THE PARISH OF ST. THERESA

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FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH STAFF

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John Kern, Maureen Malsbury

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.

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, Rose Bill Lisner, Litwin, Rocca Macchiaverna. Catherine 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 Elliot Truex, Tobia, 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 *Cynthia Limmer*, *Danielle Oldham*, *Geraldine Paolino* and *Nicholas Piccinich*. 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 <u>deployed</u> 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., 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.



MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

SATURDAY – February 3, 2024

4:00 PM – Patrick P. Madison/ Wife, Peggy Jean Osowick/ Bizzoco Family Lucille Fetterick/ Bill & Dottie Paulucci George Innocenti/ Jane Innocenti

SUNDAY – February 4, 2024

7:30 AM – Sabastian Panza/ Phil & Millie Cross Francesca Agliata/ Maria Luz Colon/ Kathleen McDermott Edward J. Quigley/ Matthew Corcich

9:00 AM – Ann Buscarello/ Cathy Mazanek Catherine Weill/ Pat & Joe Weill Pat Borruso/ Pat & Joe Weill Joan Zak/ Schmalz Family

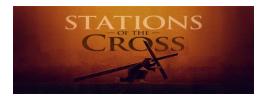
11:30 AM – Kenny O'Connell/ Diane Cregan
Helene & Vincent Morano/ Deborah
& Joseph
Helen & Edward Hurley/ Diane
Cregan
Eileen Murphy/ Peggy & Bill Murphy

Bread & Wine
In Memory of:
Antonina & Benny Dagostaro
Requested By: Dagostaro Family



Readings for Next Weekend February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45



Stations of the Cross will be 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 5, 2024

8:00 AM – Donna Pryor/ Aunt Marie Joanna Kurtz/ Donna & Rob Barrett

TUESDAY – February 6, 2024

8:00AM – Isabel Murphy/ Corso Family Robert Jaglinski & Family/ Corso Family

WEDNESDAY - February 7, 2024

8:00AM – Joseph Faiss/ Rose William Midgley/ Art & Dot Midgley

THURSDAY – February 8, 2024

8:00AM – Ann Buscarello/ Eileen Dolan Deborah A. Addesso/ Frances Koy

FRIDAY – February 9, 2024

8:00AM – Carol Ann Sasin/ Mom & Dad John Chapel/ Peggy & Bill Murphy

SATURDAY - February 10, 2024

4:00 PM – Tom Higgins/ Maureen Wolfe John Kozzi/ Marjorie Annette Roman Isaryk/ Mom & Dad Tobias Simone/ Wanda

SUNDAY – February 11, 2024

7:30 AM – Frank Michaels/ Phil & Millie Cross Jeanne Shortino/ Betty Ann Wheeler Florence Michallis/ Joann Spickard James Cowley/ Eileen Witts

9:00 AM – (L) Patrick Flaherty/ Grandmom
Ann Buscarello/ Sharon Ruspantine &
Bernie
Bob Gradel/ Angelina McGinn &
Family
Joseph T. Adams/ Dave & Sandi
Johnson

11:30 AM – Helen & Edward Hurley/ Diane Cregan

> Eileen Murphy/ Irene & Ray Wolf Andrew Dolch/ Mom Angelo Beningaso/ Rosanne P. & Bula Family



This Week at Our Church

Monday, February 5, 2024

Altar Rosary Society Meeting 1:30 PM Children's Faith Formation 5:30 PM Al-Anon 7:15 PM (Faith Formation Center)

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Monthly 50/50 Drawing 10:00 AM (Parish Office)
Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM (Daily Chapel)
Divine Mercy Chaplet & 7 Sorrows Rosary
3:00 PM (Church)
K of C Officers Mtg. 7:00 PM
(Faith Formation Center)

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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

Thursday, February 8, 2024

No Events Scheduled

Friday, February 9, 2024

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Evening Prayer with Benediction 6:00 PM
(Daily Chapel)
First Communion Retreat
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Middle School Youth Group 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
(Faith Formation Center)

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Super 50/50 Tickets on sale Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale (Gathering Space)

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Super 50/50 Tickets on sale Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale (Gathering Space) Children's Faith Formation 9:00 AM (Church & Faith Formation Center)



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Simon and Andrew's mother of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.

Consider & Reflect

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, 'Everyone is looking for you'. He told them, 'let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

Following His visit to a synagogue, healing Peter's family member and many others, Jesus leaves to be alone in prayer. Did you ever think of the content of that prayer, perhaps gratitude for the healing, for those who responded to His teaching, for the needs which would confront Him in the future in the next village?

In a few brief verses we meet Jesus, as teacher, healer, prayer, and with us today, companion for others. Simon's statement, 'everyone is looking for you', is repeated for us today, although many do not know the Jesus we know and follow. Our task is to help them end their search and bring Jesus to them.



Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

<u>Saturday, February 10, 2024 - 4:00 PM</u>

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon David

O'Connor

READER: Jane Innocenti

ALTAR SERVERS: Rory Krier, Brynn Krier **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

COMMUNION: Mazie Wood, Ray Wood, Cathy Mills, Sue Eggert, Pat Mugan, Mary Ann Burghold, Lorrain Schaefer, Jack Steward, Charlotte Huff,

Barbara Ragusa

Sunday, February 11, 2024 - 7:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large, Deacon Jay Werling

READER: Linda Sherry

ALTAR SERVER: Alex Acquaviva

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Arlene Murray, Hilda Thibault, John

Minnella, Mary Schneider

Sunday, February 11, 2024 - 9:00 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Phil Pfleger, Deacon Jay Werling

READERS: Children

ALTAR SERVERS: Sophia DiFrancia, Bart DiFrancia

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Joann Spickard, Jayne Ziegler, Pat Manganello, Justin Peticolas, Diana Hummel, David

Laskowski

Sunday, February 11, 2024 - 11:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio, Deacon David

O'Connor

READER: Carl Klotzbach

ALTAR SERVER: Xavier Clayton

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Mila Daproza, Terry Walsh, Carol Fine, Cathy Brys, Ann Burg, Patricia Claussen



Classes for Adult Confirmation will be held on **Tuesday evenings**: February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, along with our RCIA Candidates for Full Communion in the Catholic Church.

