

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2010

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

EVERY SATURDAY OF LENT

11:30 AM TO 1:00 pm.

Come and experience for yourself Christ's mercy.

Come and find out what you have been missing!

Pope Saint Leo the Great reminds us that "we are born in the present only to be reborn in the future."

Come to Confession, and experience that re-birth
NOW!

LENTEN DAILY MASS

Do you want to start the day right? How about Daily Mass? What a difference it will make in your life.

Try it, every morning at 7:00 am or 8:30 am.

If you really get into it this Lent, you may start coming all the time, year round.

What better way can there be to begin the day.
Invite Christ right into the center of your life!

A CHAPTER A DAY AND THE ROSARY

We recommend two spiritual practices this Lent that can become life long practices in your life.

Take the Four Gospels and read a chapter a day.

Reflect on what you read...put yourself into the action...let Christ speak to you, one on one. It takes but a few moments, but will bring peace and calm into your daily lives.

The other practice is that of the daily recitation of the Rosary of the Blessed Mother. Our Lady gave the Rosary to Saint Dominic centuries ago, and in the earlier part of the 20th century She appeared at Fatima in Portugal and pleaded for the daily recitation of this most powerful prayer. If the request for the Rosary comes from Heaven, how can we refuse.

And, if the Rosary is Heaven-sent, so will be the graces and blessings that come abundantly upon us and upon those for whom we pray when we take the time to pray the Rosary with devotion. Try it this Lent.

This too will become a daily practice if we all enter into it with open hearts.

If you don't know how to say the Rosary, or have forgotten it, speak with the parish priests, who will be glad to help you discover this most powerful prayer.

LENTEN SUPPER AND STATIONS

Every Friday Evening of Lent

A light Lenten Supper of Soup and Bread will be served in the Lower Church Hall beginning at 6:45 pm. This week, Deacon Phil will give a reflection and lead a discussion on next Sunday's Gospel. We gather to break bread and break open the Word of God. Come and be with us. Listen and share. At 7:30 pm, Stations of the Cross will follow in the Church, concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The Lenten season gives us an opportunity to grow in faith...to turn away from ourselves and to turn toward Christ. Dating from the earliest days, the traditional disciplines of fast and abstinence have long been proven to foster spiritual growth. While the disciplines have been substantially relaxed over the last forty years, the Church reminds us of their value and of the serious obligation that is ours to participate in them during the Lenten season.

"Abstinence" requires persons to abstain from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able. Those with health issues or whose work would be impaired by abstinence should feel free to discuss the matter with one of the priests.

ALL THE FRIDAYS IN LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

FREE ORGAN SPEAKER / CABINETS

Four large dark-wood finished organ speaker cabinets, containing a variety of speakers, from 18" to 6" are offered to anyone who can use them, for either a stereo system, or other such music or theater use. They are currently at the home of our organist, Ed Morand, and in the storage premises of the St. Teresa's rectory, and can be seen by arranging an appointment with Ed by email at: edkeys@si.rr.com, or after weekend masses, in person. They are free, but you must arrange your own moving. The cabinets themselves are approximately 36"H, 24"W, and 12" deep.

We welcome news of your plans and activities. You may e-mail your items of interest to theology@williammcdermott.com. Any questions, please call parishioner Billy McDermott at 1-973-596-3256 during normal working hours.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Today is the first Sunday of the month, and the doors of Sister Margaret Mary's Pantry will be open after all the Masses to receive your gifts for the hungry. Please help Sister and her volunteers to help meet the needs of the more than 100 people who come to our Pantry for assistance.

PARISH PAY UPDATE

We are pleased to report that 45 parishioners have signed up for Parish Pay. Why not consider joining them? Parish Pay is an automated system that allows participants to contribute to the regular support of the parish through donations automatically deducted from a checking, saving or credit card account. There is no additional cost, and is a very easy way to help us. **IMAGINE...NO MORE ENVELOPES...NO RUSHING AROUND TO FIND THE ENVELOPES AND PREPARE THEM BEFORE COMING TO MASS!** The donation you decide to give will be deducted, even in times of illness, vacations or bad weather. Once you register for Parish Pay, **YOU WON'T NEED THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES, WHICH OFTEN GET LOST IN THE MAIL AND DON'T ARRIVE ON TIME. MOST PARISHIONERS DON'T REALIZE THAT THE ENVELOPES ARE NOT FREE...THE PARISH HAS TO PAY FOR THEM. SIGNING UP FOR PARISH PAY ELIMINATES THE PROBLEM AND SAVES THE PARISH MONEY.** Give it some thought. Join the list of parishioners participating in Parish Pay. It's the right way to go! For more information, check out the secure website (www.parishpay.com) or call Parish Pay toll free at 866-727-4741 to enroll.

