



### CALLING ALL EGG HUNTERS!

All children (toddler to age 12) are invited to participate in the St. Teresa Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday. We ask that children bring their own basket. If you would like to help the Easter Bunny hide eggs that Sunday, please contact Therese Labuguen at 415-748-0775 or [therese@labuguen@gmail.com](mailto:therese@labuguen@gmail.com)

Everyone is invited to participate in the **Faith and Community Forum for Immigration Reform** with Congressman Luis Gutierrez, this Sunday, March 17th at 3pm at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist (1661 15th Street, between Mission & Valencia). For more information, please call Lorena Melgarejo at 415-724-4987.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
Sign-up sheets for Easter Triduum are in the back of the church.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2013**  
As of February 28:  
Assessed Amount: \$20,300  
Amount Received/Pledged: \$18,404  
Amount Needed: \$ 1,896

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

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

*Tuesdays in Lent*  
Mass, 8:30am

*Wednesdays in Lent*  
Mass, 6:15pm  
March 20 & 27

*Fridays in Lent*  
Mass, 8:30am  
Stations of the Cross, 9:00am

**PALM SUNDAY, March 24**  
Saturday Vigil: 4:15pm  
Palm Sunday, 8:30 & 10am

**EASTER TRIDUUM**  
Holy Thursday: 7:30pm  
Good Friday: 12:15pm  
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil: 8:00pm  
Easter Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00am

Are you looking for a way to be of service to your parish? Consider joining the Pastoral Council!  
The purpose of the Council is to consult, advise, and propose policy to the Pastor regarding the various programs, operations and activities of our parish. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



### MARCH 17, 2013 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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, Mar 17 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am  
Mon, Mar 18 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
Tue, Mar 19 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday 9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution 1:00pm, Sammon  
Wed, Mar 20 - Mass, 6:15pm  
Sat, Mar 23 - Author Talk-Marty Brounstein 6:30, Sammon  
- AA Meeting, 7:00pm, Avila  
Sun, Mar 24 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

**March 9 & 10**

**\$1,304**

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

#### Saturday, March 16

4:15pm + Bill & Frances Perac  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, March 17

8:30am + Michele Foss & Ray Cooke  
10:00am The People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, March 19

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

#### Wednesday, March 20

6:15pm The Deceased of the Parish

#### Friday, March 22

8:30am Little Childrens Aid

#### Saturday, March 23

4:15pm + Dan Perea  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, March 24

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

## SECOND COLLECTION

**March 16 & 17**

There is no second collection this week

**March 23 & 24**

There second collection next week benefits our St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

### SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY, March 23 at 6:00 p.m.**

**INTERFAITH STORY OF COURAGE AND**

**COMPASSION:** Marty Brounstein, author of "Two Among the Righteous Few: A Story of Courage in the Holocaust," delivers an engaging presentation about the true story of a Dutch Catholic couple who save two dozen Jews during World War II.

**SATURDAY, May 18**

**Sound of Music Sing-a-Long**

This fun, family-friendly event will begin after the 4:15pm Mass in Sammon Hall. Further detail to follow . . .

### IN OUR DEANERY . . .

**Saint Philip the Apostle Church** invites you to a **Day of Prayer and Reflection** on Saturday, March 23.

**St. Paul's School** is having an **Open House** on Tuesday, March 26.

Please see the flyers in the vestibule for more information.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week

**March 23 & 24**

**4:15**

Lector: A. Rose  
Bread: E. Perea  
Cup: B. Noelke  
Hosp: R. Jones

**10:00 AM**

1 Lector: J. Alber  
2 Lector: D. Aikins  
1 Bread: C. Arett  
2 Bread: T. Mana  
3 Bread: M. Schelstrate

**8:30 AM**

Lector: E. Dunn  
Bread: Volunteer  
Cup: R. Kingman  
Hosp: T. Lando

1 Cup: C. Allen  
2 Cup: J. Schelstrate  
Hosp: K. Varandas  
B. Cassidy

## TODAY'S GOSPEL: THE *WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY*

Today's Gospel – found only in John – is read only in the C Cycle on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It is one of the most intriguing and fascinating texts in the New Testament.

Initially, what makes this text so intriguing and fascinating is that, from a historical perspective, it was extremely unlikely that this crowd would have actually stoned the woman to death! Why? because it is a historical fact that, during the time of the Roman occupation of Judea, we have no record of a crowd stoning a person to death because of a religious transgression. Even Jesus could not be put to death by the Jewish authorities . . . which is why he was brought before Pilate for trial and was executed by the Romans. The gospels leave no doubt that Jewish authorities plotted and schemed to have Jesus killed, but it was the Romans who actually carried out the execution. Historically, the first account we have of a mob taking matters into its own hands occurred with the martyrdom of Stephen, an action that signifies a breakdown in civil order which would eventually lead to the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Today's gospel is actually a story of conflict between Jesus and the Jewish religious authorities, with the woman being merely a pawn. Under Jewish Law (Dt 22:22-24) both participants in the act of adultery are equally guilty and must be stoned; the fact that only the woman is present indicates that her execution is not the purpose of the gathering. The authorities ask Jesus for his opinion on whether she should be put to death, a loaded question that, however answered, will get Jesus into trouble.

If Jesus – already know for compassion and the forgiveness of sin – suggests that the woman be "let off the hook", the Scribes and Pharisees will suggest that Jesus is teaching against the law of Moses. If, on the other hand, Jesus concurs with Moses and says that she should be stoned, these same Scribes and Pharisees will portray Jesus as a revolutionary against Rome, one who advocates the crowd taking matters into its own hand, circumventing Roman authority and carrying out its own death sentence. Today's gospel story reveals a cleverly designed trap: no matter how Jesus responds it will get him into trouble.

Nevertheless, Jesus escapes their clutches with his brilliant response: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." One by one the crowd dissipates until only Jesus and the woman remain. "Has no one condemned you? . . . Neither do I condemn you."

In his answer Jesus accomplishes three things. First, he respects the integrity of the Law of Moses with respect to its condemnation of adultery. Secondly, Jesus is consistent with his "new law" that emphasizes compassion and the forgiveness of sin. And, finally, Jesus follows a course of action which does not entail the breaking of civil law or the challenge to Roman authority.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.