



ST TERESA OF AVILA

DECEMBER 31, 2017

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (*Memorial Mass*) 8:30 AM
5:30 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM
9:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:30 AM
12:00 PM
(Spanish) 1:30 PM
5:30 PM

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday
7:00 AM • 8:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ▶ Friday
9 AM-4:30 PM
(Office Closed for Lunch 1:30-2:30 pm)

**The rectory will be closed
on Monday, January 1, 2018.**

What are you reading?

In a parish of this size, with so many different talents and tastes there is a lot of spiritual reading going on. Would you take a moment and share with your fellow parishioners what spiritual books you are reading and writing a little infomercial about it? It's good for us to share these things as we walk and grow on the journey of faith together.

-Fr Bob



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

JANUARY 1, 2018

MASS AT

9:00 AM • 10:30 AM

Parish info

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MASS INTENTIONS

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30

8:30 am † Memorial Mass
5:30 pm † Teodolinda Poli

Sunday, December 31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7:30 am † Rose Howe
9:00 am † Aniello Russo
9:30 am † Michael Kane
10:30 am † Frederick Wayne Ferrati
12:00 pm † Lucretia & Leonard Masino
1:30 pm † People of the Parish
5:30 pm † Carmen Polzo

Monday, January 1, 2018 NATIVITY OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 am † John Simone
10:30 am † Marie Kurtz

Tuesday, January 2 SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

7:00 am † Betty Lou Keefe
8:30 am † Harriet Sabacinski

Wednesday, January 3

7:00 am † Ramon Luzarraga Jr
8:30 am † Julia & Mario Russo

Thursday, January 4 ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON

7:00 am † Anotonietta Bibbo
8:30 am † Kevin Ward

Friday, January 5 SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

7:00 am † Laurine C Trombetta
8:30 am † Anthony R Caputo

Saturday, January 6 SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE

8:30 am † Memorial Mass
5:30 pm † Michael Kane

Sunday, January 7 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 am † Theodore Higginson
9:00 am † Ponzi Ciampa
9:30 am † Deceased members of
the Hoang Family
10:30 am † Letizia Cavallaro
12:00 pm † Robert Brenner
1:30 pm † People of the Parish
5:30 pm † Peg Ledgerwood

PREPARING AND RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4-5 pm

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Please contact Lucy at Lucy@stteresachurch.org

ADULTS INITIATION (RCIA)

is a process for Catholics who haven't received all their sacraments to do so, or for non-catholics who wish to become Catholic. Please call the Rectory 908.277.3700 for more information.

MINISTRY FOR THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory when a member of the Parish is in the hospital or if someone is unable to attend Church and wishes to receive Holy Communion.

MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made ideally one year in advance of the marriage date. Contact Angela Intili (908) 273-6975 x216

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life, and men called to Holy Orders, should contact the Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall. Matthew Higgins at matthew.higgins@shu.edu or at 973-313-6190.

DEVOTIONS

- ▶ **Holy Hour** is the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 pm
- ▶ **Rosary Recitation** after 8:30 am Weekday Mass
- ▶ **Novena to the Miraculous Medal of our Blessed Mother Mary** every Monday following the 8:30am Mass.

EUCARISTÍA

Cada domingo a la una y media de la tarde.

BAUTISMO

Padres quienes quisieran bautizar a sus hijos tienen que llamar a Lucy Diaz (908-277-3700) para más información y para inscribirse.

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN/CONFIRMACIÓN

Para los niños tienen que inscribirse en el programa de educación religiosa. Llame a Karen Cocco a la oficina de educación religiosa, Lunes a Miércoles entre las horas 9 en la mañana a 1 de la tarde, para más información (908-273-6975 ext. 204).

EL MATRIMONIO

Para más información por favor de contactar a Angela Intili a (908) 273-6975 x 216

SACRAMENTO DE LA UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS:

Si usted o un miembro de su familia está en el hospital, o en casa, enfermo o incapacitado, y quiere recibir el Sacramento de Sanación favor de llamar la rectoría (908-277-3700) para el sacerdote.

