

The Church of Saint Theresa

MAY 13, 2012 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Happy Mother's Day 

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

A Prayer for Mothers on this special day:

Gracious God,

We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.

Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:

- + who cared for us when we were helpless;
- + who comforted us when we were hurt;
- + whose love and care we often took for granted.

Today we pray for:

Those who are grieving the loss of their mother; those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love; the families separated by war or conflict; Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be. Amen.

God our Father, we pray:

For new mothers coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender; and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.

Loving God,

We thank you for the love of mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience.

We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

God Bless All Our Mothers,
Fr. Joe



Stewardship Reflection ...

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him.

As a parish, we gave \$9,677 as a gift to God the weekend of May 5/6.

That we may open our hands to Jesus, offering Him all that we have, out of love and gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice Our Lord made for us.

The second collection this week is for the continued Communications of God's Word throughout the World.



First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Second Reading: I John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to "Love one another as I have loved you." He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments they will have anything that they ask for in his name.

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Journey of Faith with
RCIA

An Invitation for Conversion and Full Initiation into the Church

The intention of the Church is for all members to be fully initiated into the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This participation is a gift to our faith community. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) provides the necessary preparation for the conversion and full initiation into Catholic life.

Are you interested to learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church? Our RCIA Ministry supports the candidates into full initiation to the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information about our upcoming session, please contact the Rectory Office.

The Ascension of the Lord - Thursday, May 17

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule: Wednesday, May 16 - 7:30 pm
Thursday, May 17 - 7 am, 9 am, 12 pm and 7:30 pm



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

In Memoriam "*" indicates "requested by"
Host: Peter Russo * Barbara Morison
Wine: Peter Russo * Shirley & Robert Maxwell
Sanctuary Lamp: Peter Russo * Peggy & Billy O'Malley

Saturday, May 12

7:00 AM Ann & Richard Hartman * Daughter, Nancy
 9:00 AM John Murray * Ron & Jane Salerno
 5:30 PM Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 13—MOTHER'S DAY

7:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions
 9:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions
 10:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions
 12:00 PM Mother's Day Intentions
 5:00 PM Mother's Day Intentions



Monday, May 14

7:00 AM Theresa Miele & Connie Manto
 9:00 AM Caterina Squillacioti
 * Daughter, Vittoria & Family
 7:30 PM Joseph Corcione * Wife, Gloria

Tuesday, May 15

7:00 AM Caterina Squillacioti
 * Daughter, Lena & Family
 9:00 AM Theresa Picaroni (28th Anniv.) * Children

Wednesday, May 16

7:00 AM Maria Restuccia * Aunt Domenica
 9:00 AM William DeFrancesco * Vicky Salerno
 7:30 PM Bernard Koziol (Birthday) * Wife, Pauline

Thursday, May 17 - The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 AM D'egidio Nicolina * Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Capia
 9:00 AM Joseph Jakub (5th Anniv.)
 * Wife, Connie & Family
 12:00 PM Antonio & Lucia Patella * Son & Family
 7:30 PM August "Gus" Williams * Al & Joanne D'Addio

Friday, May 18

7:00 AM Emil Lombardi (1st Anniv.)
 * Al & Joanne D'Addio
 9:00 AM Colombo Catizone * Luigi & Ursula Giacobbe

Saturday, May 19

7:00 AM Patricia Knapp * Eddie & Maureen Hopkins
 9:00 AM Joseph Coppola (3rd Anniv.) * Daughters
 5:30 PM Walter Moran (5th Anniv.) * Wife, Joan
 5:30 PM Mass of Thanksgiving
 "20th Ordination" for Deacon John Baltus

Sunday, May 20

7:30 AM Parishioners & Peter Russo * Marie Russo
 9:00 AM Michael Samoil (44th Anniv.) * Ken Rowinsky
 10:30 AM Nellie & Joseph Dupack (50th Anniv.)
 * Mildred Chonko
 12:00 PM Raymond Witman (14th Anniv.) * Wife, Marie
 5:00 PM Sophie Podbelski (45th Anniv.)
 * Judith Podbelski

Food Pantry Collection

The Social Concerns committee is asking for the parish's help in replenishing the Pantry. More and more families with children are in need. We are in need of children's snacks, canned fruit, pancake mix, instant Potatoes and rice (all types) canned tuna, canned chicken, canned pastas: ravioli, beefaroni, etc, but any assistance will be greatly appreciated. NO PASTAS are needed at this time due to your generosity. Monetary donations may be made at anytime at the rectory.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY, c/o Bon Venture
 A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

"God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: he sent his only Son to the world that we might have life through him. Love, then consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us and has sent his Son as an offering for our sins." ... "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love."

'Love is a many splendored thing' are lyrics of a song from yesterday. Love is an overused word, which sometimes loses its profound meaning. The scriptures distinguish love, using various words as 'agape' or 'philos', sometimes describing affection, devotion or physical intimacy.

As we reflect on His word, we can recall that the coming of Jesus was because of God's love for His creation and our need for His saving work. Jesus was sent to us with a purpose. His saving work continues today.

Did you ever consider that God continues to love us at this very moment? His saving work accomplished our salvation, but its fruit continues today. We live on in his love as we reveal God's goodness to others. We become the sign of His presence, care and concern by the way we live. He wishes us to be His friends and be filled with joy.

Disciples of the Lord should reflect upon His choice of us, how special we are, His wish that we be filled with His joy and ways we may reflect joy to others. We do this as we 'love one another.' We become living mirrors or reflections of the love of Jesus Christ for others. Have you seen His reflection lately?

