

# Church of St. Theresa

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*2855 St. Theresa Avenue, Bronx, New York  
NOVEMBER 1, 2015*

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Saturday at 5:00pm,  
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## DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal & St. Theresa  
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Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm  
and by appointment

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**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DERIVAN:**

Today our calendar tells us that we begin the month of November. When children think of November, invariably they think of Thanksgiving Day. That is certainly understandable. We look forward to the “holiday time.” We look forward to welcoming family and friends to the Thanksgiving table, mindful that all our blessings come from our Heavenly Father.

But November means more than Thanksgiving Day. November begins with today’s feast, the Feast of All Saints Day and therefore November is often called the Month of Saints. Perhaps we can learn from the children and look at November as a “Thanksgiving Month,” a month of thanking God for His saints.

How blessed we are to have the intercession of the saints in heaven to guide us on our pilgrim way! People love the saints. How many parishioners have mentioned to me that they are happy to read in the bulletin each week about the lives of the saints! One of the most distinctive marks of Catholics in every part of the world is their love for the saints. Why? Why do people love the saints? The answer is simply this: people know that the saints were just like us and that, despite hardship, they persevered in Christian life. Simple put, the saints have made it and they inspire us to make it to. They are our “heavenly helpers.” Not only do they give us their example; they give us their help so that one day we will be saints too.

Several years ago our retired Pope Benedict XVI traveled to England to beatify John Henry Cardinal Newman, the great 19th century English teacher, writer and preacher. On that occasion, Pope Benedict said this: “blessed John Henry Newman explains how the faithful Christian is taken into the service of the one true Master, who alone has a claim to our unconditional devotion Blessed Newman helps us to understand what this means for our daily lives: he tells us that our divine Master has assigned a specific task to each one of us, a ‘definite service’ committed uniquely to every single person: ‘I have my mission’, he wrote, ‘I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do this work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place...if I do but keep his commandments and serve him in my calling.’”

Those words of Pope Benedict describe what a saint is. A saint very simply is a person who understands that the Lord is calling him or her to some definite service in life, to a mission that He has not entrusted to any other person. A saint accepts that mission and strives to be an “angel of peace, a preacher of truth.” It is not extraordinary successes that make a person a saint (Blessed Newman met with many failures). A saint knows that “God has not created me for naught,” and that He has made me a “link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons,” helping them as the Lord gives us the grace to do. This is what being a saint is all about. And it must be what we are all about too. Let us never for one moment forget this: our main goal in life is to become a saint. That means doing what Blessed Newman and all others did. It means living our lives for God every day, doing the work that he has given to us—the work of taking care of our families, the work of helping our neighbors, the work of guiding children in the right path, the work of praying for those in need. If you do those things, you are on your way to becoming a saint. You may never be called Blessed or Saint by others. But God will call you Blessed in heaven.

May this month of November remind us to thank God for all His saints. May the saints continue to help us so that one day they will welcome us, home to the Kingdom of heaven.

Father Thomas B. Derivan



**NOVEMBER 2  
COMMEMORATION OF ALL  
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. “If we had no care for the dead,” Augustine noted, “we would not be in the habit of praying for them. This feast acknowledges our human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification. Prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God’s presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death. The month of November is the month of All Saints and All Souls. Pray during this month that all of us—the souls in purgatory and ourselves here on earth—will one day enjoy the blessedness of the saints in heaven.



Food is now being collected for our Food Pantry. The pantry is in need of items for Thanksgiving. We are asking for items such as stuffing mix, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, tomato sauce, pasta, plus everyday items such as coffee, rice, tuna fish, cake mixes, frosting, canned or boxed juices, and other non-perishable items. **NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!** These items will be passed on to needy families in our parish and community. God bless you for your kindness.

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**BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**  
(1801-1890)

John Henry Newman, the 19th-century's most important English-speaking Roman Catholic theologian, spent the first half of his life as an Anglican and the second half as a Roman Catholic. He was a priest, popular preacher, writer, and eminent theologian in both Churches.