EL RITO INICIAL CRISTIANO PARA ADULTOS:

Si tienes más de 18 años de edad y quisieras recibir uno de los Sacramentos Iniciales; el Bautismo, la Confirmación, o la Primera Comunión; o si deseas convertirte a la fe católica, por favor llamar a la rectoría para más información del programa de RICA. Ritos Iniciales Cristianos para Adultos.



2018 New Year's Resolutions

In a recent on line posting, there was an article outlining the top ten New Year's resolutions. Undoubtedly, New Year's Eve has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It is an interesting list, but note how there is not even one spiritual component. We have added a spiritual dimension in italics to these proposed resolutions for your reflection. Happy New Year!

1. Spend More Time with Family & Friends

It seems as if more than 50% of Americans vow to appreciate loved ones and spend more time with family and friends this year. *Why not come to Church as a family and invite your friends to join you?*

2. Fit in Fitness

Fitness is in. Regular exercise has been associated with more health benefits than anything else known to man. Studies show that it reduces the risk of some cancers, increases longevity, helps achieve and maintain weight loss, enhances mood, lowers blood pressure, and even improves arthritis. *What can we do to strengthen our spiritual fitness?*

3. Tame the Bulge

Evidently 66% of adult Americans are considered overweight or obese by recent studies, so it is not surprising to find that weight loss is one of the most popular New Year's resolutions. *What about trimming down on our "all-consuming" need to have more and more things? Perhaps New Year's gives us all a chance to simplify our lives.*

4. Quit Smoking

If you are among those that have resolved to make this the year that you stamp out a smoking habit, there are a variety of over-the-counter "quit-smoking aids" available. On average, smokers try about four times before they quit for good. *What are the other items in our lives that are toxic? How hard can we work to rid our lives of them as well?*

5. Enjoy Life More

Millions of Americans live hectic, stressful lives. No wonder that "enjoying life more" has become a popular resolution in recent years. *Can we take some time each day to pray, meditate and reflect on all the blessings we have received from God?*

6. Quit Drinking

The articles notes that while many people use the New Year as an incentive to finally stop drinking, most are not equipped to make such a drastic lifestyle change all at once. Many heavy drinkers fail to quit cold turkey but do much better when they taper gradually, or even learn to moderate their drinking. If you have decided that you want to stop drinking, there is a world of help and support available. *Can we take an honest, personal assessment of our habits, especially the bad ones? If we need help, will we reach out? Perhaps our parish could sponsor a 12-step programs?*

7. Get Out of Debt

Millions of Americans have resolved to spend this year getting a handle on their finances. It's a promise that will repay itself many times over in the year ahead. *Can we focus more on what we "need" and curb all the unnecessary things that we "want"? Perhaps with the "excess" we can share with those truly less fortunate?*

8. Learn Something New

This year, some will consider a career change, want to learn a new language, or just learn a new skill. Whether you take a course or read a book, it is understood that education is one of the easiest, most motivating New Year's resolutions to keep. *What was the last spiritual book you read; or the last movie with a spiritual theme that you watched? Each month our parish will highlight a book that every Catholic family should have as a "resource" for a healthy spiritual life.*

9. Help Others

Volunteerism can take many forms. Whether you choose to spend time helping out at a favorite charity, mentoring a child, or building a house, there are many nonprofit volunteer organizations that could really use our help right here in this community. Or if your time is really in short supply, maybe you can at least donate the furniture, clothing and other household items that are no longer needed, rather than leaving them out by the curb. *How much of your personal resources do you give in service of or for the benefit of others?*

10. Get Organized

On just about every New Year resolution top ten list, organization can be a very reasonable goal. Whether you want your home organized enough that you can invite someone over on a whim, or your office organized enough that you can find the stapler when you need it, these tips and resources should get you started on the way to a more organized life. *Perhaps the New Year gives all of us an opportunity to organize our spiritual lives: celebrating the sacraments, growing in knowledge of the faith, taking time to pray, giving service and working each day to conform our lives to Jesus.*

**May 2018 be a year of many blessings
and improved spiritual health for all
our parishioners and their loved ones!**

How Collections Are Spent

2017-2018

Some have asked what are the components of our monthly budget. Here are the general categories. Please feel free to reach out to our fiscal manager with any specific questions you may have.