You **MUST** attend **ALL 7 SESSIONS** in order to celebrate this Sacrament. The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation will take place at the Easter Vigil, **Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 7:30 PM**.

Please note: This celebration is for adults (age 18 and older), who have been baptized and received First Communion, but not the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A current copy of your Baptismal Certificate and First Communion Certificate are required.

If interested, please call Cathy at the Parish Office 609-296-2504 Ext. 222 to register



Excerpt from, "Mystery of the Altar: Daily Meditations on the Eucharist", Kenneth J. Howell & Joseph Crownwood quoting Blessed Pope Pius IX (1792 – 1878) pg. 39.

"Christ's love towards men was so great that, not only was He willing to endure most cruel sufferings for our salvation and an atrocious death on the cross, but also, He wished to nourish us eternally in the sacrament of His Body and Blood. In this way, He might strengthen us by the presence of His divinity and be the safest bulwark of our spiritual life. And not content to have loved us with such an outstanding and truly divine love, He instituted permanently His priesthood in the Catholic Church. He decreed that this same sacrifice which He performed is to redeem the whole human race from the yoke of sin, to reconcile all things in heaven and earth, and to remain until the consummation of the world. He decreed that it be renewed and take place daily by the ministry of the priesthood, that the salvific and most abundant fruits of His passion might forever be dispersed upon mankind".

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All 6th – 8th graders invited Friday, February 9th 6:00 – 9:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All 9th – 12th graders invited

Game Night- Tuesday, February 13th
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Dinner & Discussion- Tuesday, February 27th
6:30-8:30 PM

SUNDAY SERVICE

All 6th – 12th graders invited Sunday, February 4th 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

YOUTH NIGHT SUNDAYS

All 6th – 12th graders invited Sunday, February 18th 5:00 – 7:00 PM

For more information, visit our website WWW.STTHERESA450.ORG/YOUTH-MINISTRY



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FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Our Masses and Services for Ash Wednesday are as follows:

Masses - 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM **Prayer Services** - 12:15 PM & 5:00 PM

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses & Services



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



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KNIGHT'S KORNER #3

Welcome to the third monthly edition of the "KNIGHT'S KORNER" brought to you by your Knights of Columbus Council #14615

Unity, fraternity and patriotism are the second, third and fourth tenets of the Knight's organization. "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link." In UNITY there is strength. The founders of the Order relied on the strength of unity to remain steadfast in their faith while claiming their place in a society which was openly hostile to them. Today, the Knights use that strength of UNITY to speak out for religious and moral values in a culture that seems to have abandoned them.

We Knights are a **FRATERNAL** organization open to all men over the age of 18 who are practicing Catholics. **YOUR** St. Theresa's Knights come from all walks of life and professions. We are young and (mostly) older. We are and have been blue collar and white collar workers, professionals and clergy. The camaraderie amongst our ranks is second to none. It is not uncommon to see groups of Brothers supporting each other when one of us is in need, and in groups we provide unwavering support to our Church and Parish, and our surrounding community.

Our Brothers are **PATRIOTS**. Many have proudly and honorably served their country in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. It is rumored that one of our senior members, Bill Murphy, was honorably discharged from active duty during the Civil War, however, that cannot be confirmed at this time. We are a visible presence when marching in holiday parades and our Honor Guard performs a ceremony for each 4th Degree fallen member.

These three tenets along with our main tenet, **CHARITY** are the core beliefs of our organization.

Knights Trivia Question #3: Who is the current Grand Knight of St. Theresa Council #14615?

Remember to save your answers to the 5 questions that will be asked and the first person to **correctly answer all 5 will win a great prize!**



LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, February 16, 2024 Friday, March 1, 2024 Friday, March 22, 2024

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Price per Dinner: \$15.00 Fish Sticks Dinner for Children: \$5.00

Eat in or take out!

Come and join your community with a good meal and head to Evening Prayer with Benediction followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

for tax purposes

If you would like a statement of your 2023 contributions, please call Katrina at the Parish Office 609-296-2504 ext. 232 or email Katrina.barrett@sttheresa450.org

Tax statements will be mailed out beginning February 1st or they may be picked up at the Parish office.



St. Theresa's MONTHLY 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are on sale after all the Masses in the <u>Gathering Space</u> and at the Parish Office during office hours.

The next drawing will be held **February 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM** at the Parish Office.

We hope you will support this fundraiser.



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 23, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --from Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, until Holy
Thursday morning, March 28, 2024 --- the Catholic
Church throughout the world commemorates the
penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred
Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for
"these forty days" was his own experience in the desert
and the temptations that followed him there where he
encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in
the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as
strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those
forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

- The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.
- The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to <u>individual</u> parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.
- Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing.

In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

- 4. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.
- 5. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics.

 Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.
- 6. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18, 2024, to Trinity Sunday, May 25-26, 2024. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of Penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



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