



Saint Therese Parish

120 Monroe Avenue • Cresskill, N.J. 07626

201-567-2528

www.stthereseccresskill.org

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES:

Fr. Samuel Citero, O. Carm., Pastor
Fr. Patrick McMahon, O. Carm., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Joseph McGowan, O. Carm., In Residence
Deacon Anthony Porcaro, T. O. Carm.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Evening at 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
Weekdays: 8:30 AM
Holy Days: 7:00 PM Vigil; 8:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

RITE OF PENANCE:

Saturday at 4:00-4:30 p.m. Appointments for Confession at other times can be made by calling the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. - Fri. 9 AM to 5 PM
(Closed for lunch 12 to 1 PM)

PARISH STAFF:

Ms. Gina Marie Loiacono, Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Lois Pagnozzi, Director of Religious Education
Mr. Adrian Soltys, Director of Music & Liturgy
Mrs. Therese A. Higgins, Principal
Mrs. Eileen Walsh, Assistant to the Principal
Ms. Sharon Rabbitt, Business Manager

MARRIAGES:

Please contact the parish office one year in advance.

BAPTISMS:

Please contact the parish office shortly after your child is born for the necessary information concerning our schedule of baptisms and instructional sessions.

R.C.I.A. :

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
Process of Catholic Formation.

PARISH OFFICE:

201-567-2528

**ACADEMY
OF ST. THERESE:**

201-568-4296

**CONFIRMATION &
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:**

201-567-2528
gloiacono@stthereseccresskill.org

RELIGIOUS ED. OFFICE:

201-567-4781



- SAT. 5PM Margaret & Wilmer Cooley, req. John & Theresa
5PM Matthew Murtach, req. John F. Fitzpatrick
- SUN. 7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Florence Wilkin, req. the Wilkin Family
9:30 George Postolakis, req. his wife, Madeline
11:30 Stanley Ozga, req. Mr. & Mrs. J. Wosiowiczje
11:30 Don McGrath, req. Dr. & Mrs. Richard Fossati
- MON. 8:30 Irene Stiber, MD, req. Alison, Garrett, Declan & Riley Schultz
8:30 Peter Glynn, req. Jerry & Helen Keegan
- TUE. 8:30 Eileen Donovan, req. Amanda Wilson
8:30 Michael Gilbride, req. the Passano Family
- WED. 8:30 Florence Wilken, req. Nancy Jaeger
8:30 June Riner, req. the Ardizzone Family
- THU. 8:30 Joseph Muti, req. Women's Bible Sharing
8:30 Joseph Muti, req. Theresa Petrucci
- FRI. 8:30 Joan Barry, req. Joe & Mary O'Dea
8:30 Eileen Donovan, req. Pat Guiney
- SAT. 5PM Bill O'Malley, req. his wife, Mary
5PM Passy Teopaco, req. Lety Castro
- SUN. 7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Sue Magnotta, req. Andrea Pagnozzi & Girls
9:30 Vincent Tedeschi, req. Joanne Palifrone & Jen Navatto
11:30 Imelda Hroncic, req. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mattessich
11:30 Florence Wilkin, req. Kevin Jaeger

THE SACRAMENTAL BREAD and WINE offered at the Masses this week were donated in Loving Memory of **George Postolakis**, requested by his wife, Madeline.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is lit at all the Masses this week in Loving Memory of **George Postolakis**, requested by his wife, Madeline.

Weekly Collection

Our week's goal is: **\$15,300.00**

This week's collection:	Regular	\$10,347.00
	Assessment	\$ 423.50
	Total:	\$10,770.50

Final Christmas Collection: \$84,199.00

Thank you for your generosity!



those among us who are sick
and in need of our prayers:

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| CARMELO ABBRUZZESE | ANNE MARSIGLIANO |
| LEONARD ABBRUZZESE | TIMMY MC DONNELL |
| SARKIS ARSLANIAN | FR. PAT MC MAHON |
| VIRGINIA BARBAGALLO | STEPHANIE MC NAMARA |
| EDWARD BOURKE | MICHAEL |
| CALVIN BROKAW | ANN MARIE MEEHAN |
| DEIDRE BYRNE | MICHELLE MULLEN |
| CHARLES CASTLE | MARY ANN OATES |
| MR. SAM CITERO | GUS PEREZ |
| SEAN GONCI | MICHELLE PREOLO |
| DIANE CUNNINGHAM | BOB PRINCE, JR. & SR. |
| JACK CURTIN | JESSIE RACYN |
| ANN DEMPSEY | RINA ROMANELLI |
| DOLORES DE SANTI | RALPH ROTUNDA |
| JAMES DE STENO | WENDY RUGGIERO |
| COSTANTINO FAUSTINI | BEVERLY SCHWAB |
| JOAN FLEMING | JOANN SCIMANICO |
| JOHN FLYNN | ELAINE SEMAN |
| FREDERICK FRONJIAN | CECILE SICARI |
| KYLE GERAN | RICHARD SOTELL |
| PAT GERAN | ERICA SPADACCINI |
| MICHELE GUERRA | DONNA SPINA |
| DAN HAGGERTY | KATHLEEN TENNANT |
| DOROTHY JEZSIK | RONALD THOMAS |
| BABY KAYLA | NORMAN TRASS |
| RON KAEMPFE | FRANK UVENIO |
| BILL LE | ISABEL VITELLARO |
| CHRIS LORA | KATHY WHELAN |
| JOE MARCHESE | DOT WILLIAMS |

For our loved ones who have died, that they may be at peace with God.

Minister Schedule for January 30-31

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 PM.....R. Schutte, Z. Schutte, E. VanSteenbergh
N. Bandini, T. Barzelatto, G. Bickford

7:30 AM.....T. Austin, M. Clark
P. DeVries, A. Diggins

9:30 AM.....S. Dauble, J. DeCristofaro, A. Leclercq
C. Manna, M. Millett, D. Millheim

11:30 AM.....M. Hudick, D. Kelliher, S. L'Angiocola
M. Pasi, G. Pecci, K. Regan

Lectors:

5:00 PM.....J. Hebert, M. Sullivan
7:30 AM.....N. Tauro
9:30 AM.....F. Mladjenovic, M. Guenther
11:30AM.....F. Corbett, J. Navatto

Servers:

5:00 PM.....Zachary Cetera, Nicholas Poblete
9:30 AM.....Richard Ardizzone, Sisley Carretas
11:30 AM.....Peter Frattini, Justine Ramos

Letter from the Pastor

Dear parishioners:

Last Monday our nation celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. While for many it was a day off of work or out of school, for our community it was a day to participate in the national day of service in honor of Dr. King's life.

The students of the Academy of St. Therese along with parents and faculty engaged in activities that would make a difference in the lives of many people including, the sick, shut in's, the homeless and the poor. In the classrooms from pre-k through 8th there was learning about the teachings of Dr. King and the history of the civil rights movement in our country.

It was a tremendous joy for me to be with the students that day and to see them engaged in the various activities. There was a great spirit of joy throughout the building as well as a sense that our young people were truly enjoying what was going on and understanding the heart of Dr. King's message of peace, justice and harmony.

At a time when our nation and our world suffers so much violence and injustice I think it was an invaluable lesson and experience for our students and all of us to experience how it feels to place ourselves at the service of others and think less about ourselves and more about our neighbors.

I was very proud of our young people that day, as I am everyday. I am grateful to all those who made the day possible and to the parents, faculty and staff who worked so hard to make the day special for our children. It was a special day and I am sure that the students will carry the memory of that day with them for a long time. They touched lives, they changed a little piece of the world, and they made a difference.

Please visit the Academy of St. Therese website to see photos of the day.

God Bless,
Fr. Sam

Join us for the
Blessing & Dedication
of our new

SPOLA CENTER

January 30th
Immediately following the 5:00pm Mass

All are welcome!

Blessing of Throats

On Wednesday, February 3rd, throats will be blessed at the 8:30am Mass.

We celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise, who was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.



Friday Night, February 5th
7:00-8:30pm

What is an XLT?

XLT is an abbreviation for the word "Exalt." It is a night of **Eucharistic Adoration**, along with a powerful **talk** and praise & worship **music**. Afterwards, we gather in the Parish Center for some refreshments and social time.

Who Is Invited?

All are welcome! Here at St. Therese, XLTs are **parish** wide events and although they are hosted by our Youth & Young Adult Ministry Programs, we encourage all families and members of the community to join us for this awesome night of worship!!

Please meet in the Church

Catholic Schools Week



**January 31
to
February 5**

Catholic Schools Week Is here!

The Academy of St. Therese is having an Open House! Our strong, faith-centered academic program, nurturing environment, talented and dedicated teachers, and strong, Catholic leadership combine to provide an outstanding educational opportunity for your child. Please join us!

