

Fifth SUNDAY OF **LENT**

**The hour has come
for the Son of Man
to be glorified.**

JOHN 12:23

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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Happy
Saint Patrick's
Day

Intentions for the Week of March 17, 2024

Sanctuary Candles	Patrick Deming Jr.	
Altar Bread & Wine	----	
Monday, March 18	7:00am	John A. Toohey
	12:05pm	The intentions of Dan & Elaine Anderson
Tuesday, March 19	7:00am	The living & deceased members of the Purcell family
	12:05pm	Ron Nash
Wednesday, March 20	7:00am	Oanh Loi Le Tri
	12:05pm	Rose Kelly Dominic Fiorelli
Thursday, March 21	7:00am	---
	12:05pm	Emil Porcoro
Friday, March 22	7:00am	Annette Delesio
	12:05pm	Frank Gildea
Saturday, March 23	7:00am	---
	5:00pm	Aldo Santucci
Sunday, March 24	7:30am	Intentions of Baby Landon & Reggie Crowley Dorothy Hayowyk Stella DeDtefano
	9:00am	Harold & Lenora Scheneck Joseph & Marie Spidaliere
	10:30am	Margaret Maniaci
	12:00pm	Ron Nash

Please pray for the sick, especially for: Eileen MacMillian, Reggie Crowley, Baby Landon, Hunter Zurey, Eileen Redfern, Angelo P., Tom Visotsky, Juilana Byank, Anna.

GUIDELINES FOR NAMES LISTED HERE: For privacy reasons, all names must be submitted by immediate family members only. We will also place names on our Prayer of the Faithful Announcement from the pulpit for 3 weeks. **Twice annually (January & July) we will clear the list.** If you wish to have a person relisted on either list, simply call the parish office

COLLECTION REPORT

2023-24 Collection Weekly Goal based on budget:\$12,020	
Weekly Collection ending March 10, 2024	\$10,414
Faith Direct E Giving (2x month)	\$ 9,551

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SHOP RITE GIFT CARD PROGRAM



The parish sells ShopRite gift cards on weekends in the atrium before and after mass and at the Parish Office during regular business hours. We purchase them at a 5% discount from Shop Rite. The cards can be used to purchase anything from any Shop Rite location even at the pharmacy and gift cards from other stores. The cards never expire and if you spend less than the full value on the card, the unspent funds remain. If unable to attend mass during regular sales times email John sttheresefoodgiftcards@hotmail.com to arrange a special purchase or with any questions.



END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

If you would like your 2023 Financial Statement for your taxes, please contact the rectory at :

973-584-8271 press option 1

Statements will only be printed when requested, as per Diocesan guidelines. Your requested letter will be **emailed** to you, or you can **pick it up** at the Parish Office. Requests will be processed every Friday. **Faith Direct** will send out your statements automatically!

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Lenten Confession

Confession will be offered every Monday night during Lent from 7pm to 8:30pm at every church in the Diocese:
plus our regular Confession on Saturdays at 11am

During Lent, let us find *concrete* ways to overcome our indifference.
Pope Francis

HOLIDAY MEALS COLLECTION FOR EASTER



The Holiday Meals committee will be collecting hams, frozen lasagnas, and \$25 Shop Rite and Walmart gift cards for Easter for the clients of Roxbury Social Services. We will be in the atrium on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00-11:00AM to accept your donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Knights of Columbus and St Therese Parish Pantry
--- Food For Families Food Drive ---

TAKE 2
Reusable Grocery Bags
(Mar 16 & 17 ... available in the St Therese APR)

BRING BACK 1 BAG
filled with food items
(March 23 & 24 ... drop off in the St Therese APR)

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THANK YOU!!!

The Knights of Columbus will be selling/reserving Tricky Tray Bundle Tickets before/after masses the weeks of March 16/17 and April 6/7. Please stop by to secure your spot for this limited seating night of fun.

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Danielle Cmielewski at dcmielewski@gmail.com

St. Therese Church 2024 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Regular Weekend Mass schedule

Palm Procession beginning at 11:50am

Holy Thursday, March 28th

8:30am Morning Prayer

6pm Last Supper of the Lord with Adoration

Midnight Prayer

Good Friday, March 29th

8:30am Morning Prayer

3pm Passion of the Lord

7pm Stations of the Cross

guided by the St. Therese Youth Ministry Cast Members

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:30am Morning Prayer

10am Blessing of Food

8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31st

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am & 12pm

St. Therese
BOLD

All in High School are invited to two nights of games, discussions and encouragement as we continue our Lenten season together!

