzi
Youth Minister
Izzy Pineda
Business Manager
Ms. Sharon Rabbitt
Trustee
Mr. Donald Wuertz

REST IN PEACE

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially
Mary Ann Gallivan
and
Eleanor Quadri
may they be at peace with God.

Ministries & Outreach

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

The money we raised will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccbn.org/home-missions.

CARES COLLECTION

Our Cares Collection which serves parishioners facing financial hardship will be taken next weekend, May 28/29. 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

The staff at Family Promise were thrilled to receive our Ziti and Lasagna dinners, sides, drinks, and desserts! They are so appreciative of the St. Therese parishioners who always come through for them! Big thanks to those of you who cooked and donated food and to Mr. Millett who loaded up the truck to get it there!

farewell

Please join us as we say good-bye to **Br. Benito** after all masses May 21/22.

Coffee and Refreshments will be served.

We are so grateful for your service and friendship. St. Therese will miss you!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated on May 22.

Please remember to pray each day for these young men and women as they begin the next phase of their faith journey.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Bishops of New Jersey have **permanently** transferred the observance of the Ascension of the Lord to the following Sunday.

This year, the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, May 29, with its vigil on the evening of Saturday, May 28. Thursday, May 26th in **not** a Holy Day of Obligation.

OUR SUNDAY OFFERINGS

May 8, 2022

Our Weekly Goal	$13,200.00
Regular Collection	$ 8,688.00
Assessment	$ 2,411.00
Total	$11,099.00

Please make all checks payable to St. Therese Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How can I participate more fully at Mass?

CONGRATULATIONS

Nenita and Venerando Castro

The Castros were honored by
The Archdiocese of Newark
as they celebrated 50 years of marriage at the
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

May God Bless them as they are favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian Marriage.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Join us at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, June 12th and afterwards for some refreshments! We would like to congratulate and honor you! If you are able to attend please email our Youth Ministers, Izzy or Aaron at youthministry@sttheresecresskill.org

2022

We hope to see you there!

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

The cards for our annual Father's Day Novena are available at the doors of the church. Please print the necessary information on the outside envelope and return it to the Parish Office. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for a nine-day novena. The suggested donation is $10.00.

the 2022 Annual Appeal

The 2022 Annual Appeal is well underway.
We have $5,820 already pledged.

Base Goal	$57,980
Donations Pledged	110.04%
Donations Received	96.42%
Stretch Goal	$65,563
Donations Pledged	97.31%
Donations Received	85.26%

COMING THIS SUMMER!

Save the date-Sunday, July 10th
Jr. High Summer Retreat!
Details to follow

St. Mary Magdalen de'Pazzi
Carmelite Saint
Feast Day May 25

Father, You love those who give themselves completely to your service, and you filled St. Mary Magdalen de'Pazzi with heavenly gifts and the fire of your love. As we honor her today may we follow her example of purity and charity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Office of Concern at St. Cecilia Church in Englewood is in need of volunteers, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 8AM and Noon. If interested, please call Christine at 201-568-1465.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 22 2022

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

John 14:23

PEACE

The sixth Sunday of Easter moves us toward the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early Church. Today's Gospel describes Jesus at the Last Supper, foretelling the coming of the Spirit to the community of Jesus. Jesus combines the promise of the Spirit with his gift of peace to his disciples. He foresees that the community must be grounded in his love, which provides peace, to face the tumult of the Crucifixion, and later, the trials of the early Church. Grounded in Jesus, the community can then be open to the Spirit who will continually guide, remind, and renew them in their life together. The gift of peace from Jesus is not a worldly peace through which the powerful crush opposition. It is not a complacent or private peace. The peace of Jesus instead seeks and works toward peace throughout the world, guided by the Spirit.

RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

Today's passage from Acts captures the beginning and the conclusion of what became known as the Jerusalem Council. It is well worth studying all of Acts 15, meant to provide an example of responsible leadership for the wider Church. There was substantial conflict within the community over what is necessary for unity in the diverse community of Jews and Gentiles. We can notice some key characteristics of the actions of the leadership.

The leaders acknowledged the reality of a significant conflict without minimizing it. They received and fully honored the diverse experiences of persons of different backgrounds. They worked with an accepted authority structure and a process to move toward resolution. They were committed to discern the action and will of the Spirit, with a deep respect for testimony about how the Spirit was working. They avoided placing unneeded burdens on anyone. And afterward, they continued to observe the ongoing action of the Spirit as the decision was implemented.

WHAT IS ESSENTIAL?

The issues weighed by the Jerusalem Council in our passage from Acts were related to circumcision as a requirement, and to table fellowship. A strong theological tradition held that traditional practices were essential, and the community genuinely sought to maintain continuity with the roots of their faith. Peter's observation about how the Spirit was actively working in their midst pointed the leaders in a new direction. Then James reminded them that the scriptural tradition also pointed to fully welcoming the Gentiles into God's community.

It is a profound challenge for leaders in our own parishes when encountering issues that can fracture a community. What is essential and what is not? What are we called to embrace, or called to lay down? Acknowledging conflict and working toward resolution is an essential function for our parishes, because Christ calls us to live in unity. We are called to open our hearts, mine our tradition, and observe the activity of the Spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29
Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23
John 14:23–29

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God's Word For Children

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Spirit, also called our "Advocate,"
is of great help to us!
Write the letter that comes before the letter shown on the blank.
(The alphabet is written out to aid you.)
When you're finished you'll find four things our Advocate does.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

F O D P V S B H F T
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H V J E F T
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D P N G P S U T
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

U F B D I F T
_ _ _ _ _ _ _

While Jesus was on earth he told his disciples
he was leaving something with them.
Use the shape code to find what it was.

☆ = E △ = C □ = P
○ = a

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□ ☆ ○ △ ☆

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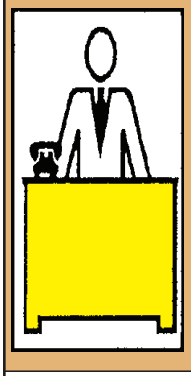

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