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AUGUST 30, 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.

CONFESION

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:

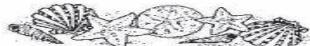
In just a few weeks' time, on September 24th and 25th, our Holy Father Pope Francis will visit our country, his first journey here since his election as Pope. He will visit New York City and Washington, DC, but actually his main focus will be on the World Meeting of Families to be held in Philadelphia. Ten thousand delegates from 150 countries are expected to attend. They will discuss the challenges and the opportunities which face families today. The Pope's visit for this World Meeting of Families is certainly an indication of his concern for family life and the many threats against family life that exist in our society today. The Pope is well aware of the things that "pull" families apart – busyness on the part of parents and children; the fast pace of everyday life which gives little time for families to be together; the prevalence of social media which oftentimes prevents families from simply communicating together; and perhaps most basically, the loss of the sense of family in the church and in the world. The Pope has said, "In many societies, we are experiencing a profound poverty of relationships as a result of solid family and community relationships (World Day of Peace, 2014)." Certainly the emphasis on families and family life is central to the Pope's ministry as the Vicar of Christ and we should expect to hear much about it in the days of his visit.

Following his statements in the past, we can expect the Pope to emphasize such points as these:

- 1) "The family is where we are formed as people. Every family is a brick in the building of society." We can expect the Pope to emphasize that families are not "optional" parts of society. They are essential to society and to the well-being of people. He will certainly challenge all Americans, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, to put the family at the center of our lives and not to allow other things to get in the way of true family love.
- 2) The Pope can be expected to emphasize that just as the family is a "brick" in building society, so too it is the brick on which the Church is made. The Pope has said, "How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!" The family is where faith begins, where it grows, where it flourishes. Pope Francis and his predecessors St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have called the family the "domestic Church," the Church of the home, the "little Church." Long before children formally learn about the faith, they must see it in the "little Church" of their families. If they do not, then what is done in religion class becomes irrelevant. A simple example bears this out. We have our children prepare for First Holy Communion in a fine preparation program. But the sad thing to see is that some families stop coming to church and bringing their children to church after First Holy Communion. Likewise how many of our teenagers stop coming to church on Sundays after their Confirmation. The Pope will certainly challenge us to be "families that pray together and stay together."
- 3) We can expect the Pope to explain that the family is the "school" where children learn to love. He has said, "The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us." The family must be the place where children learn that they are loved and where they learn how important it is to show that love to other members of their family. We cannot expect children to learn to have a loving relationship with others if they do not learn this from their everyday family life.
- 4) The Pope has emphasized that the Lord Jesus must be at the center of family life. He has said in his Letter to Families in 2014, "In your journey as a family, you share so many beautiful moments, times of mutual support. Nevertheless if there is no love, then there is no joy, and authentic love comes to us from Jesus." The Lord Jesus must be the "hidden member" of every Christian family. Families are called to pray together, to talk about the way Jesus wants us to live. Children should see in their homes things that remind them of the Lord and of our faith. Every home should have a crucifix and a picture or statue of Our Blessed Mother Mary or one of the saints. The Sacred Heart of Jesus should be displayed and honored in every home. There should be a Bible which is read. (When the children are young, the family should use a Children's Bible to help children understand God's Word. As mentioned above, families children and parents must pray together. Nothing shows children the importance of faith more than family prayer. It is a lesson that is never forgotten.
- 5) Just this past year, the Pope said, "do not forget to pray for families." We should take that advice seriously. All of us know families that are having difficulties. We must pray for them. We must support them through their difficulties by our fervent prayer for them. The Rosary is a particular prayer for families-our families and the families of those we know. There is no better way to help a struggling family than by saying the Rosary for them.

We can surely expect the Holy Father to speak about other things during his visit here: our concern for the poor and the suffering; the need for us to be concerned about the environment; the danger of materialism and what he has called an "unbridled" concern for wealth; and his emphasis on the dignity of every person, especially the unborn child. But above all let us expect Pope Francis to come here as "the Pope of the family." Pray for him, our Father in Christ. May the Lord continue to guide him as he brings our whole human family closer to the Lord.

Father Thomas B. Derivan



PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Loving God,

Our Pope Francis models for us the revolutionary nature of your own tenderness. In word and witness, he challenges us to create homes where all people, especially those who are poor and vulnerable, find acceptance, love and compassion.

Following his leadership and with your grace, may we pattern our living after the Holy Family and may we faithfully repair, renew and reconcile all that is broken in the beautiful yet wounded family of your Church, the people of God. Amen.