Born in London, England, he studied at Oxford's Trinity College, was a tutor at Oriel College and for 17 years was vicar of the university church, St. Mary the Virgin. He eventually published eight volumes of Parochial and Plain Sermons as well as two novels. His poem, "Dream of Gerontius," was set to music by Sir Edward Elgar.

After 1833, Newman was a prominent member of the Oxford Movement, which emphasized the Church's debt to the Church Fathers and challenged any tendency to consider truth as completely subjective.

Historical research made Newman suspect that the Roman Catholic Church was in closest continuity with the Church that Jesus established. In 1845, he was received into full communion as a Catholic. Two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome and joined the Congregation of the Oratory, founded three centuries earlier by St. Philip Neri. Returning to England, Newman founded Oratory houses in Birmingham and London and for seven years served as rector of the Catholic University of Ireland.

Before Newman, Catholic theology tended to ignore history, preferring instead to draw deductions from first principles-much as plane geometry does. After Newman, the lived experience of believers was recognized as a key part of theological reflection.

Newman eventually wrote 40 books and 21,000 letters that survive. Most famous are his book-length *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, *On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine*, *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* (his spiritual autobiography up to 1864) and *Essay on the Grammar of Assent*. He accepted Vatican I's teaching on papal infallibility while noting its limits, which many people who favored that definition were reluctant to do.

When Newman was named a cardinal in 1879, he took as his motto "Cor ad cor loquitur" (Heart speaks to heart). He was buried in Rednal (near Birmingham) 11 years later. After his grave was exhumed in 2008, a new tomb was prepared at the Oratory church in Birmingham.

Three years after Newman died, a Newman Club for Catholic students began at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In time, his name was linked to ministry centers at many public and private colleges and universities in the United States.

Pope Benedict XVI beatified Newman on September 19, 2010, at Crofton Park (near Birmingham). The pope noted Newman's emphasis on the vital place or revealed religion in civilized society but also praised his pastoral zeal for the sick, the poor, the bereaved and those in prison.

John Henry Newman has been called the "absent Father of Vatican II" because his writings on conscience, religious liberty, Scripture, the vocation of lay people, the relation of Church and State, and other topics were extremely influential in the shaping of the Council's documents. Although Newman was not always understood or appreciated, he steadfastly preached the Good News by word and example.

Newman composed this prayer:

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another.

"I have a mission; I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons; He has not created me for naught."

"I shall do good-I shall do his work. I shall be an angel of peace while not intending it if I do but keep his commandments. Therefore, I will trust him."



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**November**

NOVEMBER 1, 2015



**MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

The first two days of the month of November constitute for all of us an intense moment of faith, prayer and reflection on the “last things” of life. In fact in celebrating all the Saints and in commemorating all the faithful departed, in the Liturgy, the pilgrim church on earth lives and expresses the spiritual bond which unites her to the Church in heaven.

Today we praise God for the countless host of saints from all ages: simple and ordinary men and women, who were at times “last” for the world, but “first” for God. At the same time we remember our departed loved ones by visiting the cemeteries: it is a source of great consolation to think that they are in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, the martyrs and all the saints of Heaven!

Today’s Solemnity thus helps us to consider a fundamental truth of the Christian faith that we profess in the “Creed”: the *communion of saints*. What does this mean: the communion of saints? It is the communion born from faith which unites all those who belong to Christ through Baptism. It is a spiritual union – we are all united! - that is not broken by death, but continues in the next life. Indeed, there is an unbreakable bond between us living in this world and those who have crossed the threshold of death. We, here on earth, along with those who have entered into eternity, form one great family. This familiarity endures.