Salaries
\$59,868 per month

Archdiocese Assessment
\$22,129 per month

Operating Supplies
\$18,720 per month

Benefits
\$11,446 per month

Maintenance
\$11,211 per month

Religious Education
\$10,170 per month

Utilities
\$7,166 per month

Rectory Expenses
\$4,416 per month

Payroll Taxes
\$4,111 per month

Insurance
\$3,054 per month

Real Estate Tax
\$2,717 per month

Assistance to Needy
\$2,500 per month

Miscellaneous
\$2,435 per month

Pensions
\$1,602 per month

Equipment
\$1,500 per month

TOTAL: \$163,045 per month

ASSESSMENT COLLECTION As you may know, parishes, cemeteries, and masoleums are "assessed". that is, taxed an percentage by the Archdiocese in order to assist with costs of the Chancery, poorer parishes, and other ministries that have no outside funding themselves.

Here at St Teresa, we are taxed 18% of our income, which goes directly to the Archdiocese of Newark. Please note that this is not a "goal", rather it is a "tax", that is one that must be paid every month. Our monthly tax here is \$22,129.

To assist us with this expense, the first Sunday of every month, we will be taking up a second collection to go directly to pay this Archdiocesan Assessment. This collection is tax free and 100% of it will go towards paying our monthly assessment.

As always, we thank you for your generosity to our parish and understanding our financial picture. Should you have any questions, please reach out to any member of the Finance Council, the Trustees or Father Bob for more information or clarification.

Thank you!

"To Everything there is a Season, and a Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A TIME TO BE HEALED"

Parish sick: Rose Bariexca, Lucy Bustillos, Angela Coiro, Joseph Cunningham, Diana Damelio, Brendan Duane, Carol Filbernagel, Jeanne Flynn, George C Gross, Carolyn and David Harvis, Thomas Intilli Jr, Judy Koziattek, Ryan LaPoff, Jinovan Longa, Cosimo Mamnone, Ellen Marlowe, Vincent Marotta, Art McCann, Brenda Nobil, Mary O'Cello, Fr Brian G Plate, Ally Riedling, Beriecia Walters, William Witfield, Ralph Agostinelli, Mary Quigley, Charlie Close, Sean Cunneen

"A TIME TO MOURN"

Rose Butera, Jennifer Sullivan

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Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

What is the best way to ensure our parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries?

e Giving through Parish Giving

ENROLL ONLINE TODAY AT ST-TERESA.ORG!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

Due to the Christmas holiday, collection numbers will be available next week.

31 de diciembre de 2017

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

".. así como el Señor los ha perdonado, así deben perdonar ustedes." - COLOSENSES 3:13

Perdonar - una de las cosas más difíciles de hacer para las personas.

Es increíble cuánto tiempo podemos guardar rencor o estar enojados con alguien. Mientras celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, aproveche esta oportunidad para dar el regalo del perdón a alguien - tal vez alguien de su familia, tal vez un amigo, tal vez un compañero de trabajo o un vecino o, tal vez a usted mismo. Levante el teléfono o envíe un mensaje de texto a alguien ahora mismo.



5 REGALOS para MARÍA

- 1 **UN CORAZÓN LIMPIO**
Haz una **buena confesión** en una fecha cercana al cumpleaños de María. Regálale un **corazón limpio**.
- 2 **ACUDIR A ELLA**
Tenla siempre en **tu mente y corazón**, como hacen los niños pequeños con sus madres.
- 3 **IMITAR SUS VIRTUDES**
María tiene muchas virtudes, pero la más importante que deberíamos imitar es la **caridad**.
- 4 **LEER LIBROS MARIANOS**
Leer algunos libros marianos te pueden ayudar a **incrementar tu amor** por María.
- 5 **REZAR EL ROSARIO**
Pídele a María que interceda **por el mundo entero** y por tus **intenciones**.



