

Come! Enjoy! Celebrate!

Our Faith Formation students and teachers are busily putting together lots of fun activities to celebrate Halloween Sunday, October 29th after the 10am Mass.



Come down to the hall to visit their "mini" pumpkin patch, play games and view the carved/decorated pumpkins. There will even be a costume parade & contest!

YOUNG ADULTS

Scripture Study for young adults meets in the Priory on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Their next meeting will be October 17th. If you would like to attend and participate, please contact Victoria Flores at: toriflores0812@yahoo.com

The Pope Asks Young People to Take a Survey

The Pope is requesting your feedback. A survey for young people 16 to 29 years old is online on a special website. The Synod of Bishops that will meet in October 2018 will have this theme: *"Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment"*. Young people from around the world are urged to help the Church prepare for the Synod by taking this survey. Pope Francis says, "The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism... Make your voice heard." The survey is online at:

survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718

and can be taken in English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, or German. Surveys should be completed by November 30.

For any questions, please contact:

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PARISH OFFICE
Closed

The Parish Office
will be closed:
Thursday, October 19
Friday, October 20
and
Monday, October 23—
Friday, October 27

Please check the bulletin board in the vestibule for upcoming events or special notices.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

OCTOBER 14 & 15

\$1,762

THANK YOU!

PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are seeking two (2) parishioners to join our Pastoral Council. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7-9pm, September—May.

The Pastoral Council advises the parish administration on various aspects of community life at St. Teresa's.

Please see either Fr. Mike or call the office if you are interested in joining.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have suffered loss from the fires and have been affected by the smoke. Let us pray for all those as they try to cope with the destruction so they do not lose hope, nor the sense of God's presence during this difficult time.

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites



October 15, 2017
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm **Saturday, October 14**
† Kathleen M. Burns
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 15**
† John & Gertrude Lech
10:00am † Paul Sullivan
The People of the Parish

8:30am **Tuesday, October 17**
† Theresa Spalding

8:30am **Friday, October 20**
Special Intention of Anna Doyle

4:15pm **Saturday, October 21**
Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 22**
The People of the Parish
10:00am † Bea & Vincent Cocciolone

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week
October 14 & 15**

4:15 PM **10:00 AM**

Lector: C. Groepper 1 Lector: G. Femec
Bread: E. Perea 2 Lector: R. Pitts
Cup: R. Groepper 1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: J. Marasco 2 Bread: M.K. Law
3 Bread: J. Warnock

8:30 AM
Lector: Sr. Kathleen 1 Cup: C. Allen
Bread: P. English 2 Cup: S. Miller
Cup: D. Paquette Hosp: J. Warnock
Hosp: T. Lando

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 14 & 15

This week's second collection will benefit the Carmelite Seminary.

October 21 & 22

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee

Parish Calendar

Sun, Oct 15 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
- Sandwich Sunday
11:00am, Hall Kitchen
Mon, Oct 16 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
Tue, Oct 17 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Hall Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
- Young Adults Meeting
7:00pm, Priory
Sat, Oct 21 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Oct 22 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

THE IMAGE OF THE BANQUET AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Through hearsay or word of mouth, many of us are at least tacitly familiar with the phenomenon known as the "near death" or "life after life" experience. Usually, this involves a clinical experience of death – a person goes into cardiac arrest during surgery, for example – whereupon he or she is resuscitated through the intervention of medical personnel. Often, the person remembers the experience, and these memories frequently involve the movement towards a light at the end of a dark tunnel. When the person reaches the light, he or she discovers that a banquet is in progress, and among the guests present are deceased friends, loved ones, and family members. Suddenly, as the person is being resuscitated, he or she is drawn back through the tunnel, being brought back to this life and this world, leaving the banquet behind.

I don't know whether such experiences are valid, but I would like to make two observations about them. First, this type of experience is *cross cultural*: it makes no difference whether a person is a believer or non-believer, a Christian or non-Christian, or a member of an Eastern or Western Culture; the experience is the same and transcends religious and cultural boundaries. Second, the *pattern* of the experience (tunnel-light-banquet-loved ones) is the same regardless of the person's religious tradition or culture. The common element to both these "near death" experiences and this week's scriptural readings is the image of the *banquet*.

In both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, the banquet always signifies the Kingdom of God or heaven. This week's readings provide excellent examples of this. The Old Testament reading, from Isaiah describes God's holy mountain with a "feast of rich food and choice wines," and in the Gospel Matthew gives us a parable about a king who gives a wedding banquet for his son. When the invited guests refuse to attend, the king sends forth his servants to round up everyone they meet, bad as well as good, to fill the wedding hall with banqueters.

In both readings, neither Isaiah nor Matthew are describing earthly banquets; rather, they are alluding to the future banquet that will take place in the Kingdom of God. When we narrow our focus to the New Testament, we find story after story that involves *eating*. For example:

- ♦ Jesus feeds the masses with a few loaves and fish.
- ♦ Jesus has dinner in the houses of tax collectors and sinners.
- ♦ Jesus celebrates the Passover (the Last Supper) with his disciples.
- ♦ After the Resurrection, Jesus breaks bread with two disciples on the Road to Emmaus.
- ♦ Again, after the Resurrection, Jesus cooks a shore breakfast for the disciples on the Sea of Galilee.

Given the number of times in the Gospels that Jesus eats with people, it should come as no surprise that the central activity of Christian worship (i.e., Eucharist) follows the meal pattern. Simply put, Christian worship involves gathering the people, telling the story, and breaking the bread.

But the eating has more than a sacramental connection. The banquet is also a powerful image of the future kingdom, one which lies on the other side of death where we will eat and drink in the Kingdom of God.

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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