

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

Mass times: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:00AM, 10:30AM, 2:00PM, Tuesday-Friday 9:00AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:00PM, Sunday 7:30AM, 10:10AM, 1:30PM

Mass Intentions: Saturday, May 20, 5PM: Louise Meadows (RIP), Sunday, May 21, 8AM: Velma Abbott (RIP), 10:30AM: For the people, Tuesday, May 23, 9:00 AM: Janice and Alan Mahoney (SI) , Wednesday, May 24, 9:00 AM: Bernice Kolar (RIP), Thursday, May 25, 9:00 AM: For persecuted Christians, Friday May 26, 9:00 AM: Ian Copeland (SI)

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Patricia Kennedy, Janis Welch, John Joyner, Janet Bean, Bill Fagen, Chuck Jones, Shirley Winslett, Don & Pat Standifer, Terry & Eileen Taylor, Frances Ragsdale, Richard Coyne, Godfrey Fayard, Joshua Hayes, Barbara Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Louis Sprueill, Benny Garza, Patricia Maddux, Charlie-Kai Wadsworth, Don Mock, Katelyn Mock, Jeff Bearden, Curtis White, Cayden Cox, Jack Coppola, Ed Gimberg, Raymunda Longino, Alipio Tomas Jr, Carolyn Shaffer, John McLendon, Doris Williams, Linda Jennings, Donna & Rex Ziegenbein, Cole Amundson, George Pilato, Joy Kemper, Reta McCombs, Sheila Blackston, Frankie Tortorigi, Sharon Neal, Maureen McDowell, Weston Ross, Tommy Priola, Marvin McCombs, Bonnie O'Neal, James Coates

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of May: FOR CHRISTIANS IN AFRICA...that Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

NEW LECTURE SERIES WITH FR. BEAN: "Christian Mysticism" 10:00-11:30AM each Wednesday in the Parish Life Center Hall. This Week's topic: St. Augustine, Doctor of Divine Grace

ADULT EDUCATION/FORMATION: Sundays @ 9:00-10:00AM in the Parish Life Center Library

May 21 - Fr. Bean Catechist - Topic - Catholic culture and Western Civilization

May 28 - Dave Vacheresse - Topic - Great Shrines, Apparitions and Miracles

June-TBA - field trip to EWTN with Eileen Vacheresse

LEGION OF MARY MEETING this Tuesday following the 9AM Mass in the Parish Life Center Library. The Legion Mary meets every week for Prayer and spiritual formation. The members of the Legion make a weekly visit to parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. Please prayerfully consider joining us.

ST. MARIA GORETTI GROUP FOR GIRLS NEXT MEETING: We will begin the Summer Session on Monday May 22. For more information on this group please call Eileen at 335-9531.

The Father Jim Naughton Scholarship: Former Pastor Fr. Jim always demonstrated his great care and love for the youth. In his honor, we are using some funds, provided by him, to give our youth the opportunity to earn "The Father Jim Naughton Scholarship." This is the fourth year that our students, entering grades 6 - 12 next school-year, based on a set of criteria determined by the Finance Council, can apply for this scholarship. The scholarship is open to all registered youth of St. Theresa's parish. We are awarding three scholarships of \$1,000.00. Application Forms can be obtained in the parish office. The completed application must be returned along with required Essays and Letter of Recommendation by June 18, 2017. Application forms in the foyer.

NEW OPENING DATE FOR PARISH BINGO GAME: The first St. Theresa Bingo will be held on Friday, June 16th in the Parish Life Center Hall. Cards will go on sale at 6:00 PM and the games will begin at 6:30 PM. There will be 6 games per evening with various cash payouts per game. Refreshments and snacks will be sold for a minimal price. No alcohol will be permitted. City ordinance prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from playing. Proceeds will benefit the payoff of the new Parish Life Center. Cost: 1 card...\$10, 2 cards...\$15, 3 cards...\$20, etc. Each card will allow you to play all six games.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- Totus Tuus is a Catholic “Vacation Bible School” type event for children. Our parish will be hosting it again this year. July 24-28, 2017. To register your little one(s) please call DRE Samantha Wadsworth at the office (352-3741)
- *There will be an all-day “Fatima Conference” in the Parish Life Center on Saturday, July 8, 2017. Speakers will be members of the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word and Author and EWTN Host Donna Marie Cooper-O’Boyle.*
- The K of C will have a Wreath Laying Ceremony at Leeds Memorial Park on Monday, May 29th at 11:00 AM (Memorial Day). The Park is located on Highway 191 South. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information please call Ned Barrett at (205) 991-3123.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Philip Neri (Feast day May 26) was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise. At an early age, Philip abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life to God. After three years of studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—that of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate. As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip’s appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of laypersons won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially, they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and served the poor in Rome. At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led “excursions” to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way. Some of Philip’s followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers. Giovanni Palestrina was one of Philip’s followers, and composed music for the services. The Oratory was finally approved after suffering through a period of accusations of being an assembly of heretics, where laypersons preached and sang vernacular hymns! Philip’s advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. His characteristic virtues were humility and humor. After spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a stroke and died on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1595. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622. Three centuries later, Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman founded the first English-speaking house of the Oratory in London. Many people wrongly feel that such an attractive and humorous personality as Philip’s cannot be combined with an intense spirituality. Philip’s life melts our rigid, narrow views of piety. His approach to sanctity was truly catholic, all-embracing, and accompanied by a good laugh. Philip always wanted his followers to become not less but more human through their striving for holiness.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Community Ribbon Cutting Ceremony a tremendous success!
Especially Frank and Joyce Lacey, Knox and Shirley Reynolds and the Parish Finance Council.