

Church of St. Theresa

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2855 St. Theresa Avenue, Bronx, New York

JULY 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 DERVIN:

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Feast is almost here! The 19th annual St. Theresa Feast will be held this week, Wednesday through Sunday, July 22 to July 26th. As you know, the Feast is a great help financially to our parish. But beyond that the Feast is a **“community-builder”**. It brings people together from all walks of life who come to enjoy a summer evening, take part in the religious events like the procession, and show their pride in our community.

I am grateful for your attendance at the Feast in past years and I hope you will be here for all or part of the Feast this year. Our very energetic Feast Committee, under the direction of Lou Aurrichio, has been planning the Feast very diligently. I can see that the work they do truly reflects their love for St. Theresa’s Parish. When you come to the Feast, I am sure you will appreciate the hard work that Has gone into making it a success.

I encourage you especially to attend our religious ceremonies, 7:00pm Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Italian), 5:00pm on Saturday and 5:00pm on Sunday, followed by the procession honoring St. Theresa.

The theme of our Feast this year is simply **“Welcome”**. The Feast is a big **“Welcome”** to the people of our community and a welcome to our parish. Hopefully this event will help bring others to our church where they will be truly welcomed by all of us.

I look forward to seeing you at the Feast.

God bless you!
Father Thomas B. Derivan

SOME FACTS ABOUT ST. THERESA’S FEAST
Did you know?



This will be the 19th St. Theresa Feast.

The Feast is both a financial help to our parish and a “community builder”.

Our advertisements for the Feast center on the Pelham Bay area and nearby areas.

Our Feast is generously sponsored by local merchants and other businesses.

Cardinal Dolan visited the Feast in 2009.

The Feast’s theme this year is “WELCOME”, printed in various language. It is a welcome both to our parish and to our community.

We are blessed to have the presence of police officers and auxiliaries from the 45th Precinct throughout the Feast.

The Feast has about 200 volunteers in many capacities-Raffle, Security, Wheels and Casino. We are always in need of new volunteers and we encourage you to help.

Our Feast Committee began planning for this year’s Feast last August-right after the 2014 Feast was finished. It is certainly a year round operation.

Most of the people who come to the Feast, especially in the early evenings, are young parents with children.

Our Feast has a Pro-Life booth, to encourage respect for unborn life. At least two new mothers have told us that this booth encouraged Them to avoid an abortion and to bring their babies into the world.



JULY 23
ST. BRIDGET
(1303?-1373)

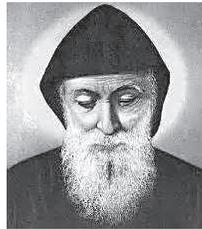
From age seven on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her visions formed the basis for her activity—always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favors.

She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish King Magnus II. Mother of eight children (the second eldest was Catherine of Sweden), she lived the strict life of a penitent after her husband's death.

Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines (still in existence). In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses. A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373. In 1999, she, Saints Catherine of Siena and Edith Stein were named co-patronesses of Europe.

Bridget's visions, rather than isolating her from the affairs of the world, involved her in many contemporary issues, whether they be royal policy or the years that the legitimate Bishop of Rome lived in Avignon, France. She saw no contradiction between mystical experience and secular activity, and her life is a testimony to the possibility of a holy life in the market place.

Despite the hardships of life and wayward children (not all became saints), Margery Kempe of Lynn says Bridget was “kind and meek to every creature” and “she had a laughing face).



JULY 24
ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF
(1828-1898)

Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka Kavra, where he was born, his influence has spread widely. Joseph Zaroun Makluf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr. He professed his final vows in 1853 and was ordained six years later.

Following the example of the fifth-century St. Maron, Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875 until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. When his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel did so gladly.

He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1965 and canonized him 12 years later.

Blessed John Paul II often said that the Church has two lungs (East and West) and it must learn to breathe using both of them. Remembering saints like Sharbel helps the Church to appreciate both the diversity and unity present in the Catholic Church. Like all the saints, Sharbel points us to God and invites us to cooperate generously with God's grace, no matter what our situation in life may be. As our prayer life becomes deeper and more honest, we become more ready to make that generous response.

When Sharbel was canonized in 1977, Bishop Francis Zayek, head the U.S. Diocese of St. Maron, wrote a pamphlet entitled “A New Star of the East”. Bishop Zayek wrote: “St. Sharbel is called the second St. Anthony of the Desert, the Perfume of Lebanon, the first Confessor of the East to be raised to the Altars according to the actual procedure of the Catholic Church, the honor of our Aramaic Antiochian Church, and the model of spiritual values and renewal. Sharbel is like a Cedar of Lebanon standing in eternal prayer, on top of a mountain”.

The Bishop noted that Sharbel's canonization plus other beatification cases prove “that the Aramaic Maronite Antiochian church is indeed a living branch of the Catholic Church and is intimately connected with the trunk, who is Christ, our Savior, the beginning and the end of all things”.