**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
PRAYER**

*God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
You have made us
Your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.*

*May Your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.*

*May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of Your Holy Spirit,
guide all families,
especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek Your truth
and live in Your love.*

*Through Christ our Lord, Amen
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Pray for us!*

2015 Year for Families

**"PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN
THE MIDDLE EAST"**

The plight of Christians around the world, especially in the Middle East, has become a major catastrophe. Massive numbers of Christians are being subjected to violence, displacement, and even death, explicitly because of their faith. Yet there is little attention being paid in the West, and few governments are saying anything in response. However far way, we are still impacted by the sufferings of our fellow Christians; we are all one human family. Catholic social teaching calls us to stand in solidarity. The Middle East is the birthplace of Christianity; it is the land of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It's time to take action! For Information, see www.archny.org/persecution-of-christians.

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR PERSUCITED CHRISTIANS

Almighty, everlasting God, look with compassion on all those who

Suffer persecution for justice's sake. Grant them grace to carry their cross with patience in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let the chalice pass from them if such be Thy holy will: yet in all things may Thy Will be done. Grant to those who persecute, light to see the truth, and the grace of mercy and forgiveness, for they know not what they do. Mary, Mother of Jesus, comfort of the afflicted, help thy children in their time of bitter trial. O Lord our God, by the sign of Thy holy cross deliver us from our enemies. Amen.



Pre-K Parent Reminder:

Wednesday: September 2nd Ice Cream Social for UPK 4 year old program at 6:00pm.

Thursday: September 3rd Ice Cream Social for the 3 year old Pre-K students 6:00pm.

St Theresa School will be in full swing on September 9th.
Grades 1-8 8:00am-2:30pm Full Day of School-Hot Lunch will be served or students may opt to bring lunch.

Pre-K 4 year olds 8:30am-11:00am, Parents and Students will report to the Pilgrim Avenue School Yard.

Pre-K 3 year olds 8:45-11:00am

Parents will escort children into the building and meet the teacher and assistants.

Kindergarten 8:15-11:30am. Parents will escort children into the gym.

On the First Day of school we will not have BUS SERVICE.
Early Morning Drop off and After School Program will begin on Thursday, September 10th.

Parents should have received a tentative school calendar, it is also Posted on the school website: www.sttheresaschoolbronx.org



**SEPTEMBER 3
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
(540?-604)**

Coming events cast their shadows before: Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, he became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal nuncio in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, and at the age of 50 was elected Pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

He was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the Papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, it was he who went to interview the Lombard king.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great.

His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose and Jerome as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

Gregory was content to be a monk, but he willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work.

"Perhaps it is not after all so difficult for a man to part with his possessions, but it is certainly most difficult for him to part with himself. To renounce what one has is a minor thing; but to renounce what one is, that is asking a lot" (St. Gregory, *Homilies on the Gospels*).

PETITION BOOK-Have you noticed our Petition Book in the vestibule of the Church? Every Saturday before the 5:00PM Mass, the petitions entered into the book for that week are brought up to the altar of the Blessed Mother, where they remain for all the weekend Masses. Please pray for these intentions.



BOYS INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL:

St. Theresa's Boys Intramural Basketball Program is designed to help boys in Grades 3 to 6 improve their basketball abilities. This program will begin on Saturday, September 19th from 9:00am to 10am in our gym (entrance on Mayflower Avenue) for boys in Grades 3, 4 and 5 and from 10:00am to 11:00am for boys in Grades 6, 7 and 8. Boys who attend St. Theresa's School or CCD Program are eligible to join. This season the Intramural Program will be used as part of the preparation and evaluation process for eligibility for our CYO parish teams. We encourage all our boys to join our Intramural Basketball Program.



HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD FOR CCD YET?

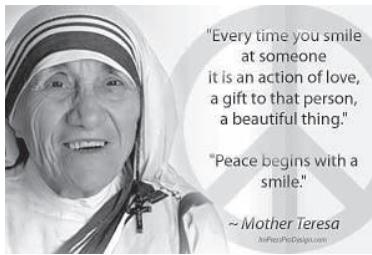
Religion classes for parish boys and girls who attend public school will begin on September 13 (Grades 1,2,3, Communion Class II and Basic 1 class) and September 16 (Grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and Basic II class). Registration prior to the first class is required of new and returning students.

Go to our parish website www.sttheresachurchbronx.org to download registration forms or stop by the rectory to request them.

ALL NEW REGISTRANTS MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF BIRTH AND BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith leading to becoming a member of the Catholic Church. Baptized Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation are welcome to prepare to receive these sacraments through participation in the RCIA process as well. The Sacraments of Initiation will be administered at the Easter Vigil on March 26, 2016. Contact Marie McCarrick at 718-792-8434 or email sainttheresa.religioused@gmail.com to submit your name for classes that will begin in September 2015.



**SEPTEMBER 5
BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA
(1910-1997)**

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the Order she founded in 1950 as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers and an order of priests.

Speaking in a strained, weary voice at the beatification Mass, Pope John Paul II declared her blessed, prompting waves of applause before the 300,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's Square. In his homily, read by an aide for the aging pope, the Holy Father called Mother Teresa "one of the most relevant personalities of our age" and "an icon of the Good Samaritan." Her life, he said, was "a bold proclamation of the gospel."