- Sun. Jan. 31st: Open House 10:30 - 12:30
- Mon. Feb. 1st: Open House 9:00 - 11:00
- Tues. Feb. 2nd: "Crazy Hat Day" - Spelling Bee
- Wed. Feb. 3rd: Teacher Appreciation Day
- Thurs. Feb. 4th: Religion Bee - Student/Faculty Volleyball game - 2:00
- Fri. Feb. 5th: Talent Show - 9:30 (half day)



Palms to Ashes

All are welcome to bring back any blessed palms and palm crosses from last year, back to church the weekend of Feb. 6th-7th. These palms will be burned right before our Mardi Gras celebration on February 9th, to make the ashes that will be used the following day on Ash Wednesday. These ashes will be placed on our forehead in the sign of the cross, reminding us that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

Join a 10 Day Catholic Pilgrimage in Ireland

Led By Deacon Joe
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood
July 2-12, 2016 (11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS)

It will be run by Perillo Tours. Here are the highlights. It is an easy trip for people who have difficulty walking!! Mass every day with visits to: Waterford, Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Clare & the Burren, Ennis, Knock Shrine, Westport, Ballinger Abbey, Dublin and much much more! Full Irish breakfast every day and dinner with wine or beer every evening. Medieval Banquet also a Farewell Dinner& Show in a Famous Dublin Music Pub. Flying Aer Lingus from JFK all included in the price.

If you are interested contact Dcn. Joe at: dcnjmantineo@gmail.com or Church: 201-845-9566 ext.119 Home: 201-791-6180 for further details.

Youth Group
BRANCHES Bowling!

This Sunday, January 24th
Open to all **High School** students.

Please meet at **BOWLER CITY**,
in Hackensack, NJ by 1:00pm sharp.

Parents must pick up teens by 3:00pm.
Cost is \$10 for one game/shoes.
Any additional games are \$5.50 each.

T.W.I.G.S. Jr. High Youth Group is sponsoring the **Cell Phones for Soldiers Service Project** and will be collecting phones from January 16-31. Please be sure to take a flyer with the details, on your way out of church today. **THANK YOU!**

Social Concerns

Last Wednesday, several parishioners from the Social Concerns Committee cooked, baked and served at the shelter in Hackensack. We served about 125 guests and they left full and contented. We serve again on April 13th.

We also assist the Demarest United Methodist Church when they host the Family Promise Shelter. We do this three times yearly. I am including the schedule below. This is not like the Walk-in where we serve large numbers. It is usually about 3 or 4 families totaling anywhere from 10 to 20 people, mostly young children. We provide a meal and dessert and this requires 2 or 3 people to cook (at home), serve and clean up. Also, we need 2 over-nighters (these are vital and naturally harder to find!) Please consider this ministry. The overnight hours are from 8pm-7am (latest.) Last of all, we help with the laundering of bedding at the end of the week so this might be something to consider since there is no special time required other than picking up the laundry.

We are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, 2/8 and Thursday, 2/11
- Monday, 5/2 and Thursday, 5/5
- Monday, 10/31 and Thursday, 11/3

If you are interested in joining the Social Concerns Ministry, please contact Regina Puglisi at 551-404-7229 or rpuglisi@stthereseccresskill.org

St. Therese Parish Family



Party!

Tuesday, February 9th

Join us as we prepare for the start of the Lenten season.
An evening of music, sweets and maybe a few surprises!

7:15pm: Burning of the Palms (*Outside Church*)

7:30pm: Party Begins (*Parish Center*)

Please bring a dessert or snack food to share!

*All those attending may RSVP by leaving a message at the
Parish Office 201-567-2528*

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Children's Catholic Corner



Through Baptism we are all made members of the body of Christ.

Directions: Find the words in the puzzle below.

BAPTISM WATER SACRAMENT
CHRISM CROSS

B	Q	E	T	U	Y	R	W	S
D	A	I	W	K	E	M	O	A
E	H	P	A	P	G	H	N	C
A	R	L	T	V	B	N	R	R
S	T	M	E	I	R	O	C	A
E	C	H	R	I	S	M	D	M
T	L	E	M	S	R	M	W	E
R	D	T	K	J	D	F	B	N
S	I	R	T	L	O	A	S	T

Jesus told the people in the synagogue that he was sent with the spirit of the Lord



Directions: Help the people find their way to God.