This wonderful communion, this wondrous union between heaven and earth takes place in the highest and most intense way in the Liturgy, and especially in the celebration of the Eucharist, which expresses and fulfills the most profound union between the members of the Church. In the Eucharist, we in fact encounter the living Jesus and His strength, and through Him we enter into communion with our brothers and sisters in the faith: those who live with us here on earth and those who have gone before us into the next life, the unending life. This reality fills us with joy: it is beautiful to have so many brothers and sisters in the faith who walk beside us, supporting us with their help, and together we travel the same road toward heaven. And it is comforting to know that there are other brothers and sisters who have already reached heaven, who await us and pray for us, so that together in eternity we can contemplate the glorious and merciful face of the Father.

In the great assembly of saints, God wanted to reserve the first place for the Mother of Jesus. Mary is at the center of the communion of saints, as the singular custodian of the bond between the universal church and Christ, of the bond of the family. She is Mother, She is our Mother. For those who want to follow Jesus on the path of the Gospel, she is a trusted guide because she is the first disciple. She is an attentive and caring Mother, to whom we can entrust every desire and difficulty.

Let us pray together to the Queen of All Saints, that she may help us to respond with generosity and faithfulness to God, who calls us to be holy as He is Holy.

Pope Francis, November 1, 2014

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**LADIES  
NIGHT**



**REFLECTION OF OUR RETIRED  
POPE BENEDICT XVI  
ON THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

Today we are celebrating with great joy the feast of All Saints. Visiting a botanical nursery garden, one is amazed by the variety of plants and flowers, and often one is drawn to think of the imagination of the Creator who has given the earth a wonderful garden. A similar feeling of wonder strikes us when we consider the spectacle of sainthood: the world appears to us as a “garden”, where the Spirit of God has given life with admirable imagination to a multitude of men and women saints, of every age and social condition, of every language, people and culture. Every one is different from the other, each unique in his/her own personality and spiritual charisma. All of them, however, were impressed with the “seal” of Jesus (cf. Rv 7:3) or the imprint of His love witnessed through the Cross. They are all in joy, in a festival without end, but like Jesus, they achieved this goal passing through difficulties and trials (cf. Rv 7:14), each of them shouldering their own share of sacrifice in order to participate in the glory of the Resurrection.

The Solemnity of All Saints came to be affirmed in the course of the first Christian millennium as a collective celebration of martyrs. Already in 609, in Rome, Pope Boniface IV had consecrated the Pantheon, dedicating it to the Virgin Mary and to *all the martyrs*. Moreover, we can understand this martyrdom in a broad sense, in other words, as love for Christ without reserve, love that expresses itself in the total gift of self to brethren. This spiritual destination, toward which all the baptized strive, is reached by following the way of the Gospel “beatitudes”, as the liturgy of today’s Solemnity indicates (cf. Mt. 5: 1-12a). It is the same path Jesus indicated that men and women Saints have striven to follow, while at the same time being aware of their human limitations. In their earthly lives, in fact, they were poor in spirit, suffering for sins, meek hungry and thirsting for justice, merciful, pure of heart, peacemakers, persecuted for the sake of justice. And God let them partake in his very own happiness: they tasted it already in this world and in the next, they enjoy it in its fullness. They are now consoled, inheritors of the earth, satisfied, forgiven, seeing God whose children they are. In a word: “the reign of God is theirs” (Mt 5:3, 10).

On this day we feel revive within us our attraction to Heaven, which impels us to quicken the steps of our earthly pilgrimage. We feel enkindled in our hearts the desire to unite ourselves forever to the family of Saints, in which already now we have the grace to partake. As a famous spiritual song says: “Oh when the Saints, come marching in , oh How I want to be in that number!” May this beautiful aspiration burn within all Christians, and help them to overcome every difficulty, every fear, every tribulation! Let us place, dear friends, our hand in Mary’s maternal hand, may the Queen of All Saints lead us towards our heavenly homeland, in the company of the blessed spirits “from every nation, people and language: (cf. Rv 7:9). And already now we unite in prayer in remembering our dear deceased, who we will commemorate tomorrow.