Wednesday, March 20th & Wednesday, March 27th
7:30 - 9:00pm at St. Therese School

Come to one or join us for both nights! We'll share a meal, spend time in prayer and reflect on the Triduum and Easter Season!

Questions about BOLD? Contact StTherese@boldym.com

REQUESTING A SPONSOR FORM

It is a tremendous honor to get asked to be a Sponsor or Godparent. A family feels that you are a good Catholic role model and wants you to take on a vital role in the spiritual development of their child.

In order to be a sponsor, by Canon Law, you must be fully initiated as a Roman Catholic by being Baptized, and received both Communion and Confirmation **and** be an active, practicing Catholic.

Here at St. Therese, we are responsible in verifying that an individual is qualified to be a sponsor.

This can be done by certifying their Sacrament of Confirmation in our archives for those that received their sacrament here at our parish, or by attesting that they are registered & active parishioners.

We can attest that an individual is registered by finding them in our data base. You might be saying to yourself, "I have been coming here for years, I am a member." Ok, but are you registered? When adult children move out of their parent's homes, their registration becomes invalid. They need to register at their local church. If they live locally and continue to attend St. Therese, they would need to fill out a registration form and establish their own identification. If you have adult children still living at home with you, then encourage them to establish their own registration.

What makes you "active"? This means you **attend mass regularly and use weekly envelopes**. This is not about the money **IN** the envelope, it is about **THE** envelope, showing that you are here, attending mass and fulfilling your obligation as an active, practicing Catholic. Did you know that every week, the collections are posted to those corresponding registered families in our database? That is how you are able to receive your End of Year Tax Statements. There is also a special code used for an empty envelope too. Again, it's not what's **IN** the envelope, it is **THE** envelope.

Making a donation to the church is a very personal decision and we respect the privacy of those individuals that prefer to give anonymously.

With a congregation this large and priests that rotate serving masses, it is next to impossible to monitor who comes to mass on a regular basis. Think of your envelope, whether an official church envelope or any one you choose to use, as a means of "attendance". You can use an envelope weekly, monthly, or quarterly and your "attendance" will be noted accordingly. This way, when you ask for a sponsor form and your registration is verified, a priest can look and see if you attended church.

This system in place is not perfect and it is not meant to stand in your way of getting a sponsor form. It should be a tool for you to help evaluate your qualifications to be a sponsor. You are about to make a vow in front of God and a parish community that you do fulfil your obligation as a practicing Catholic. Life keeps us busy and sometimes attending mass may not always be a weekly priority, but if you completely dismiss this obligation, how can your church attest to your commitment to be a sponsor?



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into our parish is requested to register; forms are available in all parish offices and on our website. Registration is required for Religious Education Programs and the reception of the Sacraments. **Only active, registered members can receive sponsor forms for baptism or confirmation. New members must wait 3 months before being eligible for a sponsor form.** Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM is celebrated on two Saturdays each month at 1:00pm. A parent preparation class is held monthly. Parents please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance. Visit the parish website, www.StThereseRoxbury.org for dates and information. Private Baptisms are reserved for Military deployment or extreme extenuating circumstances. **New members need to wait 3 months before scheduling a baptism.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION: Our Religious Education program begins with Grade 1. First Reconciliation & First Communion is a 2-year preparation program. Grades 3-8 are required years of continued faith education for entry into our Confirmation program.

CONFIRMATION: Our 2-year program begins in the Freshman year of high school and culminates with the sacrament at the end of the Sophomore year of high school.

MATRIMONY: Couples should call the Parish Office at least one year in advance. Please do not set your reception date until your church date is definite.

HOLY ORDERS- If you think God may be calling you to the serve Him in the ministry of the priesthood, please contact the Diocesan Vocation Office (973) 777-8818 X 711.

ANointing OF THE SICK- The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. For the SERIOUSLY SICK and dying contact the Rectory immediately.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.) Preparation for the sacraments begins in September and culminates at the Easter Vigil.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & ELDERLY: For the confined, the elderly and/or shut-in, be they at home or in the hospital, please inform the Rectory. Holy Communion will be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound.

CONSECRATED LIFE: Those called to consecrated life are invited to follow Christ more closely through the total offering of their entire life to God through the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. For more information, contact Chancellor / Delegate for Religious (973) 777-8818 X 247.