THE LATE CARDINAL O'CONNOR TO BE HONORED

Saturday, March 27, 2010
Saint Joseph's Seminary at Dunwoodie
Yonkers, New York
10:00 am to 3:30 pm.
Sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office, the theme of the day long conference will be: "Honoring the Legacy of Cardinal O'Connor on the Occasion of the tenth anniversary of his death."
Admission: \$25.00 (includes lunch).
For more information and to register, go to www.FLRL.org or call 212-371-1011, ext. 3195.

CHURCH OF ST ANDREW'S CLOTHING DRIVE

Your Donation is Tax Deductible
Call Anytime (718) 981-6275
Your Donation will stay on
Staten Island

UPCOMING CELEBRATION AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

World renowned Christian singer John Michael Talbot will be performing in the new Our Lady Star of the Sea Church on Friday, April 23, 2010, at 8:00 pm. For ticket information, please call Maryann at 718-966-0671 or Susan at 718-356-7280.

*Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you!
(St. Josemaria Escriva - 1902 to 1975)*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 7th Annual Interfaith Passover Seder will take place here at Saint Teresa's in Conran Hall on Sunday, March 14th at 3 pm. Seating is limited. Reservations are required, with the deadline set at March 4. Sponsored by the Building Bridges Coalition of Staten Island and supported by houses of worship representing all faith communities from around the Island, this event is growing each year by leaps and bounds, and we invite you to join us. The cost of the Seder is \$28 for adults and \$15 for children 12 years of age and younger. Please check the bulletin for additional details that will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel on the grounds of Alba House at 2187 Victory Blvd, where our Lord is present 24 hours a day?

The Chapel's volunteers are continually looking for new Adorers to spend one hour per week with our Lord. Why don't you stop by, spend some time with Jesus and then sign up?

Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 PM	March 6th (Vigil Mass) Nicola Paradiso
Sunday 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM	March 7th Frank Reali III People of the Parish Dolores & Jose Basquas Marie Sheridan Margaret Nugent
9:30 AM 10:30 AM	St Nicholas Chapel Deceased Members of the Fitzpatrick Family Michael T. Dellavalle
Monday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	March 8th Leon & Victoria Yashian Marilyn Tallman
Tuesday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	March 9th Carlo, Petrina, Andrew & Mary Giorlando & George, Antoinette & Margaret Bower Mel Butta
Wednesday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	March 10th Cono & Mary Capobianco Joseph & Rose Quilty
Thursday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	March 11th Helen & John O'Hara & Colleen & Mary O'Hara Dominic Pingo
Friday 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	March 12th Tony & Marie Messina Thomas Tallman
Saturday 8:30 AM	March 13th Philomena Folise

MONDAY NIGHT NOVENA

Join Deacon Phil Maroon every Monday evening at 7:30 pm for this devotion, which includes the Miraculous Medal Novena, prayers to Our Lady, homily, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY

Active members of the Legion of Mary of St. Teresa Church meet every Wednesday from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Blessed John XXIII Pastoral Center at 115 Windsor Rd. Anybody interested in becoming an active member can call Dr. Shirley Cairme-Garcia at 718-285-4774 or at 917-627-4839 or Ms. Marie Razza at 718-442-5421.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Members of the Legion of Mary are willing to visit the sick.
For additional information, please contact Marie Razza at 718-442-5421

Vito Marrone (3/14)	Brendan Yilmaz (5/2)
Chris Bertino (5/2)	Anne Iadicicco (5/2)
Philomena McClellan (4/11)	Ann Fairchild (5/9)
Jamie Elaine Grosso (4/11)	Theresa Harvey (4/11)
Michael McKeon (4/11)	Dorothy Christie (4/11)
Robert Kellett (4/18)	Caitlin Kaht (4/25)
Christine Falco (4/25)	Christina Immitti (4/25)
Genevieve Lewis (6/6)	

THE SICK LIST

The Sick List which appears weekly in this bulletin has been established to provide an opportunity for those to have their loved ones who are ill remembered in prayer.

