

# Church of St. Theresa

*A Caring Community Reaching Out To One Another in Christ*

*2855 St. Theresa Avenue, Bronx, New York*

*APRIL 19, 2015*

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00pm,  
Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am(Italian),  
10:30am(Family Mass) 12:15pm,  
1:30PM(Spanish) & 5:00pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Saturday 8:00am & 9:00am

## DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal & St. Theresa Novenas  
after Monday morning Masses  
St. Anthony Novena after Tuesday  
morning Masses.

Thursday 12 Noon Mass & Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition & Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
First Friday 7:30pm to 8:30pm followed  
by silent adoration.

## CONFESSION

Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm  
and by appointment

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place most Sundays  
after the 12:15pm Mass.  
We ask parents to attend the Baptism  
preparation meeting. Register at the Rectory  
for the meeting. The date of the Baptism will  
be discussed at the Baptism meeting.

## MARRIAGES

Call the Rectory at least six months in advance  
of the wedding date to make an appointment  
with parish clergy.



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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DERIVAN :

Our gospel scene today goes back to the evening of the first Easter Sunday. St. Luke says, “The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.” You know the story. On that first Easter evening, two disciples were walking along the road to the village of Emmaus. Their eyes were downcast, their heads bowed in anguish. They had seen their Lord crucified, the One whom they were hoping would set their people free. And suddenly, the Lord Jesus was walking by their side. But they failed to recognize Him because their heartache and sorrow were so great. He talks with them, explains how the Christ had to suffer and so enter into His glory. Still they do not recognize that it is the Risen Jesus, but something attracts them to His words. They want to know more. And so they invite Him to stay with them, “Stay with us, it is nearly evening and the day is almost gone.” And Jesus answers their request. He stays with them. He sits down with them to eat. He takes bread and blesses it, even as He had done at the Last Supper, giving these disciples Himself in Holy Communion. And as He does so, their eyes are opened. They recognize that He is there, risen from the dead. And He vanishes from their sight. Their joy is so great that they cannot keep it to themselves. Joy must be shared. Easter must be shared. Christ must be shared. They run back to Jerusalem and tell the apostles how He was made known to them in “the breaking of the bread, “which was the Church’s first term for what we are offering the Mass. And even as the two disciples are speaking, the Risen Christ on that Easter night appears in the midst of the apostles, bringing them peace, eating with them to show that He is not a ghost or a figment of their imagination. He is the Risen Jesus and He now makes them witnesses of Him.

What a powerful story! It is filled with joy, the joy of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, then the joy of all the apostles as they see and hear the Risen Christ. Joy is there, but something else is there too. And that is hope, the blessed hope and confidence that Jesus had conquered sin and death, that He is alive and they are alive in Him. Hope is Jesus’ Easter gift, the hope and the confidence that He is with us always, even to the end of time.

Dear friends, Christians are people of hope. Several years ago, our retired Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, as you will recall, visited Cuba. His specific reason was to honor Our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Charity, as she has been called for four hundred years by the Cuban people. But the Holy Father was bringing something else with him on his visit. He was bringing hope. I learned this from a young lady in our high school who visited her family in Cuba during Holy Week, the week after the Pope’s visit. This girl returned home to New York with quite a story. She told me about the tremendous poverty of the people of Cuba and she told me that she never appreciated what our country offers than when she saw how little her Cuban relatives had. Her family brought her to the square where Pope Benedict had offered Mass. Countless hundreds of thousands of people were there when the Pope did what Jesus did at the Last Supper, what He did for the two disciples at Emmaus, and what He does in our church every day. The Pope brought them Jesus and in doing so he brought them hope. The young lady told me, “Father, you do not understand how grateful my people were to Pope Benedict. Weeks later, they still came to the square where he offered Mass. They kissed his picture and knelt in prayer. Pope Benedict brought my people hope.” What that young lady said is so true. The Pope could not solve the poverty of the people, oppressed for so long by a Communist government. But he could give them something that the Risen Christ has given His people for two thousand years. Pope Benedict gave them hope, the confidence that the Risen Jesus was with them, the assurance, as the Pope said elsewhere, that “the person who believes is never alone.” That is what hope is all about, Easter hope, Christ’s hope-the confidence that we are never alone. The Risen Jesus is with us always.

The Lord told His apostles, “You are witnesses of this.” He says those same words to us. May we be witnesses of the Risen Christ. May we be, as Pope Benedict was, a witness of hope. And may we help others to come to Jesus and hear His promise, “Behold, I am with you always even to the end of time.”

