

St. Theresa Parish News



THE PARISH PRAYS FOR THE SICK

Kathy Bosco, Adeline Caruso, Baby Ellie Grace Dennis, Marie DiNardo, Marie Guarino, Baby Hazel, David Hill, Andrée Lalak, Louis Leonardi, James McCaffery, Rudy Menna, Michael Montalto, Edward O'Brien, Mary O'Malley, Rose Sharp, and for the residents of the Briarcliff Center and Atria Senior Living, Briarcliff Manor.

REST IN PEACE

Joseph Kotash, Rev. John Baptist Chiang. Our prayers are with their families and friends.



The Sanctuary Lamp will be burning this week in memory of **Vincent DePalma**.



The Bread and Wine will be offered in memory of **Thomas Jeselson, Sr.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the Fridays of Lent we will show our Lenten devotion and sacrifice by praying the **Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. in St. Theresa Church**. All are welcome.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith and abstinence.

THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Due to a miscalculation, the figures in last week's bulletin were "Fake News." Sorry! As of **March 9, 2017, 83** parishioners have already donated \$50,465.00, not even half of our goal of **\$105,500** and at least **200** participants. As a parish with over 1,000 attending Sunday Mass we should be doing much better and prayerfully we will. Please make your contribution this week. Extra donation envelopes are in the pews with all the details of giving. Thank you.

PRAYER



Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are merely actions we do out of tradition without much meaning. Prayer is our conversation with God.

It is through prayer that we find the strength to fast. It is through prayer that we develop a closer, more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us so grateful for the blessings he has bestowed upon us, that we eagerly give to those less fortunate than us. The Church, in its wisdom, understands that prayer is essential to any action we Christians may undertake.

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS FOR LENT

What will you do for Lent this year? Come and join us as we explore the beautiful Gospel of John on **Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Lower Church at St. Theresa's**. **New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Watson at 917-270-8395 or smw57@icloud.com.**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

CRS RICE BOWL

With your support, Catholic Relief Services is helping vulnerable people in more than 100 countries live full and healthy lives. Your compassion is promoting the dignity of life by restoring families, harvests, livelihoods, education – and hope.

Good Friday – Fast and No Meat
All other Fridays of Lent – No Meat



ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may

offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls – Pray for me.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Since March 19th falls on a Sunday this year, celebration of the **Feast of St. Joseph is transferred to Monday, March 20th**. Our regular Monday Mass schedule is in effect (6:45 and 9:00 a.m.)

Religious Education News

FAMILY EVENT: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 24 from 6-6:45 p.m. here at St. Theresa Church. Attendance is by RSVP only.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Your family is encouraged to continue collection funds for the CRS Rice Bowl project. Rice bowls will be collected after Lent.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

We have 41 students preparing this year to make their First Holy Communion in May. Please keep the children and their families in prayer.

RCIA News

PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

It is with great joy that we continue to journey with our **ELECT EMILY** and our **CANDIDATE JANE ANN** during this Lenten Season as they prepare for their reception/completion of the sacraments of initiation this coming Easter/Easter Season. Please keep **Emily and Jane Ann** in prayer.

FINANCE CORNER

March 2017

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| March 5 | \$8,904 | |
| March 12 | \$7,879 | \$1,504 |

We thank you for your continued generosity.
St. Theresa Parish encourages use of **Parish Pay**.

300 CLUB

Congratulations to **The Watson Family**, our 300 Club winners for the week of **March 12th**. The lucky number **87** brought them **\$200**.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Altar and Rosary Society

St. Theresa

Friday, March 24

Joan Grund & Clara Garcia

Our Lady of the Wayside

Month of March 2017

June Jarvis / Rita Riehman

March 26, 2017

Eucharistic Ministers **Ministers of the Word**

Sat. 5:15 R. Conway P. Radovanovich

Sun. 7:45 T. Foss A. Saunders

Sun. 9:00 L. Engelhardt **Children's Mass**

Sun. 10:45 R. Berta J. Garcia

Sun. 12:45 C. DiMarzo S. Shine

Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. 5:00 J. Burns J. Robertson

Sun. 9:00 J. Manocchi B. Manocchi

Sun. 10:30 R. Breen J. Jarvis

BRIARCLIFF CENTER: P. Maddalo

If you are not assigned, please check in the Sacristy before Mass to see if your help is needed.