



We are in the process of finalizing preparations for the upcoming Faith Formation and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs.

Letters were sent out to parents of students enrolled in the programs last year. For families new to our programs, forms are available in the vestibule.

We encourage all parents to register early. Please note the parish expectation that parents and guardians participate in our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations as they are able and attend a number of our class sessions. The parents are the primary teachers and we are your helpers.



### STAINED GLASS WINDOW NEWS

We have been offered a wonderful opportunity to have some of our stained glass windows refurbished at a discounted rate.

However, in order to qualify for this rate, we need to raise the money in the next 1-2 weeks. If we raise \$10,000, we can have one window done, \$20,000 will cover the cost for 2 windows . . .

Please see Fr. Greenwell if you would like to contribute to this very special project.

## SAVE THE DATE! AUGUST 24

A dinner gathering is being planned following the 4:15 Mass. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of the church. We ask that you sign up to let us know if you plan to attend and also if you plan to bring a dessert or salad (enough to serve 5-6 people). The parish will provide entrees of two types of lasagna, one meat and one spinach. If you have a special diet, please call the parish office. We do not want to exclude anyone based on dietary restrictions.

### Parish Survey

If you have not yet completed our survey, you may access it through our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/stteresasf](http://www.facebook.com/stteresasf)  
or our website: [www.stteresasf.org](http://www.stteresasf.org)

We will have paper copies and possibly ipads/laptops available after Masses in a few weeks. Watch this space for updates.



Please join us in welcoming Jasper & Ellis Barringhaus to our parish community. Jasper & Ellis, twin sons of Katie & Cory Barringhaus, will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Saturday at the 4:15pm Mass.

### Welcome to St. Teresa's Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

- New Parishioner       New Address       New Phone  
 Send Sunday envelopes       Send Monthly Donor Form       Moving—remove from mailing list

## WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



### AUGUST 18, 2013 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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#### OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm  
1:00pm to 4:30pm

Please visit our website:  
[stteresasf.org](http://stteresasf.org)

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm  
Sunday 8:30 &  
10:00 am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8:30 am  
Friday 8:30 am

#### MARRIAGE

Please call six months in advance.

#### BAPTISM &

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please call the Parish Office  
for an appointment.

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### ST. TERESA'S MISSION STATEMENT

*As members of St. Teresa's Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment  
by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world.*

*We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons,  
and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society.*

*The community of St. Teresa's finds its strength to fulfill this through participation  
in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.*

## Parish Calendar

Sun, Aug 18 -  
Mon, Aug 19 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
Tue, Aug 20 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Sammon  
Sat, Aug 24 - AA Meeting  
7:00pm, Sammon

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our parish secretary, Stephani, is taking vacation next week. As a result, the parish office will be closed until Monday, August 26th. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Adult Catholics who have not received either Confirmation or First Eucharist** are asked to see Father Kwiecien or call the parish office if you would like to be prepared for these sacraments.

### MASS INTENTIONS

*As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:*

#### Saturday, Aug 17

4:15pm + Coleman Halloran  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, Aug 18

8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone

#### Tuesday, Aug 20

8:30am Logan Breetz (Spec. Int.)

#### Friday, Aug 23

8:30am Little Childrens Aid

#### Saturday, Aug 24

4:15pm The People of the Parish  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, Aug 25

8:30am + Michele Foss & Ray Cooke  
10:00am + Cecilia Boland Walsh

## SECOND COLLECTION

### August 17 & 18

The will be no second collection this week.

### August 24 & 25

The second collection next week will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



## SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 16

A one day retreat  
10 am to 4 pm

COME BE SPIRITUALLY REFRESHED FOR  
THE UPCOMING ADVENT SEASON

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

### August 10 & 11

**\$1,273**

The Carmelite Provincial Council will be meeting at St. Teresa of Avila on October 8th—10th. Fr. Greenwell is requesting assistance setting up & serving lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and possibly Thursday. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 24 & 25

|                |             |                         |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| <b>4:15</b>    |             | <b>10:00 AM</b>         |
| Lector:        | M. Schurr   | 1 Lector: E. Koh        |
| Bread:         | J. Burns    | 2 Lector: J. Alber      |
| Cup:           | D.B. Aikins | 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate |
| Hosp:          | M. Comaich  | 2 Bread: M. Schelstrate |
|                |             | 3 Bread: J. Warnock     |
| <b>8:30 AM</b> |             | 1 Cup: C. Allen         |
| Lector:        | T. Lang     | 2 Cup: A. Schelstrate   |
| Bread:         | R. Kingman  | Hosp: J. Warnock        |
| Cup:           | S. Lang     |                         |
| Hosp:          | T. Lando    |                         |

## “MADONNA DELLA GUARDIA”

In July, 2010, just over three years ago, Father Greenwell and I arrived at St. Teresa's. Shortly after our arrival, we were “informed” that, on the last Sunday of August, part of our liturgy would be devoted to honoring the *Madonna della Guardia*.

Now I was familiar with a number of Marian Feasts – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Our Lady of Czestochowa, just to name a few. I also knew about LaGuardia Airport, named after a former mayor of New York, but I never heard of the *Madonna della Guardia*.

Doing some research, I learned that on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1490, the Virgin Mary appeared to Benedetto Pareto on Mount Figogna, about 12 miles from the city of Genoa, Italy. She asked that he build a chapel on the mountain, dedicated to her. The first chapel was built by Pareto himself at the site of the apparition. This small, rectangular chapel is now wholly contained inside a much larger church, which was completed around the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In Italian the word “guardia” means watch or guardian. At 2638 feet above sea level, Mount Figogna “guarded” the city of Genoa. In the Middle Ages, it served as a strategic observation post for the city. For five centuries people have journeyed up the mountain to visit the shrine, the destination of pilgrims both from Genoa and all over Italy. For over 400 years people made the climb on foot; it was not until 1929 that a rail line was constructed to ease travel from the valley to the shrine.

What is the connection between the Madonna della Guardia of Genoa, Italy, and St. Teresa's Parish in San Francisco, California? I'm not quite sure, but I can suggest the following as a plausible explanation.

In Italy, the present shrine near Genoa dates from around 1900, roughly the same time that St. Teresa's was founded in San Francisco. San Francisco – and Potrero Hill – were home to Italian immigrants, and it is quite likely that these immigrants brought with them their devotion to the Madonna della Guardia and the celebration of her feast. At some time this evolved into an annual parish tradition or custom, which, to a degree, we still celebrate today.

Mary appeared to Benedetto Pareto August 29<sup>th</sup>, and next Sunday (August 25<sup>th</sup>) is the Sunday closest to that date. We will have a brief devotional service at the beginning of the 10 o'clock Mass.

If you would like more information about the Madonna della Guardia, there exists both a website (<http://www.santuarioguardia.it>) and a magazine (laGuardia). A word of caution, however: both the website and magazine are in Italian! A better alternative might be to approach one of the elder, Italian members of the parish community who could, perhaps, provide information as to the origins and history of the Madonna della Guardia tradition at St. Teresa's.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.