

THE PARISH OF ST. THERESA

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OCTOBER 22, 2023

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Parish Office Business Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am (*Main Church*)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm & Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm & Holy Day Mass: 8:00 am & 12:15 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm & By appointment

DAILY PRAYER & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Main Church and the Daily Chapel are opened for private prayer Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration (in the Daily Chapel) Fridays after the 8:00 am Mass and concludes with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6:00 pm.

PARISH LIFE

"The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates *the heart of the mystery of the Church*." (St. John Paul - *On the Eucharist & Its Relationship to the Church*). At the parish of St. Theresa, we strive to embody these words that describe the centrality of the Eucharist for the life and mission of the Church.

We welcome you to join us as we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, or race, you are a Child of God and you are welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at the Church of St. Theresa.

REGISTRATION: We invite you to officially register as a member of our parish community. By registering you declare your desire to be part of our Catholic community and you are able to stay closely connected with the life of the parish. In order to register, please call or stop by the Parish Office.



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who continuously suffer physically, emotionally and/or spiritually and those who tirelessly care for them. Let us especially remember those currently in need of our prayers: **Rose Asrican, Frank Barinski, Tom Baumann, Cathy Bentivenga, John Blotnik, Cindy Bowser, Kim Carroll, Rachel Carroll, Adriana Chizan, Irma Chagnon, Charles Constantino, Kim Coyle, Connor Egan, Johnny Favro, Sandra Fourman, Cecilia Garbaravage, Barbara Gardner, Joe Ghigzone, Gregory Gioe III, Makenna Granquist, Mark Hansen, John & Jeanette Herman, Thomas Huie, Debbie Innocenti, Marilyn Kent, Marie Konchan, Margaret Kurczewski, Bill Lisner, Rose & Frank Litwin, Rocca Macchiaverna, Pat MacCorkle, Catherine Marra, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Bill Mitchell, Rev. William Modlin, John Moore, James Montefusco, Rita Murray, Leona O'Grady, Rita O'Neill, Jim P., Crystal Paci, Josephine Paci, Thomas Punzo, John Quinn, Andrew Joseph Ragusa, Joe Rella, Debbie Rotio, Samantha Saraceno, Cathy Schaffer, Michelle Scott, Kevin Shinkunas, Thomas Smith, Lois Somodi, Amanda Super, Nathan Super, Dino & Ashley Tobia, Elliot Truex, Sean William, John Williamson, and Sharon Williamson.**

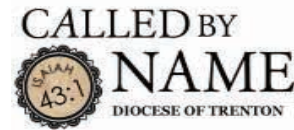
WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Edward McNally, Teddy Shemanski, and Vincent Smith.** May they find eternal rest in peace with God our Father.



WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who are currently **deployed** especially: **Master Sgt. Jordan Bieda, Sr. Airman Steven Brown, Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, Airman Staff Sgt. Frank J. Kowalewski, Jr., Lt. Amanda Keller, Lt. Jennifer LaFalace, FC2 Paul R. Lund, Pvt. Anthony Mackiewicz, Jr., Pvt. Logan Mora, Lance Cpl. John Murray, USMC, Staff Sgt. Michael Novelli, Nicholas Roesch, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Okoszko, Spec. Jeffrey Peterson, Jr., LCDR Christopher J. Worosz, USN, Lt. Matthew A. Worosz, USN.** May the Lord protect them as they protect us.



WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few, and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization. We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men to seriously consider vocations to the priesthood. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead in the Church in the future. Lord, you told your Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in person at the Parish Office at least 2 months in advance. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made at least 1 year in advance. Preparations include sessions with a member of the clergy and attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A careful judgment about the serious nature of an illness is sufficient. *"Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."*¹³⁰

We welcome anyone who has a physical condition, is anticipating entering the hospital for surgery or tests, or under any emotional distress to avail them of this beautiful Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office to schedule the Sacrament with a priest. Please do not wait until the very last minute to call.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

SATURDAY – October 21, 2023

4:00 PM – Elaine Chagnon Coughlan/ Irma Chagnon
Joseph V. Chagnon/ Irma Chagnon
Madeline FitzGerald/ Irma Chagnon
Patricia Punzo/ Husband, Tom & Family

SUNDAY – October 22, 2023

7:30 AM – Richard Jones/ Wanda & Joe DiGrande
Franny McCabe/ Eileen Wertz
Santos Garcia/ Emma & Pat McGovern
George Binder/ Audrey & Joe Scarpa

9:00 AM – Harry T. Korzeb/ Steven & Terri Dimino
William Brett/ Nick & Lucille Steiger
Kenneth O'Connell/ Respect Life Ministry
Daniel Morelli/ Fio & Marty DiGiovanni

11:30AM – Thomas Pizza/ Wife, Mary
William McClure/ Federico Family
Stuart T. McCullen/ Jane Hall
Lorraine McLenes-Walter/ Ann & Dave Wilton

The Bread & Wine:

In Loving Memory of: Laurie Kunselman

Requested by: Dr. & Mrs. O'Hara

The Sanctuary Light:

In Loving Memory: Pete Perez

Requested By: Carol Owens

Readings for Next Weekend

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Exodus 22:20-26

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY – October 23, 2023

8:00AM – June Palan/ Kay Dolch
Janine McKeon/ Leslie Marier

TUESDAY – October 24, 2023

8:00AM – Raffaele Rivelli/ Maria
Emma Fernandez-Regan/ Leslie Marier

WEDNESDAY – October 25, 2023

8:00AM – George FitzPatrick/ Grandchildren
Marcela Nicholes/ Eileen Wertz

THURSDAY – October 26, 2023

8:00AM – Danny Brady/ John Brady
William R. Bodkin/ Wife & Son

FRIDAY – October 27, 2023

8:00AM – Peter Newman/ Nancy & Jim Newman
June Palan/ Kay Dolch

SATURDAY – October 28, 2023

4:00 PM – Patricia Punzo/ Husband, Tom
Frank & Andy Albanese/ Jane Innocenti
John Wolfe/ Wife, Maureen
Raymond Salgueiro/ Family

SUNDAY – October 29, 2023

7:30 AM – Hank Klaas/ Linda Sherry
George Binder/ Audrey & Joe Scarpa
Anna Morey/ Rose Faiss
Santos Garcia/ Virginia Esposito

9:00 AM – Leroy McKee/ Daughter, Peggy
Madison & Family
Thomas Durkin/ Nick & Lucille Steiger
Pasquarelli Family/ Fio & Marty DiGiovanni
Larry Lutz/ Capasso Family

11:30AM – Frank Manfredo/ Ann & Dave Wilton
John Levy/ Joyce Levy & Family
Shirley Deedy/ Eileen Dolan
Michael Bonk/ Peggy & Bill Murphy

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Take a deeper look at
Sunday's Gospel



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seeking to entrap Jesus in His speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask Him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, He answers, "*Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's.*"

Consider & Reflect

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen."

How would you respond if you opened your mail today and found the sender offering such praise of three things - faith, labor of love and hope in Jesus Christ? Initially I might say 'who me?', but like the people in this letter of Paul, we too have been chosen. This is my chance to look within, asking if my faith is growing, if my service to others is a labor of love, and where lies my hope.