Father Thomas B. Derivan

**LOOKING AHEAD, WILLS SEMINAR:**

Our parish will host a Wills Seminar in the school cafeteria on Sunday, April 26 after the 12:15PM Mass. Attorneys from the Archdiocese will be here to discuss procedures for wills, bequests, and other important information. This program is coordinated with the 2015 National Healthcare Decisions Day. Plan to attend and please share this information with neighbors and friends. Please note that this is an information session only.

**Please continue to share the peace and joy of our faith with others.** There are so many that are in the need of Jesus. Can you be for all of us a living sign to all our parishioners and neighbors, and tell them for us “we need them and love them”. Someone may hear and accept the invitation from you and return home to worship the Lord with us. So please invite a friend, relative, or neighbor to come with you to Church next Sunday. God will do the rest. Let us share our treasure of faith with others.



**HOMEBOUND** – If any member of your family or if any of your neighbors are “Homebound” and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Rectory so that a Priest or Eucharistic Minister might visit them.

**CARDINAL DOLAN'S REFLECTIONS OF  
TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Are we not at times perhaps like those two dejected disciples on the road to Emmaus? They were so absorbed in their own woes, so forlorn in their mistaken conclusion that the one in whom they had placed their trust was dead, so shocked by the shame, scandal, and scorn of last Friday...that they failed to recognize Jesus as he walked right alongside of them!

I say to you, my sister and brother disciples now on the road to Emmaus, let's not turn inward to ourselves, our worries, our burdens, our fears; but turn rather to Him, the way, the truth, and the life, the one who told us over and over, "Be not afraid!", who assured us that He "would be with us all days, even to the end of the world," and who promised us that "not even the gates of hell would prevail," the one who John Paul the Great called, "the answer to the question posed by every human life." and recognize Him again in His word, in the "breaking of the bread," in His Church.

Let Him "turn us around" as He did those two disciples, turned them around because, simply put, they were going the wrong way, and sent them running back to Jerusalem, where Peter was, where the apostles were, where the church was.

For three weeks in July, 1992, I was on pilgrimage in Israel. I had a wonderful Franciscan guide who made sure I saw all the sacred places in the Holy Land. The day before I departed, he asked, "Is there anything left you want to see?" "Yes," I replied, "I would like to walk the road to Emmaus." "That we cannot do," he told me, "You see, no one really knows where that village of Emmaus actually was, so there is no more road to Emmaus." Sensing my disappointment, he remarked, "Maybe that's part of God's providence, because we can now make every journey we undertake a walk down the Road to Emmaus."

My new friends of this great archdiocese, would you join your new pastor on an "adventure in fidelity," as we turn the Staten Island Expressway, Fifth Avenue, Madison Avenue, Broadway, the FDR, the Major Deegan, and the New York State Thruway into the Road to Emmaus, as we witness a real "miracle on 34th Street" and turn that into the road to Emmaus?

For, dare to believe, that: from Staten Island to Sullivan County, from the Bowery, to the Bronx, to Newburgh, from White Plains to Poughkeepsie, He is walking right alongside us. "For why do we look for the living among the dead? For He is risen as He said, alleluia, alleluia!" "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever."

(Taken from the Archbishop's Homily at his Installation as Archbishop of New York-April 15, 2009)



Every Wednesday there is an open AA meeting at 8:00PM at the Pelham Grand, 1870 Pelham Parkway South, Bronx, NY

**All Are Welcome!**



**ST. MARK  
APRIL 25**

Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. (when Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother.)

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. Probably written for Gentile converts in Rome-after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70-Mark's Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal": a crucified Messiah.

Evidently a friend of Mark (Peter called him "my son"), Peter is only one of the Gospel sources, others being the Church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots) and the Church at Antioch (largely Gentile).

Like one other Gospel writer, Luke, Mark was not one of the 12 apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

**JEANNE JUGAN RESIDENCE  
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Jeanne Jugan Annual walk/roll-a-thon and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, April 25 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Please come by and support this event by sponsoring a resident. We will also have plenty of baked goods and hot dogs for sale. All proceeds for this event will benefit the Activities Department. For further information or any questions, please contact Mary Peters 347-329-1800

**MANY THANKS-**We are most grateful to all our wonderful parishioners who so generously donate to our Sunday contributions. Your contributions help to build up and improve our parish. We are thankful to all of you who help make a difference in our community. Please continue to help us in order to keep St. Theresa Parish the vital, growing parish that it is. Thanks for all you do.

APRIL 19, 2015

**ENJOY THE LORD'S DAY!**

By Pope John Paul II



In the weekly reckoning of time Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death, the fulfillment in Him of the first creation and the dawn of "the new creation." It is the day which recalls in grateful adoration the world's first day and looks forward in active hope to "the last day," when Christ will come in glory and all things will be made new.

