



ST TERESA OF AVILA

MAY 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily

7:00 am Church ☎

Saturday

8:30 am Church ☎

Confession to follow

4:00 pm (Vigil) Memorial Hall

Sunday

7:30 am Church

9:00 am (Family) Memorial Hall*

10:30 am Church ☎

12:00 pm (Spanish) Church

5:00 pm Church

☎ = Mass also available via livestream

CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Friday

6:45 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Sunday

7:00 am - 1:00 pm

and

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Appointments requested

Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

By appointment only

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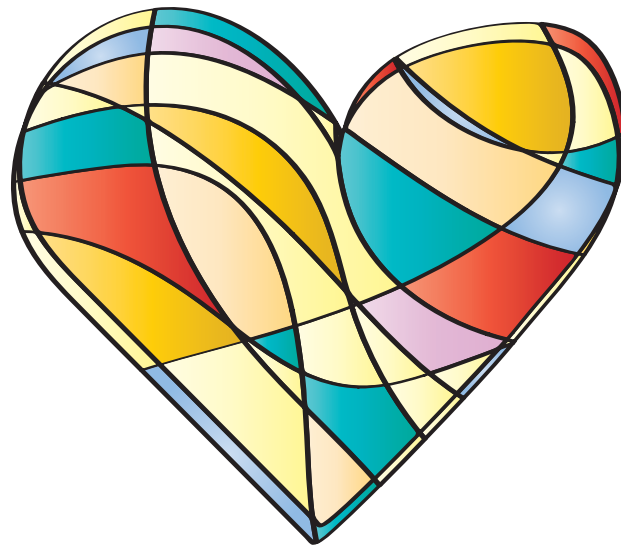
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LORD,
you know everything;
you know that
I love you.

JOHN 21:17

Mass † Intentions

To request a Mass intention, please visit st-teresa.org/mass-intentions.



Stewardship Reflections...

“...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’” (JOHN 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words “I love you” to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

“... A Pedro le dolió que por tercera vez Jesús le hubiera preguntado: ‘¿Me quieres?’. Así que dijo: — Señor, tú lo sabes todo; tú sabes que te quiero. Jesús le dijo, ‘Apacienta mis ovejas.’” (Juan 21:17)

¿Qué tan a menudo usted le dice las palabras “te amo” a Jesús, a los miembros de su familia, o a sus amigos? Fuimos hechos para estar en una relación con Dios y con los demás. Decirle sinceramente a alguien que lo ama es el mejor regalo que puede darle porque viene directamente de su corazón. Usted les dará el don de usted mismo. Todos fuimos hechos por amor y para el amor. Cada día dígame a alguien que lo ama.



May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

JOSEPH J OAKES, III
MARIA MICHELINA FERRANDINO



“A Time to be Healed”

PARISH SICK:
Don Crique

Saturday, May 3 8:30 AM † Emily Romano
† Margarita Lacerna
† Leocadio Lacerna Sr.
† Lorenzo Fuschetto

4:00 PM † Maria Federico

Sunday, May 4 7:30 AM † Dario Basilone

9:00 AM † Wilma, Angelo & Andrew Gage

10:30 AM † Louise Gigantino

12:00 PM † Santiago Daniel Abut

5:00 PM † John A. Calabrese

Monday, May 5 7:00 AM † Antonio Ferrandino

Tuesday, May 6 7:00 AM † Carla Riccelli

Wednesday, May 7 7:00 AM † Sophie Callaghan

Thursday, May 8 7:00 AM † Douglas C MacCallum Jr.

Friday, May 9 7:00 AM † Kathrine Pennucci

Saturday, May 10 8:30 AM † Beatrice Reilly
† Josephine Puttress

4:00 PM † Paul Balint Sr. & Pfc Paul Balint Jr.

Sunday, May 11 7:30 AM All mothers living and deceased

9:00 AM All mothers living and deceased

10:30 AM All mothers living and deceased

12:00 PM All mothers living and deceased

5:00 PM All mothers living and deceased

Parish Pastoral Council PARISHIONER SESSIONS

Last Session... This Sunday, May 4!

All are welcome to take part in the final parishioner session hosted by the PPC this Sunday following the 9 am Mass in the Avila Room.

What are our strengths?

What external factors are drawing families and individuals away from faith and the Church?

How can we help you invite your family and friends to our faith community?

What prevents someone from being more involved in the parish?

Message from our Pastor

the Pope's "job description"

Dear Friends:

AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING, we have just witnessed the death and burial of our beloved Pope Francis. Since, there has been much conjecture about who the new pope might be – with some emphasizing specifically “who” the Pope should be. Clearly, every Roman Pontiff, a man with his unique story, brings his own gifts and leaves his own mark and legacy on our Church and on the world.

Surely, we have heard those who long “for the good old days” and the others who wish “to seek new horizons”. Only the Holy Spirit knows for sure who will be elected the 267th Successor to the Apostles, and so we pray and wait.

