

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

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Amount Pledged: \$17,533
Balance Remaining: \$10,203

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Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.

We are at 61% of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. Last year we had AAA wrapped up in 8 weeks (including pledges to be paid over the year) — Let's do it again!

SOLIDARITY WITH IMMIGRANTS WELCOMING THE STRANGER

"Know Your Rights"—Educational Forum

Sun, Feb 26, 2:30 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral
1111 Gough Street

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Over the past several years, the population of important pollinators (including bees, butterflies, moths, wasps, flies, and beetles) has declined in the United States and internationally. A National Research Council report in 2007, Status of Pollinators in North America, documented the decline of pollinators. One way to help combat this issues is by planting native plants in your yard. Native plants form the foundation of habitat for pollinators by providing them with pollen and nectar for food, cover from the elements and predators, and places where their young can grow.

ASH WEDNESDAY

REPENT
AND
BELIEVE
THE
GOOD NEWS

MARCH 1ST
Mass with
Distribution of Ashes
12:15pm
7:00pm

Please join us as we celebrate
the 60th anniversary of



Fausto & Rose Castillo
who will renew their vows at
Mass this Saturday. Fausto &
Rose were married at St. Teresa's
on February 23, 1957.

MINISTERS SCHEDULES

Schedules for March & April were emailed on Friday. If you didn't receive the email, please let the office know and you will be added to the list. Copies are available in the Sacristy. Also our website:

<http://stteresasf.org/category/parish-ministries>

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the families of

Bran Bhautik Joshi, the infant son of
Briony (Doyle) & Bhautik Joshi; and,

Rosita Flores, the mother of our
parishioner Anarose Schelstrate; and,

Rose Elvira Schurr, mother of our
Deacon Martin Schurr.

At this time, arrangements are pending.

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



FEBRUARY 26, 2017
EIGHTH 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

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.

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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.*

MASS INTENTIONS
As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, February 25
 4:15pm † Honora Frances (Healy) Lowe
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, February 26
 8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Luis & Lidia Megid
 † Edwina Fenili

Tuesday, February 28
 8:30am † Margaret Fogarty Widger

Wednesday, March 1
 12:15pm The Sick of the Parish
 7:00pm The Deceased of the Parish

Friday, March 3
 8:30am † Patsy Halloran

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

Sunday, March 5
 8:30am The Sick of the Parish
 10:00am The Deceased of the Parish

Parish Calendar

Sun, Feb 26 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
 Mon, Feb 27 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
 Tue, Feb 28 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Hall
 Wed, Mar 1 - Ash Wednesday Mass
 12:15 & 7:00 PM
 Sat, Mar 4 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
 Sun, Mar 5 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

WEEKEND COLLECTION
FEBRUARY 18 & 19
\$1,878
THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week
March 4 & 5

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 4:15 PM | 10:00 AM |
| Lector: R.M. Ostler | 1 Lector: V. Flores |
| Bread: J. Daddio | 2 Lector: G. Femec |
| Cup: B. Noelke | 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate |
| Hosp: R. Jones | 2 Bread: A. Schelstrate |
| | 3 Bread: J. Warnock |
| 8:30 AM | 1 Cup: C. Allen |
| Lector: P. Diaz | 2 Cup: S. Miller |
| Bread: R. Kingman | Hosp: J. Warnock |
| Cup: P. English | |
| Hosp: T. Lando | |

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 25 & 26
 The second collection this weekend benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

March 4 & 5
 The second collection next weekend will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY: "REPENT, AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL"

March 1st is Ash Wednesday, and if you ask any priest he'll tell you that Ash Wednesday is, perhaps, the busiest day of the year. Rectory doorbells ring non-stop from morning 'till night, announcing the presence of those who couldn't make the Ash Wednesday service but are "stopping by" to receive ashes. Ash Wednesday liturgies attract big crowds – often larger than Sundays – and any priest foolish enough to walk the streets wearing clerical garb will inevitably be stopped by those seeking ashes "on the fly". A case can be made that receiving ashes is the most popular devotion among Roman Catholics . . . which forces us to ask the questions, how did this devotion and practice develop? and why is it so popular?

The most prominent example of "wearing ashes" can be found in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the book of Jonah we read:

“. . . the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.” (Jonah 3:6)

In this passage the king's action was a direct response to the prophet's call to repentance. In the Old Testament, it is well established that sackcloth and ashes were linked to public repentance for sin, and the early Christian tradition incorporated this practice into its liturgical life.

As early as the second century, Christians who had committed serious sin performed public penance in order to be reconciled to the Church. On Ash Wednesday, the bishop blessed hair shirts that were to be worn throughout Lent, and the penitents were sprinkled with ashes made from burning the palms from the previous year. These penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins – just as Adam and Eve were turned out of Eden because of their disobedience – and were not readmitted to the assembly until Holy Thursday. At that time they received sacramental absolution and were welcomed once again at the Eucharistic Table.

This practice of sprinkling penitents with ashes gradually evolved into a liturgical practice whereby all of the faithful were so marked. As people were being signed, the minister would say, *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,"* language which focuses on the finite nature of human life and the inevitability of death. The emphasis here is that human beings are powerless over death, implying that only God can rescue us from our fate, offer us eternal life, and resurrect our bodies. It is important to note that this focus is significantly different from the original reason for ashes, namely, to call us to repentance and conversion.

Following the Second Vatican Council, the restored liturgy suggests different words when signing with ashes: *"Repent, and believe the Gospel"*. Notice that this option is more in tune with the ancient tradition of using ashes to emphasize repentance, conversion, and metanoia.

The ashes used in the Ash Wednesday liturgy are made by burning blessed palms from the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. These ashes are blessed with Holy Water and incense before distribution to the faithful. Although most Christian denominations celebrate Lent and mark its beginning with Ash Wednesday, only Roman Catholics appear to distinctly mark themselves by being signed on the forehead with ashes.

Ash Wednesday is **not** a holy day of obligation. However, it is a day of fast and abstinence, as is Good Friday (Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence).

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.