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2855 St. Theresa Avenue, Bronx, New York

NOVEMBER 15, 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 1:30pm 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
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appointment with parish clergy.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Today our parish observes **NATIONAL ORGAN DONOR SABBATH**. Along with houses of worship throughout our country, we observe this day as a day of reminder to all our parishioners of the importance of organ and tissue donation. The Catholic church regards organ and tissue donation as an act of charity, fraternal love and self-sacrifice. Recognizing the desperate need to save lives and thus foster "the culture of life," our Church has long supported organ and tissue donation. Let me inform you of the following items of information:

- * Catholics view organ and tissue donation as an act of charity and love. Transplants are morally and ethically acceptable to the Vatican. In August 2000 Pope John Paul II told attendees at the International congress on Transplants in Rome: "There is a need to instill in people's hearts, especially in the hearts of the young, a genuine and deep appreciation of the need for brotherly love, love that can find expression in the decision to become an organ donor."
- * Pope John Paul also mentioned organ donation in his encyclical *The Gospel of Life* when he said, "One way of nurturing a genuine culture of life is the donation of organs, performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope."
- * Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, prior to becoming Pope Benedict XVI, described organ donation as being "an act of love ... so long as it is free and spontaneous." In a February 4, 1999, interview with the ZENIT International News Agency, Cardinal Ratzinger said that he was a registered organ donor. ("To donate one's organs is an act of love that is morally licit, so long as it is free and spontaneous.") Cardinal Ratzinger disclosed that he was a member of an association of organ donors. "To spontaneously give parts of one's body to help someone in need is a great act of love."
- * Our own Timothy Cardinal Dolan sent the following message to the New York Organ Donor Network: "Catholics view organ and tissue donation as an act of charity and love. Transplants are morally and ethically consonant with Church teaching. Donations as an act of charity are encouraged. It is something good that can result from tragedy and a way for families to find comfort by helping others. The Catholic Church promotes the fact that there is a need for organ donors and that Christians should accept this as a challenge to their generosity and fraternal love so long as ethical principles are followed. The donation of organs in a morally acceptable manner, at the end of life, offers the gifts of health and life to those who are most vulnerable and who are at times without hope. It is one of the many pro-life positions an individual can choose in order to foster a culture that values life in our world. Organ donation should be for the love of one's fellow human beings. One of the most powerful ways for individuals to demonstrate love for their neighbor is by making an informed decision to be an organ donor. Organ transplantation and donation began with blood transfusion. Man found a way to give of himself so that others may continue to live. Thanks to science and the commitment of doctors and health care workers we are challenged to love our neighbor in new ways. It is for the betterment of humanity, for the love of one's fellow human beings, that organ donation is undertaken. One of the most powerful ways for individuals to demonstrate love for their neighbor is by making an informed decision to be an organ donor."

Each year we take the opportunity of alerting our parishioners to this important need. One organ donor can save up to eight lives. The same donor can also save or improve the lives of up to 50 people by donating tissues and eyes. On average, 18 people die every day while waiting for organ transplants in the U.S. Sadly only 19% of New Yorkers age 18 and over have enrolled in the New York State Donate Life Registry as organ, tissue and eye donors. Nationwide, the average is 43%. Finally you should know that the success rate for organ transplants is between 80 and 90 percent.

I encourage you to consider organ donation as an act of charity. It is simple to register as a donor, either on your driver's license or on your voter registration. Or you may contact the New York Organ Donor Network and register online at www.donatelifeny.org.

We are providing a sample form below for your consideration. Brochures are also available at both entrances of the church. Thank you for considering organ donation as a "gift of life."

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an instrument of the Catholic Church working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, “*to bring good news to the poor...release to captives...sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.*” (Luke 4:18)
Established in 1970 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, CCHD has a two-fold mandate:

To help low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, their families and communities.

To provide education and promote understanding about poverty and its root causes.

This dual strategy of “helping people who are poor speak and act for themselves” and “education for economic justice” reflects the Mandate of the Scriptures and the principles of Catholic social teaching.

CCHD invests in the dignity of people living in poverty. Programs funded by CCHD support self-sufficiency and self-determination for people who are working to bring permanent and positive change to their communities.

Our philosophy emphasizes empowerment and participation. By assisting the poor in participation in the decisions and actions that affect their lives and communities, CCHD “helps people help themselves” to move beyond poverty.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States, especially through an annual parish collection. CCHD’s grants to local anti-poverty efforts are screened, awarded and monitored in close partnership with local Catholic dioceses. CCHD grants to groups in a local community require the explicit approval of the bishop of that diocese.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). For more information on how USCCB is working to fight against global poverty, read more about Catholics Confront Global Poverty, a joint initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

Your help in next weekend’s second collection is your way of joining in this Campaign to help the needy. Significantly the Campaign’s collection occurs just before Thanksgiving Day. What better way do we have of thanking God for His goodness than by helping our brothers and sisters in need! Thank you for your generous help.



