

At the 10 am liturgy this weekend seven of our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We offer our congratulations to:



**Kiley Kellum**  
**Dylan Kiely**  
**Madison Molloy**  
**Julissa Murillo**  
**Sebastian Ramirez**  
**Sophia Ramos**  
**Jasmine Trefz**

May your relationship with Jesus Christ deepen and grow as you continue on your Christian journey.

**FREE CAREGIVER CLASS OFFERED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO'S SAN CARLOS ADULT DAY SERVICES DEMENTIA CARE STRATEGIES FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS**

Few of us are prepared for the challenges of caring for a family member or friend, especially when memory loss and confusion are part of the picture. The class will cover effective communication, managing challenging behaviors, stress reduction techniques, and where to find extra information and assistance.

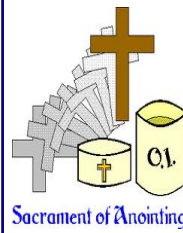
**Date:** Saturday, May 17, 2014  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Location:** San Mateo Senior Center

Register: [www.erecreg.com](http://www.erecreg.com) by Monday, May 12. For help with registration call: (650) 522-7490

This class is offered **FREE** of charge thanks to a generous grant from the Peninsula Health Care District. (This course is not for professional caregivers.) For more information visit:

[www.cccyo.org/sancarlosadultday](http://www.cccyo.org/sancarlosadultday)  
 or call (650) 592-9325

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule and parish hall for notices about upcoming events or special notices.



Sacrament of Anointing

**ANOINTING**  
 Next weekend  
 May 17 & 18  
 we will offer the  
 Sacrament of Anointing  
 at all our Masses

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Niamh Antonia MacMurray, the daughter of Elwood & Maria MacMurray. Niamh will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Saturday at the 4:15pm Mass.

**MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — April**

First Collection (Monthly Donors)	\$2,357
Building & Maintenance	\$1,645
Home/Black & Indian Missions	\$ 942
Holy Thursday	\$ 223
Holy Land	\$ 505
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,894

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**

**May 3 & 4**

**\$1,522**

**THANK YOU!**

**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

**MAY 11, 2014**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**OF EASTER**



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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, May 11 - Religious Education, 9:00 am  
 - Confirmation, 10 am Mass  
 Mon, May 12 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
 Tue, May 13 - SVdP Meeting  
 9:00am, Sammon Hall  
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Sammon Hall  
 - Pastoral Council  
 7:00pm, Avila Hall  
 Sat, May 17 - AA Meeting, 7:00pm,  
 Sun, May 18 - Religious Education, 9:00 am

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

#### Saturday, May 10

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

#### Sunday, May 11

8:30am + Michele Foss  
 10:00am + Leslie Rose

#### Tuesday, May 13

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

#### Friday, May 16

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

#### Saturday, May 17

4:15pm + Joe Padilla  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, May 18

8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am + Armando Acevedo

## SECOND COLLECTION

### May 10 & 11

Today is Catholic Charities CYO Sunday. This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities CYO. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even their most basic needs. Put your faith into action and change a life for the better today by contributing to Catholic Charities.

### May 17 & 18

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our Archdiocese and support local needs. CCC equips us to share our experience of faith, worship, and witness with the world.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 17 & 18

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: T. Jackson		1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Bread: J. Daddio		2 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
Cup: E. Perea		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: A. Rubke		2 Bread: D. Tejeda
		3 Bread: C. Galvez
		1 Cup: C. Allen
<b>8:30 AM</b>		2 Cup: G. McGrath
Lector: G. Foss		Hosp: K. Varandas
Bread: L. Foss		B. Cassidy
Cup: J. Newman		L. Mastrangelo
Hosp: J. Propster		

## CONFIRMATION

This Sunday at the 10 o'clock liturgy Bishop William Justice will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on seven of our young parishioners, and in this week's column I'd like to explore a bit of the background, history and theology of this sacrament.

Any discussion on the Sacrament of Confirmation must be framed by the fact that Confirmation is one of the three *Sacraments of Initiation* (the other two being Baptism and Eucharist). Ideally, all three Sacraments should be received at the same time, and one can best experience the unity of these Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. After an adult is baptized, he or she is immediately confirmed and – at the same liturgy – receives first Eucharist. This ancient practice of receiving all three Sacraments at the same liturgy is still the practice in the Orthodox and Eastern Rite Catholic Churches, where even infants are confirmed and receive Eucharist immediately after their baptism. Historically, in the Western Church (i.e., the Latin or Roman Catholic Church), the Initiation Sacraments became separated: infants were baptized shortly after childbirth, but Confirmation and Eucharist were delayed until a later age.

Until about 100 years ago, children were baptized as infants and were confirmed at about the age of eight or nine; they did not receive first Eucharist until about the age of twelve. This was the practice until the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century when, during the papacy of Pius X, the sequence was changed: children were to receive first communion at about the age of seven (the “age of reason”), and they were confirmed a year or two later. In the United States this was the practice until the Second Vatican Council. In the United States, Catholic children normally “completed” their Christian Initiation before they entered high school, and the sequence of sacraments was Baptism–Eucharist–Confirmation.

With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, Rome decided that each local bishops' conference would set the age of confirmation. In the United States the bishops couldn't decide on a universal age, so the conference decided that each diocese should set its age for confirmation. This has been the policy for the past four decades, and, generally speaking, as one moves across the country from East to West, the age of confirmation becomes later and later: Catholic children in Boston might be confirmed before they finished grade school, whereas youth in California would not be confirmed until sometime during their high school years.

As I stated earlier, Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation that needs to be understood in light of Baptism. This means that, after a person is baptized, the Church anoints the person with chrism and “confirms” the baptism, calling upon the Holy Spirit not only to shower the person with additional grace but also to intensify the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We can appreciate the nuance of this connection when we note that, in Baptism, we ask the person (or the infant's parents) if he or she wants to be baptized. When we confirm someone, we do not ask a person if he or she wants to be confirmed. Why? Because by the fact of his or her baptism a person is already deemed worthy of Confirmation. The words of the Bishop – “Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit” – are a command: the Church is calling upon the Holy Spirit to come down upon the candidate, to strengthen that person with the grace of the sacrament and intensify the Gifts of the Spirit that were first received at Baptism.

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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