Mothers Day Flower Sale



This weekend the Youth Ministry Program will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Flowers Sale at both parishes - St. Michael's and St. Theresa's on the front lawns of the schools the weekend of May 12th and 13th. Assorted Flowers and hanging baskets will be on sale. Hours will be 9 am to 6:30 pm on Saturday and 8 am to 1:30 pm on Sunday.



CCD REGISTRATION FOR 2012-2013

Applications available for New Students and those returning for Re-Registrations. Forms available in the vestibule of the church and from the CCD Office in McVeigh Hall

Cub Scout Camp Out and Bake Sale



Saint Theresa's Cub Pack will be camping overnight from Saturday, May 19th thru Sunday, May 20th, and all are welcome to stop by and say hello, they will be running activities all night. They will also be holding their annual Back Sale after all masses also in the Foyer of McVeigh Hall of the School

YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior High Group


This Sunday, with Mother's Day, we are not meeting. We invite you all to spend some time with your Mothers and family! Next Sunday we are also not meeting due to the trip to the NJ State Catholic Youth Rally. A reminder information is on our website about some of our upcoming events including the Summer Work Camp and Summer Trip.

Junior High Program

We invite all 7th and 8th graders to come and join us at our LAST meeting on Thursday May 24th being held at ST. THERESA'S in Kenilworth. The Jr. High Program will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday nights of the month in the Gym and Cafeteria at St. T's. Doors open at 7pm, and our night will go till 8:30pm.

Get the latest information about the HSYM Program at our website www.stmtym.com. You can also reach Rich at either of the Youth Ministry Offices at 908-276-5990.

Saint Theresa's School
Proudly Presents



Wednesday, May 16th & Thursday, May 17th
All tickets - \$6.00
STS Auditorium 7:00 PM
Reserved Seating - Doors Open at 6:30 PM
Tickets may be purchased at school office. Seats are limited.

Parish Records

Registering as a member of 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. We invite you to register or simply update our parish records with your address, phone and name change. Simply complete this form, our use our online registration, or contact the Rectory Office.

--: PARISH REGISTRATION --:

Please choose one:

- Already a Registered Parishioner (Updates)
- New Parishioner Registration

Primary Contact: First Name: _____

Last Name _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Envelope # (if applicable): _____

Additional Family Member Names: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Please choose one of the options to return this form:

- Mail, phone or fax to the Rectory or visit during office hours.
- Drop in the offering basket during Mass.
- Or using the forms indicators, email the information back to the rectory at ParishRecords@catholiczone.com

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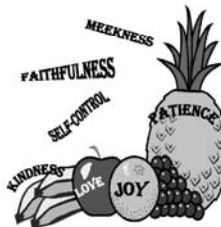
541 Washington Ave. --: Kenilworth, NJ 07033
Phone: 908-272-4444 --: Fax 908-272-4424

Registration Forms available in the CCD OFFICE. Camp Dates June 25/July 6 & July 9-20



Our theme
Jesus' wish is that we
"... go and
bear fruit
that will last"

Jn 15:16



Readings for the Week:

Monday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22; 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28



Servi Juvenes Domini
"Young Servants of the Lord"
ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

For his ten years of faithful service to the Church, the Altar Server Ministry, *Servi Juvenes Domini*, joyfully recognizes:
Alex Wisniewski

The Ministry also celebrates the five years of dedicated service for:

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| Nina Campanelli | Brendan Munoz |
| Christine Coppola | Nicolas Munoz |
| Nicholas Cuppari | Erin O'Boyle |
| Kyle Gniazdowski | Katherine Palacios |
| Abigail Goger | Michael Podbelski |
| Christopher Laurie | Ashley Puig |
| Mark Liberal | Gabriel Reis |
| Dani Mauro | Nicholas Suri |
| Katrina McCarthy | Christopher Zobek |
| Sebastian Montesdeoca | Jonathan Zobek |

COMMUNITY NOTICE

C.A.S.T.—Seussical Auditions: Announcing!!! This years C.A.S.T. Production is Seussical: The Musical. Located in Kenilworth, C.A.S.T. is a community theater open to all Union County students age 10+. Auditions are May 16 and 17. Rehearsals start June 18 and the show is August 2, 3 and 4. Please prepare a song that best fits your voice! To sign up for an audition please go to:

www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944acaD238-Seussical

If you have any questions please email producer@castinfo.org.

ANNUAL RETREAT: St Michael's Rosary Society in Cranford will be having their annual retreat day at the peaceful , reflective oceanfront seating at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ on Monday, May 21. Please join us for a day of relaxation, friendship and prayer. Day will include refreshments on arrival as well as lunch. Cost for the day is \$45 (\$25 for retreat and \$20 for bus transportation). Deadline for reservations is Monday, May 14. For further information or questions, please call Dorothy 908-276-2499 or call the Parish Center at 908-276-0360.

Informational Talk on Human Trafficking: The Peace and Justice Committee of Holy Trinity and St. Helen's will host a presentation about Human Trafficking on Monday, May 14 at 7:30pm in the Holy Trinity Parish Center, Westfield. Our speaker will be Sr. Susan Francois from the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center in Seattle. Please join us to learn more about this crisis, which affects many innocent people all over the world.

Bulletin Articles DEADLINE is Monday 5 pm prior to the Sunday. To submit information, drop off to the rectory marked Attention: Bulletin, email to bulletin@catholiczone.com, or use the online request form at www.CatholicZone.com.