JULY 19, 2015



Our 19th Annual Summer Festival is just days away. It will be held from July 22nd to the 26th. So tell your family and friends to save the date and make plans for a fun filled celebration.

WELCOME – Each year since the inception of the feast we have had a catchphrase that is the underlying theme of that years feast. The catchphrase is seen on the t-shirts of the volunteers and is the theme around which the religious observances are based. We have chosen as our theme this year “Welcome”. It is our way of reminding us that as Catholics our doors are open to all.

What better way to say “Welcome” then to invite a friend or relative that has been away from the church for a while to accompany you to the Feast. Make a stop in the Church and say a prayer, light a candle or attend one of the evening masses. It might be all that person needs to return to The Lord.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES - Our religious observance schedule has been finalized. Each night we will have opening prayers, Holy Hour and Mass. **Our procession through the streets with the statue of St. Theresa will take place on Sunday July 26th immediately after the 5:00pm Mass.** We will have a concert in the Church by the combined St. Theresa, St. Frances De Chantal and Our Lady of the Assumption Choirs following the procession.

VOLUNTEERS-We would like to thank those parishioners that have signed up to help us during our feast. **Volunteers are reminded to stop by the school auditorium on Monday, July 20th between 7:30 and 8:30pm to pick up their t-shirts.** It’s not too late to sign up. Whatever amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated. Fellow parishioners will be outside of Church before and after all of the Masses this weekend or just go to the school auditorium on July 20th as indicated above.

RAFFLE-As part of our feast we will once again hold our **Grand Raffle.**

Grand Prize-2015 Mercedes Benz CLA 250 or \$30,000.00

2nd Prize-Seven Night Cruise for Two out of New York or \$1,500.00

3rd Prize-\$500.00

There will only be 1000 tickets sold at a cost of \$100.00 each. Once again we ask for your help. This raffle is very important to the finances of our parish. If you cannot buy them yourself please make every effort to network them among friends, relatives or co-workers. Take the raffle tickets to your place of employment or a family gathering and ask a number of people to share in the \$100.00 cost of a ticket and ultimately share the \$30,000.00 grand prize. For those of you that are not on our mailing list you can pick up a ticket or two in front of the church today. Raffle tickets are also available on the parish web-site. Just click on the Feast link. Please do your best to network at least one raffle ticket. We all know that if we try we can get it done. Raffle tickets can be dropped off at any time during the feast at the raffle table in front of the Church and must be in by Sunday evening July 26th at 8:30pm.

CORPORATE SPONSORS-There is a program associated with our feast where businesses can get involved and help as well. It’s called our Corporate Sponsor Program. A tax deductible donation will get a business or store advertising and recognition during our feast. For additional information call the rectory weekdays at 718-892-1900. The following companies have already signed-up as Corporate Sponsors. We thank them for their generosity and ask you, our parishioners, to also thank them when you frequent their Establishments:

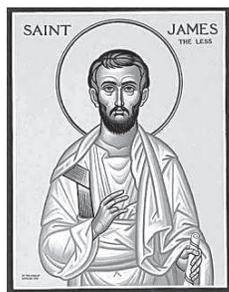
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KNITTERS & CROCHETERS-Once again we are reaching out to those that can knit or crochet. We are asking for baby blankets, sweaters, hats or booties for babies. These items will be displayed during our feast and then donated to the “Premature Baby Unit” at Jacobi Medical Center and other local hospitals. These items can be dropped off at the rectory during the week and at the raffle table in front of the church before or after the weekend masses.

ADVANCE RIDE TICKETS-We are now selling ride tickets for our feast in advance at a tremendous discount. You are able to save 50% over the cost of buying the tickets at the feast. These Advance Ride Tickets are available in the bookstore after the weekend masses, and in the rectory weekdays from 9:00am to 4:30pm, and on the parish web-site (using a credit or debit card) at www.sttheresachurchbronx.org until July 21st. Just click on the Feast link.

LOCAL RESIDENTS - We ask all of our parishioners to join us and say thank you to those individuals that own homes or live within the immediate area of our feast. We realize that at times during the week of our feast those local residents are inconvenienced. We thank them for their understanding and patience. Many of them have told us that these inconveniences are greatly outweighed by the good that our feast does for our parish and community. We ask these homeowners to contact the rectory if they feel that there is a condition that needs to be addressed.

For more information on our feast please check our web-site at www.sttheresachurchbronx.org. Just click on the Feast link. If you would like to find out about being a vendor e-mail Lou at louieapples@aol.com.



**FEAST JULY 25TH
ST. JAMES
APOSTLE**

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation: Peter and Andrew. “He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him” (Mark 1:19-20).

James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother. St. Matthew tells that their mother came (Mark says it was the brothers themselves) to ask that they have the seats of honor (one on the right, one on the left of Jesus) in the kingdom. “Jesus said in reply, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?’ they said to him, “We can” (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give-it “is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father” (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident “We can!”

