



## **St. Theresa Parish News**



### **THE PARISH PRAYS FOR THE SICK**

Matthew Callahan, Margaret Clerkin, Eve Creary, Joseph DeAngelis, Baby Ellie Grace Dennis, Marie DiNardo, Marie Guarino, David Hill, T. J. (9 yrs. old), Janet Jeselson, Baby Andrew Jesso, Jr., Geenamade John, Anna Klotz, Andrée Lalak, Louis Leonardi, James McCaffery, Michael Montalto, Joann Moroz, Edward O'Brien, Mary O'Malley, Alcira Prieto, Joel Rivera, Ron Sabatini, Rose Sharp, Julie Wordell, and for the residents of the Briarcliff Center and Atria Senior Living, Briarcliff Manor.

### **REST IN PEACE**

**Anna A. Klotz and Concetta Punturo.** Our prayers are with their family and friends.

### **HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

#### **First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3**

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the start in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

#### **Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

In observance of the New Year's holiday, the Parish Office will be closed **Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** and will be open at **noon on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.**



### **2017/2018 NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

**January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2018.  
Therefore, there will be no Vigil Masses.**

**The regular Sunday schedule will be in effect for  
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

#### **New Year's Day**

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

St. Theresa's – 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. and 12 Noon

### **THANK YOU!**

**Thank you** to all the parishioners who brought cards, gifts and homemade treats for the priests and rectory staff to enjoy. They are greatly appreciated and have added to our Christmas cheer.

**The Christmas offering is the major collection of the year for the Church and will remain open through the month of January 2018.**

### **THE PARISH PRAYER FOR THE SICK –REFRESHED!**

Beginning January 14, 2018 we will start a new listing. If you have a name you wish to remain on the list, please notify the Rectory Office. The current list is placed in our Prayer Intention Book so the prayers will continue as usual.

### **A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this New Year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.  
Amen

*(a modern prayer for the New Year from [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com))*

### **BEEF STEW WEEKEND COLLECTION**

**Next weekend** is Beef Stew Weekend. Please be generous with your donation of food or money. The poor in our area depend on our continued assistance

### **CHILD PROTECTION**

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

### **BAPTISMS**

We recently welcomed into the family of God and our parish family during the month of December:

**Mackenzie Pauline Gullo  
Caitlin O'Malley  
Dylan O'Malley**

### ***Religious Education News***

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We continue to wish our families a blessed Christmas season and a happy and holy new year. Religious Education Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

### **ST. THERESA JUST GOT FORMED!!**

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**Parishioners, enter code: CHMH3D**

### **FINANCE CORNER**

#### **December 2017**

<b>December 3</b>	<b>\$8,843</b>	<b>\$1,991</b>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>\$8,750</b>	
<b>Dec. 8 (Holy Day)</b>	<b>\$1,333</b>	
<b>December 17</b>	<b>\$8,566</b>	<b>\$1,908</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>We thank you for your continued generosity.</b>		

### **300 CLUB**

Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. John Luboja**, our 300 Club winners for the week of **December 24<sup>th</sup>**. The lucky number **#35** brought them **\$1,000**.

### **MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **Altar and Rosary Society**

#### **St. Theresa**

Friday, January 5, 2017

**Mary Weidenhamer and Family**

#### **St Theresa Altar Linens**

**Month of January**

**Antusa Dasgupta**

#### **Our Lady of the Wayside**

**Month of January**

**Connie Serafin**

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**January 7, 2018**

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**     **Ministers of the Word**

Sat. 5:15 B. DeCoursey     S. Gallagher

Sun. 7:45 T. Foss     A. Saunders

Sun. 9:00 B. Ryan     S. Shine

Sun. 10:45 E. Muller     L. Naughton

Sun. 12:15 M. Pohar     E. Nolan

#### **Our Lady of the Wayside**

Sat. 5:00 P. Maddalo     J. Robertson

Sun. 9:00 J. Manocchi     B. Manocchi

Sun. 10:30 C. McAfee     J. Garcia

#### **BRIARCLIFF CENTER: L. Engelhardt**

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