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We Invite You to Celebrate the Eucharist with Us

Weekday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am
Monday, also at 6:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am
5:30 pm - Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday: 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12:00 pm (Noon), 5:00 pm
First Friday 6:30 pm (Mass said in Italian)
of the Month:
Holy Days: As Listed in Weekly Bulletin and Website

Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 5 pm. Other evenings by
appointment
Our Priests are always available for emergency sick calls.

Parish Registration

Registering as a member or simply updating your information for our parish is an important aspect of our Catholic community life. It is an opportunity to identify our parishioners and allow us to serve our parish community accordingly. In doing so, we will be able to recognize the needs of our parishioners and provide the services our families may require.



Parish Stewardship Mission Statement

We, the People of God of the Saint Theresa Parish Community, empowered by our baptism, seek to bring the "Good News" into our daily lives through the active participation in the celebration of the liturgies and the example of our daily living, using the gifts of our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of all in the community.

Baptism

We ask parents and Godparents to attend the Baptismal Preparation sessions prior to the Baptism. This should be scheduled at least two months in advance of the Baptism.

Marriage

Contact the Rectory at least one year in advance of date, and before finalizing any other arrangements. Pre Cana arrangements are made by visiting the website of the Archdiocese of Newark's Family Life Ministry Office at www.rcan.org/familife/precana.htm.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing is available to anyone of advanced age or serious illness. A priest is always available for emergency sick calls. Please let us know of any homebound persons who would like Communion on a regular basis. Please call the Rectory.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Weekday's: After All Masses. Always Upon Request.

Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration Mondays - 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Miraculous Medal Novena every Monday at the 9:00 am and the 6:30 pm Masses
St. Jude Novena every Wednesday at the 9:00 am and the 6:30 pm Masses.
First Friday Exposition and Devotion including the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on First Friday of every month at 9:00 am Mass
St. Theresa Novena every Thursday at the 9:00 am Mass
Divine Mercy every First Sunday of the Month, after the 12:00 pm Mass.

Bulletin Articles and Web Notices

Deadline is at 5 pm on the Monday prior to the Sunday. To Submit information, drop off to the rectory marked Bulletin, email to stparish@thechurchofsttheresa.org.



The Church of Saint Theresa

April 28, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter



Saint Catherine of Siena – April 29

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.



She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-catherine-of-siena/>

St. Catherine's feast day is April 29, she is the patroness against fire, illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.

St. Theresa Reflection... “I wish to give all to Jesus, since He has shown me that He alone is perfect happiness.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

TODAY'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.



Every Friday, during the Easter Season, Fr. Giovanni and Fr. Roberto will be visiting houses to bless them.

To schedule a visit, please call the Rectory

Phone: 908-272-4444

DAILY READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3

or

Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

First Friday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

First Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

The Wisdom of the Saints... *“Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.”*

St. Teresa of Avila



MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

In Memoriam

Host: Parishioners Intentions
Wine: Parishioners Intentions
Sanctuary Lamp: Parishioners Intentions

Saturday, April 27

9:00 AM Emanuele Pontoriero (1st+ Anniv.) † John & Rossanna Vizzoni
 5:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, April 28

9:00 AM Walter Gauer (11th Anniv.) † Christie Hearn (granddaughter) & Family
 10:30 AM Esther Hummer (24th Anniv.) † Betty Sue Beurer (daughter)
 12:00 PM Mario Esposito † Anna & Mario Esposito
 5:00 PM Paul Freeman (18th Anniv.) † The Sheridan Family

Monday, April 29

7:00 AM Jeanne Milia (4th Anniv.) † The Milia Family
 9:00 AM Cathy Cardella Bonett † The Calemme & Klemm Families

« Eucharistic Adoration »
 12:30 – 6:15 PM – In the Chapel

6:30 PM Christopher See (remembrance) † Daisy & Louie See

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 AM Michael Ellenbacher † The McCarthy Family
 9:00 AM Ng Chu Po (Ann) † Daisy & Louie See

Wednesday, May 1

7:00 AM Patricia Morrison, Philip A. O'Grady & Philip A. O'Grady Jr. † Dennis M. O'Grady
 9:00 AM John Kochocky † The Family

Thursday, May 2

7:00 AM Lee Breynock † Jerri Diamante
 9:00 AM Sister Felicina DiCesare (4th Anniv.) † Maria & Domenick DiCarlo

Friday, May 3 (First Friday)

7:00 AM Angelo Milia (14th Anniv.) † The Milia Family
 9:00 AM John & Marie Cancellieri † The Family
 6:30 PM Italian Mass with Multiple Intentions

Saturday, May 4

9:00 AM Frank Teixeira (B-Day) † Maria Dealmeida, sister
 5:30 PM Charles Spingola (Anniv.) † Kay Gauer

Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM People of The Parish
 10:30 AM Deceased Members of St. Amand † The Family
 12:00 PM Frank & Yolanda Palmieri (Anniv.) † Ann Marie & Christina Monahan
 5:00 PM Edmundo Manalac (B-Day) † Erwin & Maria Capati

ITALIAN MASSES: First Friday of every month
 — at 6:30PM — Multiple intentions



SCHOOL NEWS...