This Week at a Glance

Monday, January 1

- New Year's Day
- Rectory CLOSED
- No Religious Ed Classes

Tuesday, January 2

- Volunteer Meeting: Parent Volunteers : First Eucharistic Retreat 5:00-8:30pm **Avila Room**

Wednesday, January 3

- Loaves and Fishes 7:30- 9:00am **Upper Memorial Hall**
- Marian Mantle Prayer Group 7:30-9:00 pm **St John the Cross**
- PST 7:30- 8:30pm **Avila Room**

Thursday, January 4

- ACRE Test 6:00-8:30pm **Memorial Hall**
- Citizenship Class 7:00-8:30 pm **Avila Room B**
- Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30-9 pm **Sacristy**

Friday, January 5

- Marian Mantle Prayer Group 9 - 10:30 am **St John the Cross**
- Spanish Leaders Prayer Group 7:30-9:30pm **Lower Memorial Hall**

Saturday, January 6

- Men for all Seasons 9:00-10:30am **Avila Room**
- Parish Baptisms 11:00-12:00pm **Main Church**
- Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9:30pm **Upper Memorial Hall**

Sunday, January 7

- Religious Ed. Grades 1-5 8:45-11:45am **School**
- Stay & Pray Moms 8:45-11:00 am **Avila Room**
- RCIA 11:30am-1:00pm **Avila Room**
- Baptism Workshop 1:00-2:00pm **Avila Room**
- 8th Grade Religious Ed 3:30-8:30pm **Main Church**

MINISTERIOS DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA

EL CORO: De la misa en español esta solicitando la colaboracion de personas mayores de 14 años para acompañar la misa de 1:30 los domingos. El horario es flexible y participacion puede ser intermitente. Interesados comunicarse al 908-258-4350

CLASES BAPTISMALES: Los programas efectivos de preparación para el bautismo ofrecen a los padres una oportunidad para continuar su formación en la fe católica e incluye una catequesis más desarrollada sobre el sacramento del bautismo y sobre las enseñanzas de la Iglesia con respecto al matrimonio y la vida en familia. La preparación es una portunidad para llevarlos a una unión más íntima con Cristo y la Iglesia. Para mayor información contactar a José Ramírez Tel 908-477-6848

LEGIÓN DE MARÍA: Se darán los lunes en el Salón de Juan de la Cruz de 7:30-9:30pm. También tendrán a su disposición la Imagen de la Virgen para que visite semanalmente nuestros hogares. Infórmese con María Cecelia Fernandez a 908-590-6099 o inscribirse en el libro que ésta disponible después de cada Eucaristía. Todos quedan invitados. Tambien, si usted o algunos de los suyos tuviera una, situación especial, emergencia, necesidad etc., no deje de llamarnos y la Legión de María le visitara.

GRUPO DE ORACION: El grupo de oración de nuestra comunidad les invita a unirse con ellos los sábados a las 7pm en el Memorial Hall. Para más información, contactar a Marcos Vásquez al 908 273 9285

MINISTROS DE LA PALABRA Y EUCHARISTIA: Los que desean servirle al Señor en como ministros de la Palabra (lector) o de la Eucaristía (Comunión) favor de hablar con la Sra. Fanny Vásquez: 908 273 9285.

MONAGUILLOS/AS: Niños y niñas de 3er grado en adelante, que desean servir en la misa, favor de hablar con Patricia Chacón al tel. 973-738-2702 y/o al correo electrónico patriciamchacon@hotmail.com.

Parish Ministries

THANK YOU...

to all who made our Christmas liturgies
so prayerful and beautiful.

From those who cleaned and set up
To those who decorated and arranged

From those who read,
and served and ushered
To those who greeted
and organized and collected

From those who sang and sang and sang
To those who played and sang some more.