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PRESENTATION OF MARY—NOVEMBER 21



Many of the celebrations in honor of Mary are based in historical fact. The Sacred Scriptures tell of her acceptance of God's invitation to be the mother of the Savior at the Annunciation. We know of her maternity and of her faithfulness to her son, Jesus, even standing at the side of the cross. The Scriptures tell us nothing of Mary's hidden life. The inspired Word of God gives us no word about her Presentation in the Temple, the feast which we celebrated each year on November 21st. However, we do have the testimonies of tradition which are based on accounts which come to us from apostolic times. That which is known about the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple is found in the Apocrypha, principally in chapter seven of the Proteoepangelium of James, which has been dated by historians prior to the year 200AD. This book gives us a detailed account in which Mary's father, Joachim, tells Anna his wife that he wishes to bring their child to the Temple of the Lord. Anna responds that they should wait until the child is three years old lest she yearn for her parents. When the day arrived, the undefiled daughters of the Hebrews were invited to accompany Mary with their lamps burning to the Temple. There the priest received her, blessed her, and kissed her in welcome. He proclaimed, "The Lord has magnified thy name in all generations. In thee, the Lord will manifest His redemption to the sons of Israel." Mary was placed on the third step of the Temple and there danced with joy and all the house of Israel loved her. It was there that she was nurtured and her parents returned, glorifying the Almighty. The story is a legend with no foundation in history and the point of the story is to show that even in her childhood Mary was completely dedicated to God. However, it is from this very account that arose the feast of Mary's Presentation. Historians tell us that the Emperor Justinian built a splendid church dedicated to Mary in the Temple area in Jerusalem. It was dedicated on November 21, 543 but was destroyed by the Persians within a century. Many of the early church Fathers such as St. Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople (+730) and St. John Damascene, his contemporary, preached magnificent homilies on this feast referring to Mary as that special plant or flower which was being nurtured for better things." She was planted in the House of God, nourished by the Holy Spirit and kept her body and soul spotless to receive God in her bosom. He who is all-holy rests among the holy." Pope Paul VI in the 1974 encyclical *Marialis Cultus*, wrote of this feast that "despite its apocryphal content, it presents lofty and exemplary values and carries on the venerable traditions having their origins in the Eastern churches.

Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello

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.



**ST. ALBERT THE GREAT
NOVEMBER 15TH
(1206-1280)**

Did you ever watch a caterpillar spin a cocoon and then turn into a bright-colored butterfly? Did you ever see a hummingbird fly backward or look at the ants as they build their cities on sidewalks? If you enjoy the things of nature, you are like St. Albert the Great. He loved to watch something grow or change and to make a record of everything that happened to it. In 1226, when Albert was twenty years old, he joined the Order of Preachers, the group begun by St. Dominic. Albert became a teacher. One of his students was St. Thomas Aquinas. Albert was happy because he could spend his time studying and writing, teaching and preaching. He had a great knowledge of every field of science of his time. During his lifetime he was able to record part of what he knew in thirty-eight large books. Albert was also chosen to be the head of all the Dominican priests and sisters in Germany, and he walked to all of these places. This kept him so busy that he could no longer study and write as much as he would have liked, but he was happy because, most of all, he wanted to serve others in whatever way this needed to be done. In a few years, he was able to return to teaching. But each time he would begin to teach, something else would happen. First, Pope Alexander IV told him that he wanted him to serve as the bishop of Regensburg in Germany. He obeyed, and then in a few years he returned to teaching. But next, Pope Urban IV ordered him to preach about the Crusades throughout Germany and Bohemia (1263-64). After doing that, he finally was able to resume doing the work he loved. He wrote new books and revised old ones. Then a sad thing happened. Albert's wonderful memory began to fail. His health became poor and he had to give up teaching. This time it was forever. Albert had spent his whole life giving honor and glory to God. He gave praise to God in both the work that he loved and in the work he did not love. He praised God in his health and in his weakness. Because of his great learning he is a Doctor of the Church.

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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.





**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
NOVEMBER 17
(1207-1231)**

St. Elizabeth was a princess, the daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary. When she was fourteen, she was given in marriage to Louis II who was the count of an area of Germany called Thuringia. Louis and Elizabeth were very happy, and they had three children.

Elizabeth was a truly Christian woman. She spent her time visiting and nursing the sick and taking food and clothing to the poor. She turned a big house near her castle into a hospital for children and other sick people. She visited there often, bringing little gifts for the patients and helping to care for the children. There is a lovely legend told about Elizabeth. During the winter, her husband and some of his friends were returning from a hunting trip when they met Elizabeth. Under her cape she was carrying loaves of bread for a poor family. When she saw Louis and the other nobles, she greeted them and tried to hurry up. She did not want them to see the loaves for the hungry family because it was not the custom for rich people to associate with poor people.

