TEMPTATION IN THE DESERT

The Parish of St. Theresa Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey

Ash Wednesday

Transfiguration

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GOD GAVE THE WORLD HIS ONLY SON

A grain of wheat falls & dies, it produces fruit

LENT

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Prayers for the Sick

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: Bishop David O'Connell, Rose Asrican, Frank Barinski, Tom Baumann, Cathy Bentivenga, John Blotnik, Cindy Bowser, Kim Carroll, Rachel Carroll, Adriana Chizan, Charles Constantino, Kim Coyle, Connor Egan, Johnny Favro, Sandra Fourman, Cecilia Garbaravage, Barbara Gardner, Joe Ghigzone, Gregory Gioe III, Makenna Granquist, Mark Hansen, Thomas Huie, Debbie Innocenti, Robert Jaworski, Marilyn Kent, Marie Konchan, Margaret Kurczewski, Earl Lind, Bill Lisner, Rose Litwin, Rocca Catherine Macchiaverna, Marra. Mick McGarrigle, Ken McLaughlin, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Rev. William Modlin, John Moore, James Murray, Montefusco, Carly Rita Murray, Josephine O'Keefe, Rita O'Neill, Jim P., Crystal Paci, Josephine Paci, Thomas Punzo, John Quinn, Andrew Joseph Ragusa, Joe Rella, Dennis Rodgers, Debbie Rotio, Samantha Saraceno, Cathy Schaffer, Michelle Scott, Kevin Shinkunas, Thomas Smith, Lois Somodi, Nick Steiger, Amanda Super, Nathan Super, Dino & Ashley Truex, Tobia, **Elliot** Sean William. Williamson, and Sharon Williamson.



WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, your harvest needs good and faithful men to tend to its many needs. Open their minds and hearts to respond to your call to be priests of and for the Diocese of Trenton, in imitation of your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of your flock. Amen.

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WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *our recently deceased*. 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. Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, Airman Staff Sgt. Frank J. Kowalewski, Jr., Lt. Amanda Keller, Lt. Jennifer LaFalace, FC2 Paul R. Lund, Pvt. Anthony Mackiewicz, Jr., Staff Sgt. Robert McAllister, 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.

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.



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The Main Church and the Daily Chapel are open for private prayer Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.

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

<u>Vigil Mass</u>: 7:00 pm

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm and by appointment

WELCOME

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.



This Week at Our Church

Monday, February 19, 2024

Parish Office Closed
Al-Anon 7:15 PM
(Faith Formation Center)

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM
(Daily Chapel)
Divine Mercy Chaplet & 7 Sorrows Rosary
3:00 PM
(Church)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Scripture Study 9:30 AM AARP Taxes 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Faith Formation Center)

Thursday, February 22, 2024

No Events Scheduled

Friday, February 23, 2024

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM Evening Prayer with Benediction 6:00 PM (Daily Chapel) Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Church)

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Annual Catholic Appeal Weekend Food Bag Distribution Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale (Gathering Space)

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Annual Catholic Appeal Weekend
Food Bag Distribution
Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale
(Gathering Space)
Children's Faith Formation 9:00 - 11:15 AM
(Church & Faith Formation Center)
Respect Life Rosary after 11:30 AM Mass
(Church)



MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

SATURDAY – February 17, 2024

4:00 PM – Josephine Solares/ Irma Chagnon
Donald Burghold/ Mary Ann, Suzanne &
Mark
Lucille Fetterick/ Ann & Allen

Frank & Andrew Albanese/ Jane Innocenti

SUNDAY – February 18, 2024

7:30 AM – Barbara Rodomski/ Husband, Robert
Betty & Chester Rodomski/ Robert
Nancy Zarbock/ Brother, Robert
Roy Mander, Jr. / Betty Ann Wheeler

9:00 AM – Jack Murry/ Wife, Rita
Thomas Wilson/ Mary Ann & Greg
Woodhull

David Beverage/ Angelo & Lorraine Pagano

Tommy Williams, Jr. / Ian & Cheryl Smith

11:30 AM – Maureen Tracy/ Kathleen Lynch Kenny O'Connell/ Diane Cregan Andrew R. Dolch/ Bob & Cookie Fr. Mick Lambeth/ Sharon & Bernie Ruspantine

Bread & Wine

For the Intentions of: Lucille & Nick Steiger Requested By: Mila Sanctuary Light

In Memory of: Alice Weimer

Requested By: Larry





Readings for Next Weekend February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Stations of the Cross are held on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM. We hope you will join us for this traditional Lenten devotion.



MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY- February 19, 2024

8:00 AM – Michael Moszczynski/ Family James Muller/ Eileen Dolan

TUESDAY – February 20, 2024

8:00AM – Michael J. Ottomanelli/ Frank & Joann Ana Lyn Daproza/ Kay Dolch

WEDNESDAY – February 21, 2024

8:00AM – Christian Duncan/ Rich & Pat Kaes Merrill R. Harvey, II/ Karen & Albert Garzoni

THURSDAY – February 22, 2024

8:00AM – Edith Vancheri/ Victor & Fran Vitiello Ana Lyn Daproza/ Pat & Nancy Manganello

FRIDAY - February 23, 2024

8:00AM – Sophia Ford/ Children
Antoinette Cushing/ Angelo & Lorraine
Cushing

SATURDAY – February 24, 2024

4:00 PM - Charlotte Schaefer/ Lorraine Allee
Lucille Capasso/ Betty Donnelly & Ken
Kluxen
Robert Kocur/ Bob & Ann Marie
Rehrmann
Mary Ann & James Spring/ Bob &
Ann Marie Rehrmann

SUNDAY – February 25, 2024

7:30 AM – Foti Family/ Phil & Millie Cross
John Huber/ Jacqueline M. Dandrea
Kathie Tyhanic/ John & Maureen
Geoghegan
Jimmy Richards/ Bob & Thom

9:00 AM – Fr. Mick Lambeth/ Roman Isaryk
Catherine Weill/ Pat & Joe Weill
Rita Thomas/ Pat & Joe Weill
Aurelio Giorgio/ Jack & Linda Haugh

11:30 AM – Kevin Mooney/ Mom & Dad Joseph Carlini/ Etta Andrew Dolch/ Art & Norma Mooney Ann Buscarello/ Peggy & Bill Murphy



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that He would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where He was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

Consider & Reflect

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and of every living creature with you. I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth... Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.'"

We heard the same words when the blessed ashes were signed in the form of a cross on our foreheads this past Wednesday. We begin this season of repentance and renewal, because we are the ones in need. The covenant of God, made with Abraham and Moses, was renewed through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

At the last supper Jesus told us that the content of the chalice was His blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant poured out for us for the forgiveness of sins. We embark on this period of prayer grateful for the opportunity to amend our lives, as this Lent is to be different than any other.

As we observe our wayward world, we see the need for renewal, a renewal in our spiritual life, which begins with me. I will allow the kingdom of God to be truly present for me. By my prayer, sacrifice and good works that kingdom becomes real.



Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

<u>Saturday, February 24, 2024 - 4:00 PM</u>

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large, Deacon David

O'Connor

READER: Bernice Philhower

ALTAR SERVERS: Rory Krier, Jack Krier, Brynn Krier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Ann Marie Rehrmann, Jack Stewart, Jane Innocenti, Eileen Wertz, Patricia O'Hara, Janet Pascavitch, Mary Ann Burghold, Lorraine Schaefer,

Mazie Wood, Ray Wood

Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 7:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon Jay Werling

READER: Nancy Newman

ALTAR SERVER: Justin McCarthy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: James Newman, John Minnella,

Arlene Murray, Mary Schneider

Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 9:00 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon Jay Werling

READER: Todd Lund, Jr.

ALTAR SERVERS: Jillie Aucoin, Christian Aucoin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Diane Ellwood, Frank Ellwood, Ann Hummel, David Laskowski, Pat Manganello, Marie

Adderly

Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 11:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Phil Pfleger, Deacon David

O'Connor

READER: Cathy Mazanek

ALTAR SERVERS: Sophia DiFrancia, Bart DiFrancia

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Nelida Kuhlmann, Terry Walsh, Carol Fine, Mila Daproza, Patricia Claussen, Cathy

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June 11, 2022 – Pentecost 2025 Reflections on the Eucharist

Cyril of Jerusalem, Mystagogical Catechesis 5, nos. 21-22, (pg143) in "The Beauty of the Eucharist: Voices of the Church Fathers." Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R

"Coming up to receive then, do not have your wrists extended or your fingers spread, but, making your left hand a throne for the right, for it is about to receive a King, and cupping your palm, receive the Body of Christ, and answer, "Amen". Carefully hallow your eyes by the touch of the sacred Body, and then partake, taking care to lose no part of it. Tell me, if someone gave you gold dust, would you not take the greatest care to hold it fast, so as not to lose any of it and endure its loss? How much more carefully, then, will you guard against losing so much as a crumb of that which is more precious than gold or precious stones? After partaking of the Body of Christ, approach the cup of His Blood. Do not stretch out your hands, but bowing low in a posture of worship and reverence as you say "Amen," sanctify yourself by partaking of the Blood of Christ then wait for the prayer, and give thanks to God who has counted you worthy of such mysteries."

