

GARDEN FUND

We have hit a snag in the process of executing the design of the garden space. Unfortunately, this has caused a bit of a delay starting the project.

We are still in need of funds to see this project through to completion. Won't you please consider making a donation to this worthy cause, sure to benefit the entire parish community!

FAITH FORMATION

If you have not yet registered your child/ren, please take a moment to complete a form from the table in the vestibule.

The first scheduled meeting is Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be a family meeting, a time to introduce and re-acquaint families to each other.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE ANNUAL FALL CANNED FOOD DRIVE



Starting September 1st, our SVDP Conference is having a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** for our pantry.

Our **GOAL** is **1000 CANS!!** to replenish our limited supply. We ask that you bring **CANNED SOUPS,**

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, BEANS, MEAT AND FISH. Baskets will be available in the Church.

To kick off the drive, SVDP members will speak at all Sept. 12th & 13th liturgies. We hope to reach our goal by 9/27, the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul.



We invite you to join us for this summer's last coffee & donuts following the 8:30am Mass. We will continue to share coffee, donuts & fellowship following the 10:00am Mass.

DISCERNMENT DAY

Have you ever wondered what life is like as a nun? Are you drawn to a life of prayer and have a deep desire for love and service?

The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery, located at 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, CA, will host a Discernment Day for single Catholic women ages 18-40 on October 10, 2015. RSVP by October 3rd, or for more information contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or visit our website at:

<http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days>

The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Office, Adoration, Rosary, Conferences and Vocation stories given by our Dominican nuns and friars.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The Archdiocese will be offering training at Mission Dolores Basilica on Oct. 24 & 31. This training NOT required for those currently serving as ministers. The parish will pay the registration fee for those who wish to attend. It is encouraged that anyone desiring to become either an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Lector sign-up for this training. There is a flyer and informational brochure on each of the bulletin



In observance of Labor Day the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

AUGUST 30, 2015

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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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.

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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 30 - Coffee & Donuts, following the
8:30 & 10:00 am Masses
Mon, Aug 31 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
Tue, Sept 1 - SVdP Canned Food Drive
- No SVdP Grocery Distribution
Sat, Sept 5 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
10:00am, Avila
- AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
Sun, Sept 6 -
Mon, Sept 7 - Parish Office Closed

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

Saturday, August 29
4:15pm + Mary A. Burns
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 30
8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am Ray McGrath (Spec. Int.)

Tuesday, September 1
8:30am Ray McGrath (Spec. Int.)

Friday, September 4
8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, September 5
4:15pm + Lucy Miranda
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, September 6
8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Luiz Ponte

SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 29 & 30

This week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

September 5 & 6

Next week the second collection benefits the St Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

AUGUST 22 & 23

\$2,234

THANK YOU!

MINISTERS SCHEDULES

Schedules for September & October will be emailed next week. Copies will be available in the Sacristy next weekend. The below schedule is correct. We are sorry for any inconvenience this delay may cause.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 5 & 6

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: R. Ostler		1 Lector: R. Pitts
Bread: F. Patt		2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Cup: E. Perea		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: R. Jones		2 Bread: J. Warnock
		3 Bread: M.K. Law
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: A. Schelstrate
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman		
Hosp: T. Lando		

MADONNA DELLA GUARDIA

In July, 2010, Father Greenwell and I arrived at St. Teresa's. Within a month of our arrival, Sr. Maureen "informed" us that, at one of the Sunday Liturgies in August, we would be honoring the *Madonna della Guardia*.

Now because I am a cradle Catholic, I am no stranger to Marian Feasts. I know that virtually every Christian country or culture has its particular feast devoted to Mary, be it Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico), Fatima (Portugal), Lourdes (France), Czestochowa (Poland), or Knock (Ireland). But I had never heard of *Madonna della Guardia*. I was familiar with LaGuardia Airport in New York, but it seemed highly unlikely that the *Madonna della Guardia* was in any way connected with either the airport or the former mayor of that city.

With the help of some St. Teresa's parishioners, I learned that devotion to the *Madonna della Guardia* began in the late 15th century (August 29th, 1490, to be exact). On that day the Virgin Mary appeared to Benedetto Pareto on Mount Figogna, which is about 12 miles from the city of Genoa. 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 still exists, but there is also a much larger church, which was completed around the beginning of the 20th century.

In Italian the word "guardia" means watch or guardian. At 2638 feet above sea level, Mount Figogna "guarded" the city of Genoa, and 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 both Genoese and other Italian pilgrims. For over 400 years people made the climb on foot, since it was not until 1929 that a rail line was constructed to ease travel from the valley to the shrine.

That's a fascinating bit of history, but what is the connection between the Madonna della Guardia in 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 about the same time that St. Teresa's was founded in San Francisco. San Francisco – and Potrero Hill – were home to Italian immigrants, and although I am Polish, my experience of Italians is that they identify not so much with Italy itself but with a particular city or region of that country (Rome, Naples, Milan, Florence, Genoa, etc.). My guess is that Italian immigrants from Genoa settled Potrero Hill, and they brought with them their devotion to the *Madonna della Guardia*. The celebration of her feast evolved into an annual parish tradition, which we celebrate at St. Teresa's this weekend.

Mary appeared to Benedetto Pareto August 29th, and the Saturday of this weekend marks the 525th anniversary of the apparition. At this week's 4:15 pm Vigil Mass we will have a brief devotional service following the homily.

If you would like more information about the Madonna della Guardia, there exists both a website (<http://www.santuarioguardia.it>) and a magazine (*la Guardia*). A word of caution, however: both the website and magazine are in Italian! If you don't speak the language, 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.

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: _____

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