**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



**NOVEMBER 4  
ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO  
(1538-1584)**

The name of St. Charles Borromeo is associated with reform. He lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation, and had a hand in the reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent (1545-63).

Although he belonged to Milanese nobility and was related to the powerful Medici family, he desired to devote himself to the church. When his uncle, Cardinal de Medici, was elected pope in 1559 as Pius IV, he made Charles Cardinal-Deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan while he was still a layman and a young student. Because of his intellectual qualities he was entrusted with several important responsibility for the papal states. The untimely death of his elder brother brought Charles to a definite decision to be ordained a priest, despite relatives’ insistence that he marry. Soon after he was ordained a priest at the age of 25, he was consecrated bishop of Milan. Because of his work at the Council of Trent, he was not allowed to take up residence in Milan until the Council was over. Charles had encouraged the pope to renew the Council in 1562 after it had been suspended for 10 years. Working behind the scenes, St. Charles deserves the credit for keeping the Council in session when at several points it was on the verge of breaking up. He took upon himself the task of the entire correspondence during the final phase.

Eventually Charles was allowed to devote his time to the Archdiocese of Milan, where the religious and moral picture was far from bright. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him. Specific regulations were drawn up for bishops and other clergy: If the people were to be converted to a better life, he had to be the first to give a good example and renew their apostolic spirit.

Charles took the initiative in giving good example. He allotted most of his income to charity, forbade himself all luxury and imposed severe penances upon himself. He sacrificed wealth, high honors, esteem and influence to become poor. During the plague and famine of 1576, he tried to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. To do this he borrowed large sums of money that required years to repay. Whereas the civil authorities fled at the height of the plague, he stayed in the city, where he ministered to the sick and the dying, helping those in want.

Work and the heavy burdens of his high office began to affect his health. He died at the age of 46.

St. Charles made his own the words of Christ: “...I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me” (Matthew 25:35-36). Charles saw Christ in his neighbor and knew that charity done for the least of his flock was charity done for Christ.

**OCEAN OF MERCY: Healing After Abortion**

Pope Francis has designated a Year of Mercy. Information on mercy and forgiveness is available through this program organized by the Sisters of Life.

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MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH AND THEIR FAMILIES  
ANNA SOAVE, RALPH GIORDANO II  
&  
SEBASTAINO GRECO



THIS WEEK'S ALTAR BREAD IS IN LOVING MEMORY  
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LOVE, YOUR FAMILY

**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.

**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.

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER**

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**SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2015**

5:00PM Filomena Parisi

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

7:30AM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

9:00AM Parisi & Lepora Families

10:30AM Carlo & Pietro Porco, Giovanni, Carmina & Carolina Malito

12:15PM Fillippo Restifo

1:30PM Juan Ortiz

5:00PM Giuseppe Salerno

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

8:00AM Poidomani, Catalano & Grimaldi Families

9:00AM Filadelfio & Benedetta Marino

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

8:00AM Pietro Cipollone

9:00AM Francesco, Maria, Carolina & Giovanni Malito

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2015**

8:00AM Clarinta & Giovanni Osso

9:00AM Frank & Carmela Paolone

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

8:00AM Jose Chévere

9:00AM Francesco & Vincenzo Fericola

12:00PM Olimpia Rinaldi

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2015**

8:00AM Sal Mauro

9:00AM Michelina Mitri, Francesco DiBartolomeo

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2015**

8:00AM Linda Mondello

9:00AM All Souls Intentions

5:00PM Benedetta LoBalbo

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2015**

7:30AM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

9:00AM Victorio & Guissepina Squitire

10:30AM John Perkins

12:15PM Olimpia Rinaldi

1:30PM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

5:00PM Anthony Marcellino

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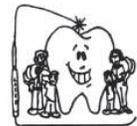


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