

Please join us as we welcome
Fr. Carl Markelz, O. Carm.
who will be
Celebrating the Eucharist
Sunday, August 26th at 10:00am

Fr. Markelz is the Prior Provincial the Most Pure Heart of Mary Province, which includes Canada, Mexico, El Salvador, Peru and most of the US.

Fr. Markelz would love to have an opportunity to meet our parishioners at our social hour in the hall after Mass.

S.F. Crisis Care is a volunteer program in partnership with the Police and Fire Departments. When tragedy strikes, like suicides, heart attacks or fatal accidents, volunteers offer the on-scene practical and emotional support that police and fire officials can't. If you or someone you know might be called to this uniquely fulfilling ministry, volunteers will have information here after the Masses the weekend of September 1&2. Or visit

www.sfcrisiscare.org



The Parish Secretary will be on vacation, therefore, the Parish Office will be closed August 20th — August 24th.

FINANCE COUNCIL

As with any family or institution, fiscal responsibility is a necessity. The Finance Council is charged with the maintenance of our monetary health. It helps the pastor prepare the annual budget, reviews monthly financials, and reports on financial matters to Pastoral Council and parishioners. Additionally, the Council monitors incoming revenues compared to budget.

There is an opening on our Finance Council. The Council meets 4-6 times per year and serves as an advisory board to the pastor. If you would like to nominate yourself for this position, please contact the Parish Office (415.285.5272).



STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT



The Empty Tomb is the most recently restored window.

We are still in need of funds to complete this work on 8 windows. Please consider making a donation to assist with this very special project.

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 19, 2012
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

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 19 -
Tue, Aug 21 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
7:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Parish Hall
Sat, Aug 25 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Avila Hall

LAY CARMELITES

The Lay Carmelites at St. Teresa's will hold an open house at 11 a.m. in the parish hall on the next three First Saturdays
Sept. 1, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3.

Anyone interested is invited. They will briefly describe what it means to be a Lay Carmelite and entertain questions. Please see Fr. Kwiecien's column next weekend for further information.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, August 18

4:15pm + Hadley Keathley
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 21

8:30am Little Childrens Aid

Friday, August 24

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Saturday, August 25

4:15pm + Ray Cooke
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 26

8:30am + Michele Foss
10:00am + Vincent Ceccarelli
The People of the Parish

SECOND COLLECTION

August 18 & 19

The will be no second collection this week-end.

August 25 & 26

The second collection next weekend benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will begin on September 9th. If you have not yet registered your child/ren, please do so as soon as possible.

ANOINTING

Next weekend we will be offering the Sacrament of Anointing at all our Masses.

We ask that anyone who would like to be anointed next weekend give us your name and what Mass you plan to attend so that we can make the necessary preparations.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

August 11 & 12

\$1,415.00

Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 25 & 26

4:15		10:00 AM
Lector:	J. Kennedy	1 Lector: A. Schelstrate
Bread:	F. Patt	2 Lector: C. Arett
Cup:	B. Baird	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	M. Comaich	2 Bread: I. Fernandez
		3 Bread: M. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector:	T. Lang	2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp: B. Cassidy
Cup:	S. Lang	K. Varandas
Hosp:	J. Propster	

THE SIXTH CHAPTER OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: PART II

Three weeks ago, on July 29th, we departed from the Gospel of Mark and began a five-week excursus in the Gospel of John, focusing on Chapter Six, the Eucharistic Discourse. In this passage, the evangelist takes the familiar story of the multiplication of loaves and fishes and uses the miracle as a springboard to convey his understanding of Eucharist. In this week's column, I would like to explore some of the richness of John's theology, perhaps challenging your understanding of Eucharist as well in the process.

You may have noticed over the past couple of weeks that, as the gospel story unfolds, the focus shifts from the physical bread that is eaten and consumed to the person of Jesus that is encountered and experienced. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the living bread" and "the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," and our initial reaction to these statements is to jump to the conclusion that they refer to the sacramental presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

But we can also understand these passages in reference to the person of Jesus. We feed on the living bread, not simply in the Eucharistic Sacrament, but also in our total encounter with the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord. In next week's gospel, Jesus tells us that his words are "Spirit and life", indicating that we are fed not simply by the bread that we eat but also by the Word that we hear.

In today's and next week's gospels, neither the disciples nor the crowd are able to grasp this dimension of Eucharist. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they murmur, a question which betrays a limited, myopic, and somewhat cannibalistic understanding of Eucharist. Because they are appalled at the thought of "eating his flesh and drinking his blood," they are unwilling or unable to grasp that, just as God once miraculously fed their ancestors in the desert with manna from heaven, God might once again be miraculously feeding them, this time with words of "Spirit and life" spoken by Jesus. The obstinacy and blindness of the disciples and the crowd makes them unable to recognize the extraordinary presence of God in their midst (Jesus).

Jesus' statement, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life," contains a verb that is in the present (not future) tense. It does not say that we "will have" eternal life – it says that, in some way, we already have it. In John's theology this is known as a *realized eschatology*, a fancy theological term which means, quite simply, that we don't have to die to get to heaven. According to the evangelist John, we experience some aspect of eternal life whenever we encounter the presence of Christ. This can occur when we receive communion (Eucharist), listen to the Word of God (scripture), or discover His presence in the community (Church). And, like many of Jesus' disciples, in next week's gospel, we may find these dimensions challenging and hard to accept.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.