In my own mind, it seems to me as if the Pope's “job description” is to lead the Catholic Church with a primary focus on the teachings of Jesus Christ. With the help of AI, for your prayer and reflection, I've put together some key areas of focus, principles, actions and qualities that I believe the best candidate will embody. Clearly, this is not an exhaustive list, and I welcome you to share your thoughts too.

1. Embrace the Core Teachings of Jesus

- **LOVE AND COMPASSION:** Emphasize the commandment to love God and neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39). Promote acts of charity and compassion.
- **FORGIVENESS:** Advocate for forgiveness and reconciliation, reflecting Jesus' teachings on mercy (Matthew 6:14-15).
- **SERVICE TO OTHERS:** Follow Jesus' example of servanthood (Mark 10:45) by prioritizing the needs of the disregarded and oppressed.

2. Promote the Values of the Kingdom of God

- **JUSTICE AND PEACE:** Work towards social justice, advocating for the poor and marginalized (Luke 4:18-19).
- **HUMILITY:** Model humility in leadership, following Jesus' example (Philippians 2:5-8).
- **COMMUNITY:** Foster a sense of community and belonging within the Church, encouraging unity among diverse groups.

3. Engage with the Global Community

- **INTERFAITH DIALOGUE:** Promote understanding and cooperation among different faiths, reflecting Jesus' call to love all (John 13:34-35).
- **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:** Address climate change and environmental issues, recognizing the responsibility to care for creation (Genesis 2:15).
- **GLOBAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:** Advocate for health care access and support for those affected by crises, embodying Christ's healing ministry.

4. Strengthen the Church's Mission

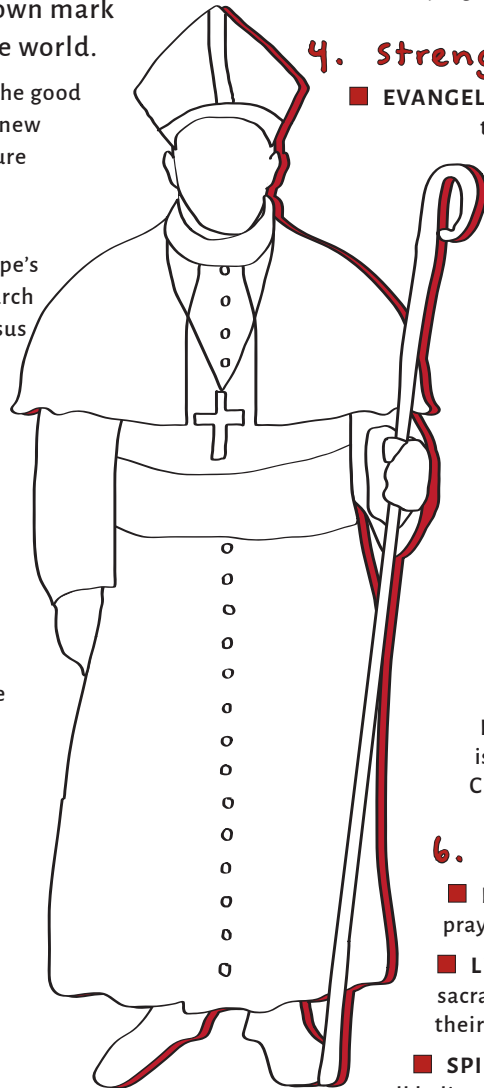
- **EVANGELIZATION:** Encourage the faithful to share the Gospel message actively, inspiring a new generation of disciples (Matthew 28:19-20).
- **CATECHESIS:** Support education in the faith, ensuring that all members understand the teachings of Jesus and the Church.
- **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT:** Focus on engaging young people, listening to their concerns, and involving them in Church life.

5. Foster a Culture of Listening and Dialogue

- **SYNODALITY:** Promote a synodal approach, encouraging participation and dialogue within the Church (Acts 15).
- **PASTORAL CARE:** Be attentive to the needs of individuals and communities, providing pastoral support and guidance.
- **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY:** Lead with integrity, ensuring that the Church is a model of transparency and accountability. Choose collaborators who share this charge.

6. Prayer and Spiritual Life

- **PERSONAL PRAYER:** Maintain a strong personal prayer life, seeking guidance and strength from God.
- **LITURGICAL LIFE:** Celebrate and stress that the sacraments be offered with reverence, emphasizing their importance in the life of the Church.
- **SPIRITUAL RETREATS:** Encourage regular retreats for all believers to deepen their spiritual life and reflection.



AS THE CARDINALS ENTER THE CONCLAVE, we pray for them in this most important responsibility. May our Pope, and his leadership be rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By embodying His teachings and values, the Pope can guide the Church towards a future filled with hope, love, and faithfulness. I pray that his Petrine ministry will be a reflection of Christ's light in the world.

*Blessings,
Fr Bob*





FAITH FORMATION CORNER
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ENCOUNTER

As our ENCOUNTER class of 2025 gears up to celebrate their First Communion this coming weekend, they recently participated in a special evening of learning and prayer in the Teaching Adoration. Led by Fr Thiago Ibiapina, our families came together to learn more about Jesus in the Eucharist and spend time with Christ in Adoration. As one of our little communicants said at the end of the experience, "Being with Jesus in this time of prayer will make receiving Him even more special at Communion time!"