Elizabeth knew that these men had already made fun of her for helping the poor. They also tried to embarrass her husband, because he always defended Elizabeth whom he loved for her goodness. Louis asked her what she was carrying, and on an impulse, Elizabeth said, "Roses." At that moment the wind blew Elizabeth's cape open and, to everyone's amazement, out fell beautiful, fragrant roses. The people told this story in order to show that Elizabeth's kindness and generosity to the poor was very pleasing to God.

Those were happy years for Elizabeth, but soon she was to know great sorrow. Louis was asked to join the Crusades. He did not want to leave his family, but he felt that it was his duty to go. However, he died before he ever reached the Holy Land. Louis' brothers were not as kind as Louis had been. They complained that Elizabeth was giving all their money away, and they forced her and her daughters out of the castle. Elizabeth had nowhere to go. Often she and her children slept in sheds or barns and begged for their food.

After the Crusades, Louis' friends came back and they made his brothers take care of Elizabeth. Elizabeth settled in the town of Marburg, where she again resumed nursing the sick and helping the poor until her death.

A few years after her death, construction was begun on the beautiful church of St. Elizabeth in Marburg. Visitors from all over the world go there to pray at her shrine. Parts of the frescoes painted in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries still remain. They tell the story of her life. On her casket, lovely engravings in gold also tell that story which was truly one of service and love of God.

**Thank You
so much!**

St. Theresa School and Home School Association would like to thank Zeppieri Bakery for their support of our Ladies Night Out.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THANKSGIVING DAY:



*A Thanksgiving Prayer
Oh, God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me
to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home,
help me to remember the homeless;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me
to destroy my complacency
and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough
to help, by word and deed,
Those who cry out
for what we take for granted.*

Samuel F. Pugh

*"For I was hungry and you gave Me food,
I was thirsty and you gave Me drink.
I was a stranger and you welcomed Me..."
Matthew 25:35*

ATTENTION-ALUMNI AND FORMER PARISHIONERS!

We are in the process of updating our list of alumni of St. Theresa's School and former parishioners of our parish. We want them to know about the good things that are going on at our parish and our school.

We ask you to contact family members or friends to ask them to help us update our list. They may do so in any of the following Ways:

Filling out the form below and sending it to the Rectory (or asking you to drop it by).

Calling the Rectory to update the information.

E-mailing the information to rectorystc@aol.com.

Thank you for your help with this.

Update Information for Alumni/Former Parishioners

Name _____

If Alumnus, Year _____

Address _____

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Wedding Banns

1ST TIME: Louis Lopiano & Christina Amangual



In Loving Memory

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED
MEMBER OF OUR PARISH AND HIS FAMILY
ANTHONY LEPORE



INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima has visited churches throughout the world, promoting devotion to Our Lady as she appeared at Fatima requesting our prayers for peace.

The statue will be on display in The Bronx on Wednesday, November 18th from 7:30AM to 8:00PM at St. Anthony Church (commonwealth Avenue) and at St. Helena Church (Olmstead Avenue) on Friday, November 20th from 6:50AM to 8:00PM.

CONFESSIONS are heard every Saturday from 4:00PM-5:00PM or by appointment in the Rectory.

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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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PLEASE RETURN TO THE RECTORY OFFICE.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2015

5:00PM Sal Pisciotta

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2015

7:30AM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

9:00AM Dolores Vitale & Julia Heckman

10:30AM Luigi Osso

12:15PM Irma Orrico

1:30PM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

5:00PM Giovanni Filippelli

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2015

8:00AM All Souls Intention

9:00AM Michael & Bonnie O'Reilly

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2015

8:00AM Grace Ferranti

9:00AM Justin Dambinsky

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2015

8:00AM Marie Morgan

9:00AM All Souls Intention

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2015

8:00AM Maria & Angela Artieri

9:00AM Sal Pisciotta

12:00PM Dominic DeYorgi

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2015

8:00AM Mario Grimaldi

9:00AM Clemente Carovillano

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2015

8:00AM Anna Barnaba

9:00AM Filomena Parisi

5:00PM Susan Greco

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2015

7:30AM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

9:00AM John Pagnotta

10:30AM Maria Zottola

12:15PM Al & Mary Orrico

1:30PM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

5:00PM Luigi, Rosina & Louis Porco

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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, Joseph Pisano, Marie Russillo, Toni Spahr, Florence Valentine, Irene Vesely.

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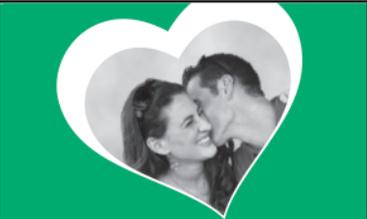
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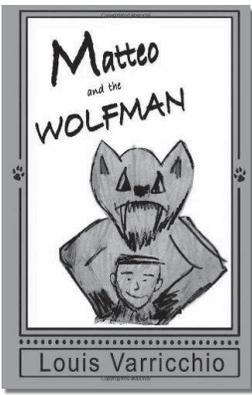
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