From staff who sacrificed time
with their own families
To be sure that all were welcomed
in our parish family.

**Merry Christmas, Thank You
and Happy New Year!**

-Fr Bob

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR INNER-CITY CHILDREN which provides partial tuition scholarships for low income students in grades K to 12 to attend Catholic schools - will hold its 15th annual High School Basketball Festival on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Kean University in Union. This year's line-up includes the following games; Girls: Oak Knoll vs Roselle Catholic, Boys: St Peter's Prep vs St Joseph, Hudson Catholic vs St Benedict's Prep, Roselle Catholic vs St Mary the Assumption, Immaculate Conception vs Trenton Catholic and Bergen Catholic vs Union Catholic. **For complete game times and information on ordering tickets, please visit www.sfchoops.com or call (973) 497-4278.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DONATION BIN

Who would dare to make such a claim? Here we are at the beginning of a new year and no one knows what the future will bring...unprecedented joy or deep sorrow? Many families and individuals have the resources to cope with whatever comes along. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who have very limited resources. Help us to continue our mission by contributing to our clothing bin. **Any questions or comments, please contact Maria F Biancheri at 973-596-3985 or mbiancheri@ccannj.org.**

Get Involved!

THERE ARE MANY WAYS THAT
YOU CAN HELP OUT IN OUR
PARISH COMMUNITY!

Loaves and Fishes The Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry team getting ready to kick off their annual holiday party for the pantry's clients. Each year clients have the opportunity to select some wonderful gifts donated through the Saint Teresa's Giving Tree Program thanks to the generosity of Saint Teresa's parishioners. The Loaves and Fishes Pantry provides over 60 clients each week with much needed groceries and fresh food items.



Walking with Purpose Have you ever struggled with fitting faith and prayer into your hectic daily schedule? Or maybe, you don't have much scripture knowledge, but you'd like to see how God's Word applies to your everyday life? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose, a national Catholic women's Scripture-based program that is fresh, relevant and focused on conversion of heart. You do not need to register to join us on January 10 for our first coffee social of Session 2. Come meet some wonderful women and watch a short video on getting a grip through our relationships. For more information please visit walkingwithpurpose.com. **Parish Contacts: Jill Joseph - jill.joseph4@gmail.com; Joan Piasio - joanpiasio@gmail.com**

Bereavement Group Our upcoming meetings are scheduled for **January 9, January 16, January 23, and January 30**. The meetings are on Tuesdays from 7-9 in the Sacristy. No one should grieve alone. Being with others who are experiencing a similar pain and loss can be helpful. Participants in a Support Group are in mourning and their ways of dealing with the process can be helpful and encouraging. If you, or someone you know, is grieving now, no matter how long ago the loss occurred, you might find deeper peace through the "Journey". Sometimes it is harder to talk with a family member because they are also in pain. If you cannot attend the entire series, drop in when you can. **For more information, contact Ann Marasco: 908-230-2396 or Susan Angelo: 908-967-2396.**

Men for All Seasons Join us on Saturday, January 6, 2018 for 8:30 AM - Mass; 9:15 AM - Gathering, Breakfast & Fellowship; 9:30 - 10:30 - Presentation in the AVILA ROOM. Deacon Kevin Reina will discuss "Spiritual Resolutions, Beginning Again, and The Path to Holiness." **For more information contact Deacon Kevin at deaconkevin@stteresachurch.org or 917-270-0450.**

The Ministry of Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Usher/Greeter You are invited to serve the parish in the important ministries of lector, eucharistic minister and usher/greeter. Your service in these areas is a meaningful way to steward your time and talent. Training is offered and scheduling is based on your availability. The time commitment is manageable and those who serve find it enriching. **Contact Angela Intili at angela@stteresachurch.org at 908-273-6975 x 216 for lector and eucharistic ministry and Louis Scarpa for ushers/greeters ministry at lscarpa@stteresachurch.org or 908-273-6975 x 217.** Please consider this invitation in light of the Gospel call to serve!