Mother Teresa's beatification, just over six years after her death, was part of an expedited process put into effect by Pope John Paul II. Like so many others around the world, he found her love for the Eucharist, for prayer and for the poor a model for all to emulate.

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia (then part of the Ottoman Empire), Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death.

During her years in public school Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18 she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them." She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and, instead, to "follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor."

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community and undertake her new work, she took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals (the ordinary dress of an Indian woman) she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, the use of buildings. In 1952 the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the Order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging and street people.

For the next four decades Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home.

THE HYMN OF LIFE
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

LIFE PRESENTS OPPORTUNITIES, SEIZE THEM;

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL, APPRECIATE IT;

LIFE HAS ITS BLESSINGS, SAVOUR THEM;

LIFE IS A DREAM, MAKE IT REAL;

LIFE IS A CHALLENGE, CONFRONT IT;

LIFE IS A DUTY, PUT IT TOGETHER;

LIFE IS A GAME, PLAY IT;

LIFE IS PRECIOUS, CARE FOR IT;

LIFE IS LOVE, CHERISH IT;

LIFE IS A MYSTERY, UNVEIL IT;

LIFE IS PROMISE, FULFILL IT;

LIFE IS SAD, OVERCOME IT;

LIFE IS A HYMN, SING IT;

LIFE IS A STRUGGLE, CONFRONT IT;

LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE, RUN WITH IT;

LIFE IS HAPPINESS, BE WORTHY OF IT;

LIFE IS LIFE, DEFEND IT.

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Following with the Mass
Main Celebrant: Rev. Richard Petrone



2ND TIME: Vincent Chirico & Vianna Occhino
2ND TIME: Antonio Caputi & Mariela Valladares
1ST TIME: Thomas Masciarelli & Stephanie Marotta

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.

BURKE HOUSE DINNER FOR VIETNAMESE CHILDREN
The annual Burke House Dinner/Dance is scheduled for Saturday, September 19 at Michael's Restaurant at the Turner Club in Throggs Neck from 7:00pm-10:00pm. Burke House was founded by longtime St. Theresa parishioner and Vietnam Veteran Tom Whelan. Mr. Whelan served in Vietnam in 1967-68. He returned to Vietnam as a civilian in 2002 and soon after began helping poor Vietnamese 'street kids'. Burke House was founded in 2004 and is dedicated to helping poor Vietnamese children get an education. Burke House also supports the Huynh De Nhu Nghia School for the Blind in Saigon. Mr. Whalan travels to Vietnam every year to work with Catholic nuns helping the less fortunate.

For Ticket information call 718-824-1944

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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ADDRESS _____

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PLEASE RETURN TO THE RECTORY OFFICE.



SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2015

5:00PM Antonio Abando

SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2015

7:30AM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

9:00AM In Loving thanks to Maria Santissima
Di Montevergina

10:30AM Anella Giuliano

12:15PM Special Intention for Pierre Toussaint Scholars

1:30PM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

5:00PM Giuseppe Miro

MONDAY AUGUST 31, 2015

8:00AM Nicola Trozzo

9:00AM Carol Tafume

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

8:00AM Carlo Alberto Mannino

9:00AM Nunzio Santangelo

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

8:00AM Robert Flynn

9:00AM Rachel & Pasquale Vertullo & Angelina Naclerio

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

8:00AM Teresa Campana

9:00AM Filomena Parisi

12:00PM Richard Torrellas

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

8:00AM Louis Andronico

9:00AM Nunzio Santangelo

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

8:00AM Irene Santeschia

9:00AM Elaine M. Sticco

5:00PM Arlene Borean

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

7:30AM Lazzaro Talamone

9:00AM Giuseppe & Annunziata Pozzuto

10:30AM Jeanette Fiametta

12:15PM Isaia Barone

1:30PM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

5:00PM Aida Hernandez

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Yolanda Vides Cardona, Phyllis Caruso, Benedetta LoCicero, Peter Corbo, Maryann DiBattista, Daley Gribbon, Sean Howell, William Keenan, Frank Maiorana, Maryann Maiorana, Diane Martino, Joe Martino, Theresa Martino, Tina Maskara, Vincent Mastrogiovanni, Jeannete Montalbano, Isabelle O'Brien, Marie Russillo, Toni Spahr, Florence Valentine, Irene Vesely.

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.

Pilgrim PHARMACY

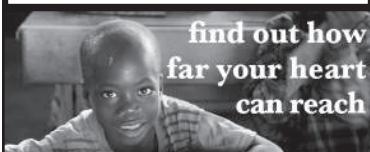
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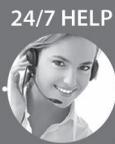
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