UPDATING FAMILY REGISTRATIONS

Do you have an adult child that no longer lives at home? If they no longer live at home but they live locally, have they re-registered at St. Therese at their new address? Have they moved away? Encourage them to register at their local church, because their St. Therese registration becomes inactive when they move away. Most parishes, including St. Therese, require sponsors for Baptism, Confirmation or RCIA to be an active, registered member of a parish. It is so important for young adults to establish their own membership. Sacramental information is always kept on record at the Parish. Registration forms are available on the parish website. Please feel free to call the Parish Office with any questions!!

PARISH MINISTRIES

Committee/Organization	Contact	Phone Number/E-mail
Adoration		
Adult Alter Servers	Dc. Joe Padron	dcnjoepadron@sttheresenj.org
Altar Servers	Dc. Joe Padron	dcnjoepadron@sttheresenj.org
Baskets of Hope	L & D Alfieri	Loagresta1@gmail.com
Bereavement Support	Robin Porter	mrporter24@aol.com
Bible Study (evening)	Matt Cornine	mcornine62@gmail.com
Bookkeeper/Finances	Diane Bogdan	973-584-8271 X 713
Book Club	Barbara Dziedzic	dziebarb@hotmail.com
Caring 4 Life	Vivian Sclafani	973 584 1792
Children's Liturgy K-3	Catherine McGuire	973-584-9444 X 302
CYO Basketball	Adam Padfield	stscyo@yahoo.com
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Finance Chairperson	Annette Oswald	annetteoswald@optimum.net
Holiday Meals	Annette Komes	akomes@verizon.net
Homebound Ministry	Rita Kong	856-535-7553
Giving Tree	Barbara Kelliher	bkell7311@yahoo.com
Home School Association		
Knights of Columbus	Mike Spiecker	Inboxk99@gmail.com
Lazarus Ministry	Deacon Joe	dcnjoepadron@sttheresenj.org
Lectors	Dennis Kendzior	973-927-1647
Liturgy Committee	Deacon Joe	dcnjoepadron@sttheresenj.org
Ministry Scheduling	Annette Oswald	annetteoswald@optimum.net
Music	Robin Porter	mrporter24@aol.com
Men's Cornerstone	Greg Marchesi	elmteach@aol.com
Organist	Anthony Celentano	amcelentano@optonline.net
Parish Office Manager	Trisha Irving	973-584-8271 X 700 StThereseOffice@StthereseNJ.org
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Prayer Group	Melba Corpuz	973-204-4315
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Religious Education Gr 1-8	Catherine McGuire	973-584-9444 X 302
R.C.I.A.	Greg Marchesi	elmteach@aol.com
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Soup Kitchen	Joy White	jeffleo12@gmail.com
Spanish Prayer Group	Yolanda Betaneur	973-945-7705
Tuition Coordinator	Michelle Danielson	973-584-9444 ex 301
Ushers	Deacon Joe	dcnjoepadron@sttheresenj.org
Welcome Ministry	M & K Spiecker	welcomestc3@gmail.com
Women's Cornerstone	Annette Oswald	973-713-6088
Confirmation Coordinator	Michael Harding	michool02ss@aol.com
Youth Minister	Ben Yates	StTherese@boldym.com
Fr. Rick Kilcomons, Pastor	973-584-8271 ex 716	frkilcomons@sttheresenj.org
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Fr. Jun Vizcara	973-584-8271 ex 719	frjun@sttheresenj.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 7:00am & 12:05pm
 Saturday- 7:00am & 5:00pm
 Sunday - 7:30am, 9:00am(live streamed), 10:30am & 12:00pm
 Civic Holidays – 12:05pm (no 7:00am)
 Holy Days of Obligation
 Vigil 7:00pm Holy Day 7:00am, 12:05pm & 7:00pm
 First Saturday's - 9:00am

Confessions are Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm
 or by appointment. Please call a priest to schedule.

Lenten Activities

Confession

Every Monday from 7pm to 8:30pm

Feb 19 & 26 March 4, 11, 18 & 25

Saturdays at 11am

Parish Penance Service

Friday, March 22 at 7pm

previously advertised for Saturday 3/23

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 4pm- Feb 16 & 23 March 1, 8, 15 & 22

Parish Lenten Reflection

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm

with guest Auxiliary Bishop Cruz

The Last Words of Jesus

Living Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday, March 24 7:30pm

Good Friday, March 29 7:00pm

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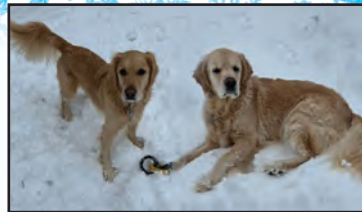
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