In order to have a name included on the list, please call the parish secretary at 718-442-5412 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

In order to keep the list current, please advise us if there has been a change in the person's condition. Names will be posted for 3 months and will be removed from the list unless we hear from you. We ask for your cooperation, that the Sick List will become a more current, effective vehicle encouraging prayers for those who are ill.

THE 2010 ARCHDIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Our goal this year is \$97,000.

Archbishop Dolan is hoping that all of us will participate and make a pledge. The total goal for the entire Archdiocese is \$17 million dollars. Did you know that \$6,500,000 of the funds raised through the Appeal helps needy schools and parishes throughout the Archdiocese...schools and parishes that need assistance to meet their day to day requirements? These are hard times, but as stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our lives are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist we celebrate and receive, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others.

PLEASE MAKE THIS YEAR'S APPEAL A SUCCESS. WHATEVER PLEDGE OR GIFT YOU GIVE, HOWEVER GREAT OR SMALL, WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED. LET'S STRIVE FOR 100 PER CENT PARTICIPATION! TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PLEDGED, THANKS SO VERY MUCH!

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Captain: Sal Carcaterra 761-6473

Master of Ceremonies: Anthony Massa & Enzo Manfredi

NOTE: Any questions or concerns call Captain Sal Carcaterra.

Saturday, March 13th

4:00 PM – Justin Branch, Adam Conte, David Fernandes, Joseph Palacino, Joseph Ferretti

Sunday, March 14th – St. Teresa

7:30 AM – Vincent Berardi, John Livoti, Daniel Mineo, Chris Acosta, Luigi Tirro, Leandra Tirro

9:00 AM – Ed Terjesen, Amy Azzopardi, Amanda Brognamo, Julianna DeGeorge, Haley Fitzpatrick, Jessica Fitzpatrick, Oliva Limone, Theresa Lisanti, Julie LoPresti, Daniel Romolo

11:00 AM – Sal Carcaterra, Enzo Manfredi, Anthony Massa, Josephine Reyes, Justin Reyes, Dominic Abbriano, Michael Abbriano

12:30 PM – Jordan Barbato, Anthony Cali, Matt Esposito, Joe Esposito, Dean Monteiro, Nick Trinolone, Kevin Brown

5:00 PM – Stephen Carchidi, Anthony D' Alessandro, Ivanka Dissanayake, Charles Henriquez, Thomas Ryan, Kevin Brauer

St. Nicholas Chapel

9:30 & 10:30 – St Nicholas Team

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

St. Teresa's Divorced and Separated Support Group welcomes men and women in this category, from the newly separated to those who have been divorced for a while. We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at the Blessed John XXIII Pastoral Center, 115 Windsor Road, corner of Slosson Avenue.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 9th

Please call Louise at (718) 816-7724 for more info.

MASS BOOK OPEN FOR 2010

The Mass Book for 2010 is open! If you wish to arrange for an announced Mass for a loved one, please stop by the Rectory to schedule the Mass with the parish secretary. The offering for announced Masses is \$15. Announced Mass intentions are available for weekdays and Sundays, including the Sunday Masses at Saint Nicholas Chapel.

RCIA - COME AND SEE

Is there a friend, neighbor or family member who could use a special invitation to “come and see?” We have such a tremendous gift to share with others - our Faith. We invite anyone interested in learning more about the teachings and practice of our Catholic faith.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process of preparation for those who were never baptized and those baptized into another Christian community, who have a desire to become Catholics. It is also for baptized Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of Initiation - Communion and/or Confirmation - or those who just feel that their faith could be deepened and enriched and want to learn more. If you or some one you know is interested in finding out more about the RCIA process, please call the rectory and leave your name.

ARE YOU A GOOD, CARING LISTENER?