As I wrestle with the answer, I remind myself that I am truly loved by God. The more aware of this love, the more I want to respond generously with the same gratitude which marked the first verse of this letter to the Thessalonians - and to me.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday October 28, 2023 - 4:00 PM

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large, Deacon Jay Werling

READER: Bernice Philhower

ALTAR SERVER: Kim Werling

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Patricia O'Hara, Cathy Mills, Janet Pascavitch, Jane Innocenti, Carol Owens, Charlotte Huff, Jack Stewart, Gloria Barnet, Barbara Ragusa, Patricia Musto

Sunday, October 29, 2023 - 7:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon David O'Connor

READER: Mary Joan Piechocki

ALTAR SERVER: Justin McCarthy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Mary Schneider, Ginny Biely

Sunday, October 29, 2023 - 9:00 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon David O'Connor

READER: Steven Schaffer

ALTAR SERVERS: Bartie DiFrancia, Sophia DiFrancia

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: John Sullivan, Kathy Barneman, Marie Adderly, Diane Coccozza, David Laskowski, Jayne Ziegler

Sunday, October 29, 2023 - 11:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large, Deacon Jay Werling

READER: Cathy Mazanek

ALTAR SERVER: Kim Werling

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Mary Reichner, Jacqueline Arduini, Diane Cregan, Mila Daproza, Patricia McDowell, Terry Walsh



It's Respect Life Month!

Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why *every* human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. See the bulletin for more information.

Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as "Respect Life Month." This year, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities invites Catholics to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Respect Life Month by embracing "**radical solidarity**" with women facing difficult or challenging pregnancies.

Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance. In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid. May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.

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October 22nd

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit respectlife.org/celebrate

Please see this column each Sunday during the month of October for a reflection on Respecting Life.



St. Theresa's Respect Life Ministry

BABY SHOWER

At All Masses

October 21st & 22nd

THIS WEEKEND

Items Needed (new only):

Baby clothes, diapers, bottles, blankets, etc.

Monetary donations are always accepted.

Sorry we cannot accept furniture.

All items collected will be donated to Open Door, Good Counsel & Birthright (Crisis Pregnancy Center).

There will be Respect Life Ministry Members in the Gathering Space to accept your gifts!

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



"LIVING THROUGH GRIEF"

SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

St. Theresa Faith Formation Center

Facilitators: *Gwen Nolan and Rosemarie Martelli*

We are offering a support group at St. Theresa's. This group will meet a total of **six sessions** to share experiences of loss.

If you have any questions and/or would like to be part of this group, please call Gwen at 609-335-5252.



This Week at our Church:

Monday, October 23, 2023

Children's Faith Formation 5:30 – 6:45 PM

Al-Anon 7:15 PM

(Faith Formation Center)

Choir Practice 4:00 PM (Church)

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

JERSEY MIKE'S Fundraiser

Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM (Chapel)

Bereavement 3:00 PM

High School Youth Group 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:00 PM

(Faith Formation Center)

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Scripture Study 9:30 AM (Faith Formation Center)

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Adult Faith Formation 9:30 AM or 7:00 PM

(Faith Formation Center)

Friday, October 27, 2023

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Evening Prayer with Benediction 6:00 PM

(Daily Chapel)

Middle School Youth Group 6:00 – 9:00 PM

(Faith Formation Center)

Saturday, October 28, 2023

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

DISPLAY SALE

Food Bags Distributed

Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale

(Gathering Space)

Sunday, October 29, 2023

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

DISPLAY SALE

Food Bags Distributed

Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale

(Gathering Space)

Children's Faith Formation 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

(Church & Faith Formation Center)

Respect Life Rosary after 11:30 AM Mass

(Gathering Space)



FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24th

ALL DAY

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***We hope you will
participate!***

CHOIR NEWS:

The Adult Choir

Practice: **MONDAYS from 4:00-6:00 PM.**

All choir rehearsals are in the Church

*The Adult Choir sings each Sunday at the
11:30 AM Mass*

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



For more information contact Gerard Mirandilla,
Music Director, after any Mass, call 609-296-2504
ext. 228 or email

Gerard.mirandilla@sttheresa450.org



One Year Fundraising Campaign

To make a donation, please visit our website or online <http://givebutter.com/Ck4UXH>, or scan the QR code:



PLEASE NOTE: Names of those donating \$1,000.00 or more will be recorded in our *"In Memory Book"*

YEAR LONG SUPER 50/50!!

