

## GIVE YOURSELF AN EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT

Plan on joining us  
**Saturday, November 16**  
 for a Day of  
 Reflection, Inspiration and Prayer

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Followed by 4:15 Mass

Continental breakfast and lunch included.  
 More details will be provided in the weeks to come.

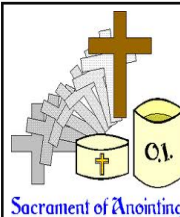
## Catholic Charities CYO Halloween Volunteer Opportunities

Catholic Charities CYO hopes you will get involved with our programs' Halloween celebrations! Programs such as St. Joseph's Family Center, Leland House and 10<sup>th</sup> and Mission Support Services seek assistance with their child and adult Halloween parties on October 31. These programs and others seek volunteers to help with decorating, leading games and craft activities.

For a complete list of needed Halloween donations such as gift cards and children's costumes as well as a list of all seasonal volunteer opportunities including Thanksgiving and Christmas, please contact

Clint Womack at 415-972-1297,  
[cwomack@cccyo.org](mailto:cwomack@cccyo.org),  
 or visit our website at  
[www.cccyo.org/volunteer](http://www.cccyo.org/volunteer)

Or see the flyers on the bulletin board.



Sacrament of Anointing

### ANOINTING

Next weekend we will be offering the Sacrament of Anointing at all our Masses.



Please join us in welcoming Isabel Sofia Ames to our parish community. Isabel, the daughter of Lindsay and Barry Ames, will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10am Mass.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

The Conference is preparing for their annual Thanksgiving distribution of boxes filled with the fixings for a holiday feast, plus extras for the next week. In addition, food is given out every Tuesday afternoon at St. Teresa's and the supplies of some items are getting very low. Please help by bringing **any canned good**. The pantry is **in particular need of canned:**

**Soups Vegetables Fruits**

Containers will be in the vestibule next weekend and will remain November 17th.

## 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

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



## OCTOBER 13, 2013 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

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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

Jim Schelstrate Judy Warnock  
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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, Oct 13 - Religious Education  
9:00am, Parish Hall
- Mon, Oct 14 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Tue, Oct 15 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Sammon
- Pastoral Council  
7:00pm, Sammon
- Sat, Oct 19 - AA Meeting  
7:00pm, Sammon
- Sun, Oct 20 - Religious Education  
9:00am, Parish Hall

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**  
**October 5 & 6**  
**\$1,458**  
**THANK YOU!**

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

#### Saturday, Oct 12

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

#### Sunday, Oct 13

8:30am The Sick of the Parish  
10:00am + Muriel C. Gillen

#### Tuesday, Oct 15

8:30am + Vasa Robati

#### Friday, Oct 18

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

#### Saturday, Oct 19

4:15pm + Frank Burcina  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, Oct 20

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

## SECOND COLLECTION

### October 12 & 13

There is no second collection this week.

### October 19 & 20

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday! As Catholics around the world gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. Please help this worthy cause by contributing to the second collection, which helps the Society for the Propagation of the Faith support more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

## REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

November is called "the month of the Holy Souls". During November a Book of Remembrance will be placed inside the Church. Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in this book and to bring a photo(s) for display during the month. All photos will be returned at the end of the month.

We will remember those we have lost this year Sunday, November 3rd at the 10 am Mass.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week October 19 & 20

#### 4:15 PM

Lector: J. Kennedy  
Bread: J. Daddio  
Cup: J. Burns  
Hosp: M. Comaich

#### 10:00 AM

1 Lector: B. Doyle  
2 Lector: D.B. Bernstein  
1 Bread: J. Schelstrate  
2 Bread: K. Schelstrate  
3 Bread: J. Warnock

#### 8:30 AM

Lector: T. Lang  
Bread: R. Kingman  
Cup: S. Lang  
Hosp: J. Propster

1 Cup: C. Allen  
2 Cup: R. Labuguen  
Hosp: J. Warnock

## LEPROSY IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

Today is the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and both of today's principle readings (2Kgs 5:14-17 and Lk 17:11-19) deal with leprosy. Most of us know that leprosy is a skin disease, yet probably none of us have ever seen a leper, let alone come in contact with the disease. In fact, many of us probably have gross misconceptions about leprosy, so the topic for today's column is this: In the Bible, what do they mean when they speak of leprosy, and why is there such stigma attached to lepers?

Leprosy has effected humanity for over 4000 years, but for most of history it was a disease that was quite misunderstood. It was not until 1873 that Dr. Gerhard Hansen discovered that leprosy was the result of a bacterial infection. It is an unusual disease in that its incubation period can be as short as a few weeks or as long as 30 years. What most people don't know is that leprosy is a disease of the respiratory tract, with skin lesions being the primary external sign of the disease. Left untreated, leprosy is progressive, causing permanent damage to the skin, nerves, limbs, and eyes. To this day we do not fully understand how the disease is transmitted, but because it is a respiratory, bacterial infection, evidence suggests that the bacteria can spread from person to person when someone with the disease coughs or sneezes.

Contrary to folklore and popular belief, leprosy does not cause body parts to fall off, although they can become numb or diseased as a result of secondary infections. These secondary infections, in turn, can cause fingers and toes to become shortened and deformed, and can also cause nerve damage leading to numbness of the skin over parts of the body. Beginning in about 1930, antibiotics were used to treat leprosy, but it was not until the 1980s that an effective drug regimen was developed that "cured" the disease.

For most of history, human beings knew neither the cause of nor the cure for leprosy. As a result, people were *afraid* of lepers and, because of their fear, *stigmatized* those victimized by the disease. In the Bible, virtually any form of skin disease (lesions, skin eruptions, dry or flaky skin, or even athlete's foot!) would arouse suspicions about leprosy, resulting in the victim being segregated, ostracized, or quarantined.

To use Biblical and theological language, lepers, quite simply, were *excommunicated*. Until they "became clean" they were segregated or ostracized from the community. In the case of minor skin diseases or infections, once the symptoms disappeared the person was incorporated back into the community. But in those cases where the condition was leprosy (Hansen's disease), the victim's condition never improved, only worsened. In such cases the person was forced to live in a leper colony, segregated and ostracized from the community.

Because no one knew either the cause of leprosy or how it was transmitted, anyone *suspected* of leprosy was treated as a leper. Likewise, anyone who came in contact with a leper was treated as a leper. Thus, if you touch a leper then you become a leper . . . which puts an entirely new spin on what happens when Jesus touches and cures lepers in the gospel!

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.