University Hospice is a non-profit organization that provides quality, compassionate care at the end of life. This care involves a team of professionals and volunteers who address emotional, social and spiritual needs of the patients and their families. University Hospice is recruiting those interested in becoming Hospice volunteers. Volunteers are needed in various areas, such as visiting patients in their homes, nursing facilities or in the hospital. Volunteers are also an essential part of our office and with our special projects. If interested, please call 718-226-6458. The next volunteer training will be held on **April 10 and 11** at University Hospice.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITES

To stay in touch with what's happening in the parish and in the school, check out our websites, which are up and running. As time goes on, both websites will be getting better and better. See for yourself!

For the parish website, check www.saintteresasi.org

For the school website, check

www.saintteresaschool.com

We promise to keep the websites current and up to date, which means you can log on anytime, 24 hours a day, to find out what's happening.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!!!!

NEWS FROM CARMEL RICHMOND

Carmel Richmond Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, operates an Adult Health Care Program for the older adult who may be frail, chronically ill or disabled. Comprehensive services such as religious, medical, nursing, psychosocial, nutritional and therapeutic activities are provided. The program is available Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Emphasis is placed on each registrant maintaining his/her individuality. A hot lunch and snacks are served. Transportation can be arranged. Services are payable by private payment or Medicaid. For further information, please contact Marie Kerrick, RNC, at 718-668-8525. For your short term rehab concerns, remember to contact Carmel Richmond Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center at 718-979-5000.

Carmelite Study Group

St. Teresa of Avila's thoughts on prayer as recorded in "The Book of Her Life" will be the subject of a presentation next Sunday for our parish group studying the lives and spirituality of the Carmelite saints. In her reflections, St. Teresa struggles to describe the indescribable -- her experience of the presence of God when she prayed.

The group, led by parishioners Eileen and Ed Donnelly, members of the New York City secular chapter of the Carmelite Order, will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday, Mar. 14, in our Blessed John XXIII Parish Center at the corner of Slosson Avenue and Windsor Road.

All are welcome at the group's monthly meetings which last about an hour and include recitation of Morning Prayer of the Divine Office.

For further information, the Donnellys can be reached by telephone at (718) 448-9716 or by e-mail at ejdon1@aol.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Pax Christi Hospice (a division of St Vincent Catholic Medical Center), is recruiting volunteers for our spring training class. The Hospice Volunteer plays a crucial role in the lives of our patients who have a life-limiting illness as well as their families. We are also looking for office volunteers who can assist with administrative duties.

Free training is provided and classes will tentatively begin in April. For more information, please call Melissa, Volunteer Coordinator at 718-876-1022.

St. Francis Catholic Singles (formerly SGSP)

The next gathering of St. Francis Catholic Singles for singles in their 30s, 40s and 50s is on **Thursday, March 18, 7:15 pm... 'Wise as Serpents': Crime Prevention When You're on Your Own.** Scott Rabiner, Crime Prevention Officer of the 122 Precinct on Staten Island, will discuss effective safety measures for men and women especially at night and when alone including what to do when a stranger approaches. He'll also discuss safety precautions for home and some internet safety. Take away something wise for yourself and that you can pass on to those you love. Meeting is held at the St. Francis Friary, 500 Todt Hill Road; SI, NY 10304 (718) 981-3131. Website: www.sgspsi.org or email: info@sgspsi.org Cost: \$5 minimum; \$10 appreciated.

Mission: St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women, in their 30s, 40s and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like minded peers. New and returning members always welcome.

The Staten Island Conference of Catholic Charismatic Prayer Groups

The Staten Island Conference of Catholic Charismatic Prayer Groups is hosting its Annual Communion Brunch on Saturday, March 13th at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Praise & Worship begins at 9:30 AM with the Lamb of God Music Ministry, followed by Mass at 10:00 AM. The day concludes with a brunch buffet. Cost is \$25. Contact Betty at 718-987-8175 asap to make your reservation.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities: Sheltering the Homeless.

Catholic Charities' Homelessness Prevention Programs help more than 3,000 families and individuals throughout the Archdiocese stay in their homes. When homes are lost, Catholic Charities provide emergency overnight shelter for 1,500 or temporary or traditional apartments for 2,000, 2,500 families live in affordable housing thanks to Catholic Charities. To learn more: www.catholiccharities.org