June 4, 2023 -May 20, 2024



Benefits *The Legacy of Fr. Mick Lambeth Mortgage Fund*

Book of 4 tickets - \$100.00

(No individual tickets will be sold)

Drawing will take place at the closing of the Campaign at the Golf Outing and Banquet on **May 20, 2024.**



Second Collection

Next Weekend – October 29, 2023

All Souls Day Remembrance

The envelopes with the names of our deceased loved ones will be placed on the Altar on November 2nd - All Soul's Day.



Join us for our annual fall **DINNER DANCE**

at Calloway's

.....
Friday, November 3, 2023
6 -10 pm
.....

\$40.00 per person
.....

Tickets will be sold at all
Masses this weekend

October 14 & 15

Limited tickets available



2023/2024 Program

Includes First Communion & Confirmation Prep
For more information call Joana Schmidt at
609-296-2504 Ext. 224 or email

Joana.schmidt@sttheresa450.org



St. Theresa's MONTHLY 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are on sale after all the
Masses in the **Gathering Space**
and at the Parish Office during office hours.
The next drawing will be held **November 7, 2023
at 10:00 AM** at the Parish Office. We hope you
will support this fundraiser for our parish.



Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM

We invite those who have suffered a loss during the past year to a *special Mass of Remembrance* where we will remember your loved one by having their name read and by lighting a candle in their memory.

If your loved one had a funeral somewhere other than at St. Theresa's Church this past year, please call us so we may include their names with our dearly departed.

One of the common prayers during the Funeral liturgy reads:

***"Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them."***

Please consider joining our parish of St. Theresa as we pray for the eternal rest of all who have died and ask our Loving God for the comfort and hope that only He can provide.



***For St. Theresa's Food Pantry
609-296-2504***

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

You may drop off donations at the Food Pantry during the operating hours listed above.

Items needed: **TOILET PAPER**, ***Hamburger Helper type packaged products, rice side dishes, cake mixes and frosting, children's cereal, small jars of mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, tuna fish, peanut butter, grape jelly, pancake syrup, apple juice and pasta. Thank you.***

AL-ANON

AL-Anon is a mutual support group of peers who share their experience in applying the AL-Anon principles to problems related to the effects of a problem drinker in their lives. AL-Anon meets **every Monday at 7:15 PM** in the Faith Formation Center. Please visit www.al-anon.org for more information.

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COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

at St. Theresa Good News!

We have garnered enough interest to move forward with our Columbarium Project on our parish campus. The diocese has also given us permission to work with their staff regarding the purchase and installation of our columbarium.

For those of you who have 'signed up' and expressed your interest, you can expect an updated letter & contract in the mail, probably in early November. Once received, please review it and return it to the parish office with your payment. Fred Lowe will also be reaching out to you with some further details.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

June 11, 2022 – Pentecost 2025

"What more can be given us Christians? [The Father] gives us His Son, who is of His own substance; His Son who is begotten from all eternity in the splendor of His glory; His Son who is the sole object of His most tender joy. He allows this most adorable Son to be sacrificed and to die upon a cross for us. ... But divine love goes further. It is not enough to have given Him in the adorable mystery of the Incarnation by becoming man and dying for us upon a cross. This same God comes to us every day under the appearance of bread and wine in the august Sacrament of the Eucharist in order to unite Himself most intimately to our hearts: to attend to us, to sustain us, and to share His most tender delights."

St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807 – 1870)

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Deadline to order is October 30th

All pies arrive frozen. Pick-up will be on Tuesday, November 14th, time to be determined.

To place an order contact:

Joana.schmidt@sttheresa450.org or 609-296-2504 ext. 224 or stop by the Parish Office.

All Proceeds support the Religious Education Program

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

HONOR THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES



Help decorate our outdoor Parish Campus this Christmas and honor the memory of your loved ones.

Purchase a Christmas tree for \$125.00
includes lights and memorial sign.

Feel free to decorate your tree
Please note: The Parish is not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen ornaments or decorations.

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