The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on Him was the supreme sacrifice of His own life.

On another occasion, James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them—“sons of thunder”—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because He was on His way to hated Jerusalem. “When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, ‘Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?’ Jesus turned and rebuked them...” (Luke 9:54-55).

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. “About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also” (Acts 12:1-3a).

The way the gospels treat the apostles is a good reminder of what holiness is all about. There is very little about their virtues as static possessions, entitling them to heavenly reward. Rather, the great emphasis is on the Kingdom, on God’s giving them the power to proclaim the Good News. As far as their personal lives are concerned, there is much about Jesus’ purifying them of narrowness, pettiness, fickleness.

“...Christ the Lord, in whom the entire revelation of the most high God is summed up (see 2 Corinthians 1:20; 3:16-4:6), having fulfilled in his own person and promulgated with his own lips the Gospel promised by the prophets, commanded the apostles to preach it to everyone as the source of all saving truth and moral law, communicating God’s gifts to them. This was faithfully done: it was done by the apostles who handed on, by oral preaching, by their example, by their dispositions, what they themselves had received—whether from the lips of Christ, from His way of life and His works, or by coming to know it through the prompting of the Holy Spirit” (*Constitution on Divine Revelation*, 7)

SUMMER ATTIRE

With summer here it is natural for us to pull out our warm weather clothing and don shorts and flip-flops. It is now the time to think about a dress code appropriate for attending Mass.

Let us keep foremost in our minds that upon entering the church, we enter the house of God and come into the real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. While our interior disposition of reverence is most important, it should also be evident in modesty and reverence in our dress and actions.

We should not be wearing shorts of any kind, halter-tops, flip-flops, short skirts, or clothing that exposes the back or midriff.

While some of these items may be appropriate for picnics or other outdoor activities, they are not appropriate for the worship of God in church. May we give due honor, respect and glory to God by showing our reverential love for Him and our fellow parishioners through our modest attire and good example as we worship in His presence.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK
JULY 19TH—JULY 26TH**

Each year the USCCB dedicates a week in July as National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week. The dates of NFP Awareness Week (July 19th-July 26th) highlight the Anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. The encyclical beautifully articulates respect for God’s design for authentic love through the gift of human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feasts of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26th), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Married couples who use NFP report many benefits including: better communication between spouses, increased emotional maturity, deeper understanding of each other’s bodies and growth and respect for God’s gift of fertility. For NFP resources please visit www.USCCB/NFP.org or <http://nyfamilylife.org/natural-family-planning>.



1ST TIME: Nico Milland & Bianca Villamar



THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING NEAR THE TABERNACLE THIS WEEK IS IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANTHONY PAGNOTTA LOVE, VITO, DIANE & VITO MARCELLINO



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH AND THEIR FAMILIES JOSEPH BELLUCCIO, SYLVIA CURTIN SALVATORE DIFRANCO

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The Office will be closed July 17th — August 18th The Office reopens on August 18th You can contact the office by leaving a phone message Or Email Mrs. Fanelli (Principal) at: fan@sttheresaschoolbronx.org

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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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PLEASE RETURN TO THE RECTORY OFFICE.



SATURDAY JULY 18, 2015

5:00PM Carmela, Benjamin & Albert Gregoria

SUNDAY JULY 19, 2015

7:30AM Stephanie, Joseph & Nettie DePalma

9:00AM Anella Giuliano & Laura Zarro

10:30AM Michelina Castelli

12:15PM Mary & Vincent Curcio

1:30PM Pro-Populo

5:00PM Anthony Racioppo

MONDAY JULY 20, 2015

8:00AM Maria & Angela Artieri

9:00AM John Francis Cappello

TUESDAY JULY 21, 2015

8:00AM Filomena Parisi

9:00AM Mary & Alfred Zombo

WEDNESDAY JULY 22, 2015

8:00AM Louis Russo

9:00AM Gina Santarpia

THURSDAY JULY 23, 2015

8:00AM Millie Perez

9:00AM The Maresue & Sherman Families

12:00PM Anthony Racioppo

FRIDAY JULY 24, 2015

8:00AM Joan Letizia

9:00AM Theresa Larkin

SATURDAY JULY 25, 2015

8:00AM Gesk Gjjuraj

9:00AM Dan & Vito Pipolo

5:00PM Aurricchio & Fiametta Families

SUNDAY JULY 26, 2015

7:30AM Pro-Populo

9:00AM Carmela & Ignazio Greco

10:30AM Nicholas & Rose Lifrieri

12:15PM Mary B. Connaire

1:30PM Pro-Populo

5:00PM Luigi, Rosina & Louis Porco

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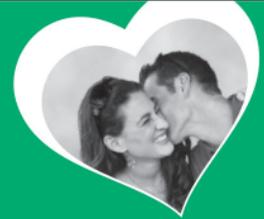
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