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Your
Calendar

SAVE THE DATE

October 16, 2012
7pm – 9pm
Sammon Hall

Meet and greet your fellow parishioners and attend a talk by guest author Marty Brounstein – who will discuss his book *TWO AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS FEW* – the story of a Catholic family called to truly live their faith.

S.F. Crisis Care is a volunteer program in partnership with the Police and Fire Departments. When tragedy strikes, like suicides, heart attacks or fatal accidents, volunteers offer the on-scene practical and emotional support that police and fire officials can't. If you or someone you know might be called to this uniquely fulfilling ministry, volunteers will have information here after the Masses the weekend of September 1&2. Or visit

www.sfcrisiscare.org.



Please join us in welcoming Isha Elizabeth Joshi to our parish community. Isha, the daughter of Briony Doyle & Bautik Joshi, will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10am Mass.

FINANCE COUNCIL

As with any family or institution, fiscal responsibility is a necessity. The Finance Council is charged with the maintenance of our monetary health. It helps the pastor prepare the annual budget, reviews monthly financials, and reports on financial matters to Pastoral Council and parishioners. Additionally, the Council monitors incoming revenues compared to budget.



There is an opening on our Finance Council. The Council meets 4-6 times per year 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).

Please plan to join us at next Sunday's 10am Mass. We will be honoring Sister Maureen O'Brien, B.V.M. on her retirement after many years of dedicated service. There will be a reception in the parish hall following Mass.

If you would like to bring finger food to the reception, please contact:

Judy Warnock at 415-282-9749
or
Carmen Castro at 415-292-4192

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Monthly Donor Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving—remove from mailing list |

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2012
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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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, Sep 2 -
Mon, Sep 3 - Parish Office Closed
Tue, Sep 4 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Parish Hall
Sat, Sep 8 -AA Meeting
7:00pm, Avila Hall



The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, September 3rd

We wish a safe & happy
Labor Day to all.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

Saturday, August 25

4:15pm **September 1**
4:15pm + Joseph "Giuli" Ferrando
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, September 2

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Patty Coppinger-Griffin

Tuesday, September 4

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Friday, September 7

8:30am + Mike Martiarena

Saturday, September 8

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

Sunday, September 9

8:30am + Clare & Clara Foss
10:00am + Joe Beresford

SECOND COLLECTION

September 1 & 2

The second collection this weekend benefits
the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

September 8 & 9

The second collection next weekend benefits
the Carmelite Seminary.

LAY CARMELITES

The Lay Carmelites at St. Teresa's will
hold an open house at 11 a.m. in the
parish hall on the next three First Satur-
days (Sept. 1, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3).

Anyone interested is invited. They will
briefly describe what it means to be a Lay
Carmelite and entertain questions.
Please see Fr. Kwiecien's column for
more information.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

August 18 & 19

\$1,392

August 25 & 26

\$1,010

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 8 & 9

<u>4:15</u>		<u>10:00 AM</u>	
Lector:	D.B. Aikins	1 Lector:	E. Koh
Bread:	E. Perea	2 Lector:	M. Schelstrate
Cup:	B. Noelke	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	A. Allio	2 Bread:	T. Mana
	J. Allio	3 Bread:	D. Tejada
<u>8:30 AM</u>		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	G. Foss	2 Cup:	R. Labuguen
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp:	K. Varandas
Cup:	L. Foss		B. Cassidy
Hosp:	J. Propster		

ON BEING A "SCRIPTURE DETECTIVE"

For the past five weeks we've been reading from Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John, the *Bread of Life Discourse*. This weekend we return to the Gospel of Mark, and we will continue to read from this Evangelist until the Feast of Christ the King on November 25th.

This week's gospel is taken from Mark Chapter 7, and it presents us with a controversy over the law. At issue is the Pharisees' criticism of Jesus' disciples for eating without washing their hands (Mk 7:2).

What happens next is most interesting (interesting, at least, to scripture scholars). In the next two verses (Mk 7:3-4), the evangelist offers an explanation of Jewish ritual practices. Mark explains how Jews wash their hands before meals, sprinkle food from the market before eating, and wash cups and jugs and kettles. Essentially, Mark explains Jewish customs and rituals.

The passage in Matthew which corresponds to today's reading is found in Matthew Chapter 15. Mark was the first gospel to be written, and the accepted theory is that the evangelist Matthew used Mark as a source. At times, Matthew copies Mark word-for-word, and that's what happens today . . . except for one thing: Matthew does not include the explanation found in Mark. Basically, Matthew "edits" Mark, eliminating Mark's explanation of Jewish customs and rituals. This causes scripture scholars ask both a question and its corollary: Why does Mark explain Jewish customs and ritual? and why does Matthew *not* offer these explanations?

A way to answer these questions is to ask another: What do Mark's and Matthew's accounts tell us about their respective *audiences*? Because Mark explains Jewish rituals and customs, we conclude that Mark's audience is *not* Jewish. Conversely, the fact that Matthew does not explain Jewish rituals and customs tells us that Matthew's audience is already familiar with Jewish rituals and customs. These observations – when coupled with other "clues" from the respective gospels – support the theory that Matthew's gospel was written for a Jewish audience whereas Mark's gospel was written for non-Jews. The most commonly accepted theory assumes that Mark's gospel was written in Rome, whereas Matthew's gospel probably originated in Antioch (Syria).

Today's gospel passage affords us the opportunity to "think like a scholar." Notice that neither Mark nor Matthew tells us *who* they are writing for. But by examining the respective texts, we notice that the information provided (or not provided) by the evangelists tells us something about their respective audiences. In the parallel to today's passage, Matthew does not explain Jewish rituals and customs because such explanations would be redundant to his audience. The fact that Mark offers such explanations tells us that his readers are wholly unfamiliar with Judaism and need such background information in order to understand the controversy in today's gospel.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.