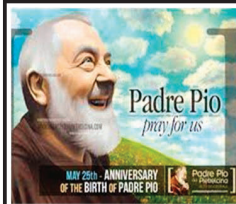
The St. Theresa School Forensic Team participated in the Union County Catholic League of Forensics "Duo" Competition last week at St. Bartholomew Academy. Congratulations to Isabella Hess and Amanda Vaz who were awarded First Place Ribbons!

To help inspire a lifelong love of reading, STS hosted their annual Book Fair. Throughout the week students were able to choose from a wide variety of books to add to their home libraries.

Just a reminder, if you are interested in learning about St. Theresa School, please call the office at 908-276-7220

HELP NEEDED

St. Theresa Lil' Stallions Day Care Program in Kenilworth is in need of Part Time Caregivers especially for the afternoon shift from 2:30 – 5:30 pm If you are interested in providing a loving and nurturing environment for infants and toddlers please call [908-276-7220](tel:908-276-7220) ext. 205 or email Barbara Villani, Day Care Director at barbara.villani@mysts.org



Annual Feast of Padre Pio May 25, 2024

Will be celebrated at St. Theresa's Church with a Solemn Mass at **3:00pm** in the church, followed by a procession through the streets of our neighborhood.

We also invite you to join us for an Early Dinner in the School Gym, immediately after the procession.

Tickets: \$25 per person

Early bird discount tickets : \$20 per person
 Children under 10—free

Tickets can be purchased after every Mass or at the Rectory Office—Ph 908-272-4444

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

Catholic Stewardship in Action

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the **2024 Annual Appeal?**

<https://rcan.org/sharing>

St. Theresa Church's Goal: \$43,875

As of 4/24/2024

Donor Pledge: \$37,825
 Received: \$33,015

% of Goal: 86.21%
 # of Donors: 87



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Weekly Offering

Weekend of April 21, 2024

At Church \$ 6,271

Online \$ 1,176

Total: \$ 7,447



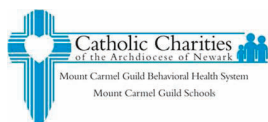
To remain viable, our Church needs \$8,000 in weekly contributions. Thank you for your support!

NATIONAL COLLECTION 5-6-2024 Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain here at St. Theresa is active once again. If you have someone you would like to be prayed for please send their name and reason for the prayer request to:

bernadettekunz@aol.com



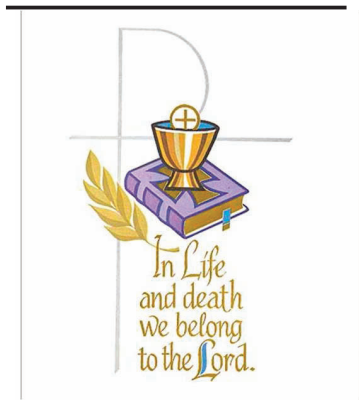
How intense was your joy in this Easter season?

Sharing Easter joy with a meal and the support of family and friends is a yearly celebration that most of us cherish. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the sufferings of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, tools, toys, and children's books to the Donation Bin(s) located on the property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.



MASS INTENTIONS—2024

For this special occasion, the Mass presided by Cardinal Tobin is OPEN for multiple Intentions. Cards are available at the Rectory. For additional information, please contact the Rectory office at 908-272-4444



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

presided by
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D.
on Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 12:00 PM

will be offered for the repose of the soul of

The Church of Saint Theresa
541 Washington Avenue
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75th Anniversary

SACRED HEART of JESUS PRAYER GROUP

We are inviting everyone to join our prayer meeting every third Saturday of the month, after the 9AM Mass, at the Rectory.

SOCIAL CONCERNS FOOD PANTRY – APRIL SCHEDULE

NEEDS: Rice/Pasta side dish — 1lb bag of rice, pasta sauce, broths, soups, coffee, cereals, salt, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressing, cookies, fruit bars, fruit roll-ups, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorants, razors.

As always, we accept and appreciate supermarket gift cards and monetary donations in the Rectory during business hours.

Tuesday -	2, 16 & 30 - 10 AM to 12 NOON
Extra days	9 & 23 - 10 AM to 11AM
Wednesday	3, 10, 17 & 24 - 6 PM to 7PM
Thursday -	4 & 18 - 10 AM to 12AM
Extra days	11 & 25 - 10 AM to 11AM

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We ask that you limit your visits to twice a month, to ensure all that need assistance can receive it. Pedimos que limite sus visitas a dos veces al mes, para asegurar que todos los que necesitan ayuda puedan recibirla.

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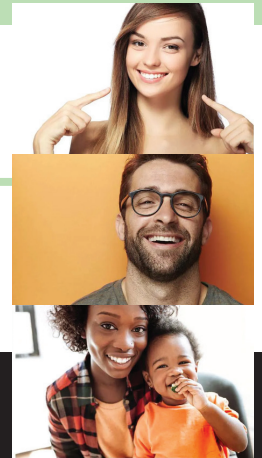
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