Rightly, then, the Psalmist's cry is applied to Sunday: "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it." This invitation to joy, which the Easter liturgy makes its own, reflects the astonishment which came over the women who, having seen the crucifixion of Christ, found the tomb empty when they went there "very early on the first day after the Sabbath." It is an invitation to relive in some way the experience of the two disciples of Emmaus, who felt their hearts "burn within them" as the Risen One walked with them on the road, explaining the Scriptures and revealing Himself in "the breaking of the bread." And it echoes the joy—at first uncertain and then overwhelming—which the Apostles experienced on the evening of that same day, when they were visited by the Risen Jesus and received the gift of His peace and of His Spirit.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the fundamental event upon which Christian faith rests. It is an astonishing reality, fully grasped in the light of faith, yet historically attested to by those who were privileged to see the Risen Lord.

In fact, "all time belongs to [Christ] and all the ages," ...Therefore, in commemorating the day of Christ's Resurrection not just once a year but every Sunday, the Church seeks to indicate to every generation the true fulcrum of history, to which the mystery of thy world's origin and its final destiny leads.

It is right, therefore, to claim, in the words of a fourth century homily, that "the Lord's Day" is "the Lord of days." Those who have received the grace of faith in the Risen Lord cannot fail to grasp the significance of this day of the week with the same deep emotion which led Saint Jerome to say, "Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, it is the day of Christians, it is our day." For Christians, Sunday is "the fundamental feast-day," established not only to mark the succession of time but to reveal time's deeper meaning.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday our second collection will be for the assistance of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a religious order of Sisters working to assist the poor in Shkoder in Albania. The Sisters are serving 300 children with proper education. Having suffered so much from the Communist regime, the Sisters and all Albanians have struggled to keep the faith alive, particularly in their children. The work of the Sisters has been financed by Italian benefactors and now they seek help from us. We are blessed in this parish to have many Albanian parishioners. Next Sunday significantly is the feast of Our Lady of Shkodra, patroness of Albania. We are happy to show our love and support for Mary by helping the Sisters in their continued good work. In your envelope packet the second collection for next Sunday is listed as "Catholic New York." You may use this envelope for the collection for the Albanian Sisters.

**MONSIGNOR SCANLAN HIGH SCHOOL**

915 Hutchinson River Pkwy  
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**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER**

All new or unregistered parishioners are asked to please register by phone or in person at the Rectory or fill out the information below. Many items of importance will be mailed home in the course of the year.

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## A MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE EASTER SEASON



May the power of Christ's Resurrection reach every person—especially those who are suffering—and all the situations most in need of trust and hope.

Christ has fully triumphed over evil once and for all, but it is up to us, to the people of every epoch, to welcome this victory into our life and into the actual situations of history and society. For this reason it seems to me important to emphasize what we ask God today in the liturgy. “O God, who give constant increase/to your church by new offspring, grant that your servants may hold fast in their lives to the Sacrament they have received in faith” (Collect, Monday within the Octave of Easter).

It is true, yes, Baptism that makes us children of God and the Eucharist that unites us to Christ must become life, that is, they must be expressed in attitudes, behavior, gestures and decisions. The grace contained in the Sacraments of Easter is an enormous potential for the renewal of our personal existence, of family life, of social relations. However everything passes through the human heart: if I let myself be touched by the grace of the Risen Christ, if I let him change me in that aspect of mine which is not good, which can hurt me and others, I allow the victory of Christ to be affirmed in my life, to broaden its beneficial action. This is the power of grace! Without grace we can do nothing. Without grace we can do nothing! And with the grace of Baptism and of Eucharistic Communion I can become an instrument of God's mercy, of that beautiful mercy of God.

To express in life the sacrament we have received: dear brothers and sisters, this is our daily duty, but I would also say our daily joy! The joy of feeling we are instruments of Christ's grace, like branches of the vine that is Christ himself, brought to life by the sap of His Spirit!

Let us pray together, in the name of the Risen Lord and through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that the Paschal Mystery may work profoundly within us and in our time so that hatred may give way to love, falsehood to truth, revenge to forgiveness, and sadness to joy.

Pope Francis  
Regina Coeli Address, April 1, 2013



### WANTED-FEAST VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS:

Preparations for our 19th annual Feast to be held July 22-26, are well underway. We are blessed to have wonderful volunteers who help in many different ways at the Feast. But we are always in need of more volunteers. Please consider becoming a Feast volunteer either for all or for part of the Feast. If you can help, please call the Rectory at 718-892-1900 and leave your name and other information there. We appreciate your help and we hope that you can help us make this year's Feast better than ever.

We are also blessed to have businesses as sponsors for the Feast. Please pass this information on to local merchants and stores which you visit. Likewise they can call the Rectory for sponsorship information. This year all sponsors will have a special “I Am A Sponsor of St. Theresa's Feast” sign to display in their windows, to show our thanks to them.