Please watch the bulletin each week for reflections on the Eucharist.

JESUS CHRIST CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST

27th Annual Men's Conference Saturday, February 25, 2024 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

St. Mary Mother of God Church, Middletown

Theme: "Moored to Mary and the Eucharist" Speakers:

Tim Glemkoski (CEO Eucharistic Congress)
Joe Klecko (Former NY Jets)

Xavier Reyes-Ayral (Author of Revelations-the hidden secret messages and prophesies of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Cost: \$50.00 per person in advance (\$60.00 at the door); \$20.00 for students.

For more information or to register, go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org.



Our Lenten Penance Service will be on:

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:00 PM

We hope you will take this opportunity for confession before Easter



LENTEN FISH FRY Friday, March 1, 2024

Friday, March 22, 2024

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Price per Dinner: \$15.00

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

This year's theme, "One Love, One Faith, One Family," mirrors the teachings of Christ and resonates with the wisdom of Colossians: "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity" (Colossians 3:14). This profound and perfect love reinforces our shared belief in one God, inspiring us to become pillars of compassion and support

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Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M. Bishop of Trenton

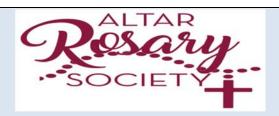
A gift to the appeal becomes a lifeline for families in need, supports the education of our youth in the faith, and empowers individuals on their journey to become religious leaders, such as Deacons and Catechists, serving our parishes and communities with wisdom and faith, sustains our retired priests, and provides essential resources to our Catholic school principals and teachers.

The first Appeal mailing will be mailed to all registered Catholics in the Diocese the week of February 20th. This year's Annual Appeal **Pledge** Weekend in Church is scheduled for the weekend of <u>February 24 & 25, 2024.</u>
A short video will be shown in the Gathering Space. Please take a few minutes to view it.

Please make your gift early. This will give you the opportunity to spread payments of your gift over the remaining months of the year, but also decreases the cost of mailings sent from the Diocese.

Rebate Formula: When a parish collects funds equal to their ACA goal (\$45,000.00 is St. Theresa's Goal), they will receive a 15% rebate. Funds collected in excess of the parish goal will earn a 50% rebate.

For more information, visit dioceseoftrenton.org/catholic appeal



DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Altar Rosary Society will be holding a Day of Recollection on:

Monday, March 4, 2024 - 9:30 AM

Faith Formation Center

The Speaker will be Fr. DEAN GAUDIO

Coffee, bagels & cake will be served

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



NEW MEETING TIME

Now on Sundays

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2024 following the 11:30 Mass

at the Faith Formation Center Refreshments will be served

Thank you to our Respect Life members for all your dedication and to all the parishioners for their generosity in making 2023 a productive year! From helping moms in need to helping the homeless and so much more, we are grateful.

We gladly welcome new members to this very important ministry.



My name is Sandi Johnson and I am one of the coordinators of our Family Promise ministry. This past spring we hosted a family for a week and a half as they prepared to be able to live on their own. I am happy to say they succeeded. This upcoming year we will once again host a family or families in our Faith Formation Center (FFC). Part of what we do is to provide a safe place for them to sleep. This entails two members of our church coming to the FFC around 7:00pm, meeting the family and then sleep over in their own room. The family usually leaves around 7:30am at which time you can also leave. Family Promise provides a very comfortable cot and you bring your own sheets, pillow and blanket. We do this for the safety and protection of the family and our FFC. For the privacy of the children, we do not allow anyone under 18 to participate.

To do this, you must take a Virtus course online (or in a group if we have enough people) and be fingerprinted. Our church will pay for the cost of finger printing. We really need a few people to help in this part of our Family Promise Ministry, so please consider helping us. For those that like to prepare meals for the family, don't worry, we will be calling on you to help later this year. If you are interested please contact me via email, sandij49@msn.com. Thank you and God Bless You.



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The Adult Faith Formation Team will offer a one session study on the Sacrament of Penance.

Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:30 am OR 7:00 pm Faith Formation Center

The session is a DVD from Fr. Chris Alar of the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge Massachusetts. Fr. Alar was the presenter of the DVD on the Mass we recently completed in a four week study of the Mass.

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