

### AAA 2012

We are pleased to announce that St. Teresa's participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has reached our goal of **\$24,100**. Thank you to everyone who enabled us to reach this goal! Fr. Michael has promised that he will not mention the AAA appeal until 2013.

### ARE YOU . . .

**A registered member of our parish community? Last month we sent out Easter greetings to all who have registered. If you did not receive this letter, please take a moment to complete the form below. You may place this in the collection plate or mail it to the Parish Office. It is important for us to have an accurate record of parishioners.**

### ESTATE PLANNING

Are you interested in attending a seminar that will give you information about wills, trusts, probate, estate taxes, options for legacy gifting, and how to clearly communicate your intentions so your estate is distributed the way you want? An estate planning attorney volunteers to present such seminars, at no cost to the parish or attendees. The Archdiocesan Office of Development arranges these seminars at individual parishes, usually on a Saturday morning.

Everyone, regardless of marital status, age, or wealth, should have an estate plan.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending a seminar here at St. Teresa's.

### 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

### CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!

The Tea was a wonderful event with so much attention to detail. Gratitude and appreciation are offered to the Social Committee and Anarose Schelstrate.

Gratitude is also expressed to Deacon Chuck who always sets up and follows through on all of our parish events.

### Pastoral Council

There are several openings on our Pastoral Council. The Council meets once per month 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).

### Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

Romans 8:16



Thanks to generous donations, seven of our stained glass windows have been restored since the autumn.

There are still some that are in need of restoration as soon as possible.

Please consider making a donation to assist with this very special project.

# WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



## JUNE 3, 2012 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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### OFFICE HOURS

9:30am to 12:30pm  
1:00pm to 5:00pm

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

Jim Schelstrate Briony Doyle  
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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, June 3 - No Good Shepherd  
 - No Faith Formation  
 Mon, June 4 - Choir Practice  
 7:00pm, Church  
 Tue, June 5 - Election Day  
 Sat, June 9 - AA Meeting  
 7:00pm, Avila Hall  
 Sun, June 10 -

## THANK YOU!

Our parish offers a special *“Thank You”* to the parents of our First Communicants. The Corrigan, Krogan, Lawrence and Miller families provided the special reception after Mass. You did a great job and we all enjoyed the offerings!

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

May 26 & 27  
**\$1,149**

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

#### Saturday, June 2

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

#### Sunday, June 3

8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am + Guisepppe & Maria Molinari

#### Tuesday, June 5

8:30am + William Dwyer

#### Friday, June 8

8:30am Stained Glass Repair Donors

#### Saturday, June 9

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

#### Sunday, June 10

8:30am Donors of Stained Glass Repair  
 10:00am The People of the Parish

## SECOND COLLECTION

### June 2 & 3

This week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

### June 9 & 10

The Second Collection next week will benefit the annual Mission Appeal. Rev. Patrick Gitoga will speak on behalf of the Diocese of Meru which is located in the Eastern Province of Kenya. The people of Meru are now predominantly Christian. They live within rugged hills with land that ranges from heavy virgin forests above 8,000 feet elevation to semi-arid desert at less than 3,000 feet elevation. The Ameru are generally part of the “Eastern Bantu” who have been native to the Mt. Kenya area for many years before colonization of Kenya by Great Britain in the 19th Century. The majority of Meru people are subsistence farmers. The fertile land produces a large variety of food crops, the staples being corn, beans, potatoes, and millet. Coffee is the most important cash crop followed by tea leaves and cotton. The Catholic faith was brought to Meru by the Consolata Missionaries from Turin – Italy in 1911.

## FAITH FORMATION

Now that the Good Shepherd and Faith Formation programs are on summer vacation, a word of deep appreciation is due our volunteer catechist and student assistants for their wonderful contribution of time and talent. Without them our programs would not exist.

While speaking about these programs, we would like our parishioners to know that St. Teresa's is outstanding in the level of parent participation. What a blessing!

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week June 9 & 10

#### 4:15

Lector: M.L. Green  
 Bread: F. Patt  
 Cup: E. Perea  
 Hosp: A. Allio  
 J. Allio

#### 8:30 AM

Lector: J. Propster  
 Bread: R. Kingman  
 Cup: J. Marasco  
 Hosp: T. Lando

#### 10:00 AM

1 Lector: E. Koh  
 2 Lector: M. Schelstrate  
 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate  
 2 Bread: J. Warnock  
 3 Bread: R. Yambo  
 1 Cup: C. Allen  
 2 Cup: A. Schelstrate  
 Hosp: J. Warnock

## TRINITY SUNDAY, CORPUS CHRISTI, AND “IDEA FEASTS”

On the Sundays following Pentecost there are two major feasts, Trinity Sunday and *Corpus Christi*. This week I'd like to provide a bit of history and background about each, as well as give an explanation as to why they appear on the liturgical calendar.

First of all, during the liturgical year there are a number of different kinds of feasts. Most of these commemorate a particular religious event, such as the Birth of Jesus (Christmas) or the Resurrection (Easter). There are also feast days that honor particular saints, such as Francis of Assisi (October 4) or St. Teresa of Avila (October 15).

Then we have feasts such as today (Trinity Sunday) or next week (*Corpus Christi*). These feasts commemorate neither an historical event nor the life of a saint. In fact, they are, at best, only tangentially grounded in Scripture. Trinity Sunday and *Corpus Christi* deal with Church doctrine and dogma, and properly belong to what we call *sacred tradition*. Informally, they are known as “idea feasts,” and our question is how and why did they find their way into the liturgical calendar?

Idea feasts come about because, in the history of the Church, there have always been controversies surrounding doctrine. In apostolic times, the question was “Do you have to be Jewish in order to be Christian?” This controversy, known as the *Gentile Question*, pitted Paul against the apostles and Jerusalem Church and precipitated the “first council” held at Jerusalem (Acts 15). Later, in the second century, a question arose as to whether a person could be forgiven of a serious sin committed after baptism. The resolution of this conflict initiated the development of what would later become the practice of frequent confession.

In the first five centuries much of the doctrinal controversy centered around the natures of God and Jesus. At the root of this dispute was the question, “What did it mean to be God's Son?” Was Jesus equal to God? or was He subordinate to God? and what about this “Paraclete” or “Holy Spirit” which Jesus spoke of in the Gospel of John? Was the Holy Spirit simply the Spirit of God that descended on the disciples at Pentecost? or is there more to this “Holy Spirit”?

These questions surrounding God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – eventually led to the dogmas and doctrines concerning the Trinity, and these are the ideas and concepts celebrated in the “idea feast” of Trinity Sunday.

In a similar way, the middle ages had their own controversies surrounding *Eucharist*. What did it mean to speak of the bread and wine as being the Body and Blood of Christ? Are we speaking of some type of symbolic presence? Does Jesus “dwell” in the species of Bread and Wine? or is something else going on?

Eventually, the church articulates its doctrine of Eucharist into what is known as *transubstantiation*, which, simply put, states that the bread and wine involves a “change in substance” in which the bread and wine now is the Body and Blood of Christ.

In both of these cases, the resolution of a theological question yields an articulation of doctrine (Trinity and Eucharist). The catechetical challenge to the church then becomes, “How do we teach the faithful about these important theological doctrines?” The most effective way to do this is through the liturgy, and “idea feasts” of Trinity Sunday or *Corpus Christi* allow the clergy to preach and teach on the subject. In this way the Church ensures that what was defined and articulated by theologians and councils would find its way into the local parish Church.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.