**Congratulations,
Newlyweds!**



Amanda & Jake

Celebrating Milestone Marriage Anniversaries



The Office for Family Life Ministry is excited to announce it will once again honor archdiocesan couples celebrating 5, 25, and 50 years of Catholic marriage with an Anniversary Mass celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

Sunday, June 1 | 3 PM

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark

If interested in participating, please scan the QR code to register. You must register by May 10. Only one registration per couple.



COMMUNITY Announcements



Jubilee Marian Procession, Rosary and May Crowning

St Helen in Westfield is our Union County Jubilee Church. All are welcome to take part in the Marian Procession, Rosary, and May Crowning on May 17 at 11:30 am!

The Holy Rosary will be recited in five languages: English, Creole, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish to reflect the rich tapestry of cultural diversity in Union County. St Helen is located at 1600 Rahway Avenue in Westfield.

Blue Mass

Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Elizabeth will be celebrating a *Blue Mass* on Thursday, May 15, at 10:00 am in honor of all police officers, firefighters, and first responders in the community. All are welcome to attend!

Families Anonymous

The Summit Group of Families Anonymous serves the families and friends of people with current, suspected or former substance abuse issues or related behavioral problems. The group meets every Thursday night at the St John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave, Summit. Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 pm and last for 2 hours.

If you have questions. <https://summitfa.weebly.com/summit-nj-252.html>, contact Tracey at (908) 577-6652 or email mctbsummit@aol.com.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT



RESCHEDULED

NEW DATE IN THE FALL...
STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!

KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE CHRIST



As a part of the Archdiocesan *We are His Witnesses* initiative, we are called on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities. The Disciple Maker Index is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Saint Teresa of Avila.

Your input helps strengthen our parish.

Results help leadership prepare for the future.

A report of the findings will be shared with Saint Teresa of Avila.

This link will lead you to an online survey with directions/instructions on how to begin:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/c50y47>
(Para español, seleccione su preferencia de idioma en el menú desplegable).

Our own Pastoral Council will prepare a further and more detailed survey in the near future.

Spotlight on SUPPORTING OUR CLERGY (full brochure is available at rcan.org/sharing)

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

Through your prayer and generosity, you participate in the formation of the next generation of priests and leaders of our local Church.

PARISH PROGRESS...

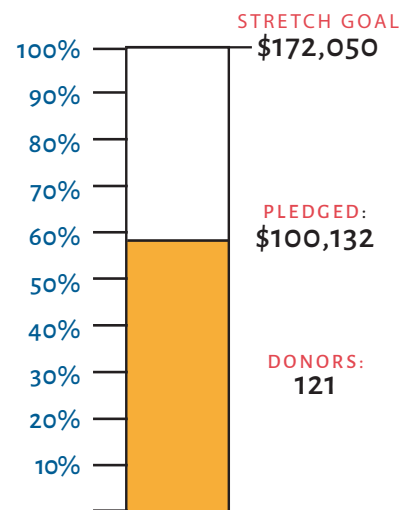
St Teresa of Avila has pledged 58% of our stretch goal as of 4/27/25. If we reach our STRETCH GOAL, the parish retains more than \$33,000 for our parish use.

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:

- Continuing Formation for Priests
- Seminarian Education
- Priest Health Care



40+ Seminarians
187 Retired Priests



Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal?
rcan.org/sharing.

Please remember to select our parish from the drop down menu when making your appeal contribution.

Thank you for your generosity!





FAITH+

SUMMER CAMP 2023

This year's two-week camp series provides a mixture of faith learning and specialty experiences in areas of interest to be hosted and facilitated by the Faith Formation team and volunteers.

WEEK 1:
July 21- 25

FAITH+ STEM (Spirit Innovations)

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

To apply faith and focus given from God in problem solving with a scripture focus on the Adventure stories of the Bible.

The week will culminate with a science fair!

WEEK 2:
July 28-Aug 1

FAITH+ ARTS (Spirit in the Arts)

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

To appreciate all of the talents that we've been given and understand how to use our talents to honor God and serve others.

The week will culminate with a service day with the members of SAGE to showcase our talents and innovations!

Registration extended through June 1!

FAMILIES WITH 1-2 CHILDREN:
\$250 per child/ per week

FAMILIES WITH 3+ CHILDREN:
\$175 per child/per week

TO REGISTER / LEARN MORE:

Scan the QR code below
or visit st-teresa.org.

NO REFUNDS PROVIDED AFTER JUNE 1ST

Ages: 5 to 12 (must have turned 5 by the start of camp)
DROPOFF: 8:30 AM | CAMP START: 9 AM | PICK-UP: 2 PM
Location: St Teresa of Avila Church



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Faith+ FUN!



Learning Pottery!



making music!



Faith+ Stem



Biblical stories + Innovations!

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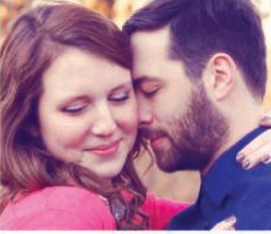
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