You may want to bring this bulletin to stores you visit so that they can have the information.

### ST. THERESA'S ANNUAL CARD PARTY THE ROARING 20'S

MAY 7, 2015-7:00pm—MAESTRO'S CATERERS



Once again it is time for us to come together as a parish family to celebrate and enjoy one another's company at our Annual Card Party-**The Roaring 20's**. The Card Party will take place on **May 7th at 7:00pm at Maestro's Caterers**. The price of a ticket is **\$50.00 per person** which includes and Open Bar, Dinner, Dessert & Coffee. There will be wonderful prizes so bring lots of friends and relatives for a fun-filled night out! Tickets will soon be on sale in the Rectory and in the school. Please remember that the success of our Card Party rests largely upon the support of all our wonderful school parents and dedicated parishioners. You are always there when we need you. Come and enjoy a night of friends, food and fun and maybe take a home a few prizes.

**REMINDER** – If you have a Sunday Mass offered for a loved one and are present at the Mass and would like to bring up the Offertory Gifts to the Altar, please let one of the ushers know before the Mass begins.



THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD IS IN MEMORY  
OF  
GEORGE PASHALIDES  
FROM, MARYANN & JOE MAIORANA



**ST. THERESA SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

St. Theresa School is now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. Tours are available daily from 9-11. Please call the school office at 718-792-3688 to schedule a tour. We are accepting applications for Grades K-7.

Information about our school is available on our website:

[www.sttheresaschoolbronx.org](http://www.sttheresaschoolbronx.org).

If you are interested in UPK- applications are now available on line at: [www.nyc.gov/prek](http://www.nyc.gov/prek). The application period is now open until April 24th. We no longer accept applications at the school, you must apply on line. The program is available to all 4 year olds (Born in 2011) who reside in NYC. Our UPK (Pre-K for All Children) has been offered at St. Theresa School since 2008. Call the school for additional information 718-792-3688

St. Theresa School, has done very well in keeping up with technology, every classroom has a Smart board and computer. Our computer lab houses 38 computers, a smart board and printers, our school library also has 2 computers, printers and a scanner. We have been able to update our system on a regular basis, however we are looking for assistance with expanding our technology. We will be doing our best to purchase tablets for the students. We would like to start with 35 tablets that can be shared by the classes with eventually purchasing one for each child. Perhaps you would like to donate to our technology fund? Maybe you need to make a donation for tax purposes, whatever the case think of St. Theresa School. The average cost of a tablet is between \$300.00-\$500.00. Any donation is welcomed. Please make all checks payable to St. Theresa School. Mrs. Fanelli the school principal is always available to discuss the needs of the school and the students with you. Please call the school to speak to Mrs. Fanelli at 718-792-3688.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** St. Theresa School is collecting Box Tops for Education. We receive 10 cents for every box top we send in. Thank you to the efforts of our families and many parishioners we have received over \$1300.00 for the school this year. Every penny helps in allowing us to make improvements to our school and supply our children with supplies that are needed. Thank you to all who help by cutting out box tops and dropping them at the school or rectory!

**HANDICAP ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH**

The side entrance to the Church on Pilgrim Avenue will be open every Sunday for anyone who is handicapped or in a wheelchair. Also, this same entrance will be opened every weekday until 9:30AM.



**SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2015**

5:00PM Rose Pipolo

**SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2015**

7:30AM Pro-Populo

9:00AM John Pagnotta

10:30AM Maximo D'Alessandro

12:15PM Filippo Restifo

1:30PM Edwin Ocasio

5:00PM Morgan & Stone Families

**MONDAY APRIL 20, 2015**

8:00AM Antonia, Francesco, Pietro & Giovanni Cipollone

9:00AM Antonia & Francesco Cipollone

**TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2015**

8:00AM Martina Grambrone

9:00AM Giovanni Pirraglia

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2015**

8:00AM Vito Difigola

9:00AM Joan Tracey & Jeanny Kelly

**THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2015**

8:00AM MaryLou Centrone

9:00AM Fina Grambrone

12NOON Margaret Perna

**FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2015**

8:00AM Giovanni Pirraglia

9:00AM Ubaldo DiLorenzo

**SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2015**

8:00AM John Brophy Jr.

9:00AM Maria Artieri

5:00PM Sr. Grace & Mary Sabatello

**SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2015**

7:30AM Pro-Populo

9:00AM Asadulla Kasim

10:30AM Francesca Giaquinta

12:15PM Irma Orico

1:30PM Francisco B. Diaz

5:00PM Lydia Cloughessy

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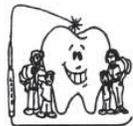
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