

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH
ALBANY, GEORGIA

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PARISH CENTER

421 EDGEWOOD LANE, ALBANY GA 31707

www.stteresaschurch.org

Telephone 439-2302 Fax 439-0516
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday ~ Friday

Pastor: Reverend Finbarr P. Stanton
Parochial Vicar: Reverend Stephen Pontzer
Deacon: Reverend Mr. Jay Dallas
Parish Coordinator: Mona McArdle
Finance Manager: Martha Thompson
Care Minister: Regina Campbell
Religious Education Director: Sylvia Szpak
CYM Coordinators: Mark and Liz Lowe
Music Minister: David Collins
Parish Council President: Jimmy Lindsey

School 436-0134

Principal: Mary Lou Gamache

Book & Gift Store 888-0046

Open after Sunday Masses

St. Clare's Center 883-2566

Director: Sister Maura Molloy

Neighbors in Need 883-2872

Director: Sister Veronica Weygand

Assistant Director: Tina Appollonio

Rectory Father Stanton 432-0891

Father Pontzer 436-1941

Prayer Line 436-2518 or 435-6648

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday (Old St. Teresa's) 12:00 noon

Thursday 11:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Spanish Mass ~ 1:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Newcomers: Please register at Parish Center

Marriage: Four months' notice necessary

Baptisms: By appointment with Priest

Nursery: Provided at all weekend Masses

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Malachi 3:19-20a

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

The Sun of Justice

*"But for you who fear my name,
there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."
Malachi 3:20*

Though it's convenient to think of "the end of time" in the distant future, for some it is not tomorrow, but now. All over the world, people experience atrocities on account of their beliefs. Not a minute goes by when someone, somewhere, is not imprisoned, raped, tortured or executed for what he or she believes. Forced to choose sides, some recant, while others pay the price. All over the world, people from every walk of life experience discrimination and persecution for speaking out.

Although the beliefs we defend so passionately will not save us from physical harm, we find spiritual life by refusing to participate in lies and hatred. Jesus promised his followers that "not a hair on your head will be destroyed" (Luke 21:18). Since he also predicted their martyrdom, he clearly didn't mean they would be spared suffering. Rather, his message is that pain and degradation are not the end of the story. The good news is that God's script always has a happy ending.

Elizabeth-Anne Stewart
Living faith

Dear Parishioners,

The current economic downturn has had an impact on us all individually and it has not spared St. Teresa's. In fact, all churches and charitable institutions are hurting.

Here at St. Teresa's, our weekly offertory/gifts from parishioners/parish giving has fallen from approximately \$16,000 two years ago to \$12,000 today. Quite a drop. People tend to hold back on discretionary spending during an economic downturn. It's understandable, but it undermines who we are and what we do.

Deacon Jay, Father Stephen and myself will lay before you how we are faring and what the parish needs to stay afloat/meet the budget. We need \$3,500 a week more than we presently receive to meet our needs. In crunching the numbers, if an increase of \$25 a month from you (600 supporting families) came in, we could weather the storm. Perhaps you can do more. Please consider what you can do.

God bless you in all you do to protect and promote St. Teresa's.

Sincerely,

Father Finbarr Stanton

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Choir Practice ~ 7:45 a.m. for 8:30 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. for 11:00 a.m. Mass
Religious Education & Confirmation Classes ~ 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study ~ 9:45 a.m., Parish Activity Center
Spanish Mass ~ 1:00 p.m.
RCIA ~ 2:00 p.m., Conference Room
Middle School CYM ~ 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Craft Group ~ 10:00 a.m., Conference Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Prison Ministry for Calhoun & Lee County Prisons

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Sr. High CYM ~ 6:30 p.m., Parish Activity Center
School Bingo ~ 7:30 p.m., K. of C. Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

MOMS Group ~ 9:15 a.m.-12:00 noon, Nursery
No 8:30 a.m. Mass
Mass of Anointing ~ 11:00 a.m.,
Followed by lunch in the Parish Activity Center
Choir Practice ~ 7:00 p.m., Music Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Holly Berry Market ~ 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Choir Practice ~ 7:45 a.m. for 8:30 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. for 11:00 a.m. Mass
Religious Education and Confirmation Classes ~ 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study ~ 9:45 a.m., Parish Activity Center
Spanish Mass ~ 1:00 p.m.
RCIA ~ 2:00 p.m., Conference Room
Youth Mass ~ 5:30 p.m.



Altar Flowers

. . . are given this weekend
by Harry McDole
in memory of Shirley Mick.

MASS INTENTIONS November 13-19, 2010

Saturday, November 13

~ ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
5:30 p.m. + JERRY MYLER (Donna Myler & Family)

Sunday, November 14

~ 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the People of St. Teresa's Parish
+ SANTOS & TERLAJE FAMILIES

(Annie Terlage)

Monday, November 15

8:30 a.m. Special Intention (Paul & Angie Laramore)

Tuesday, November 16

8:30 a.m. Special Intention (Pontzer Family)

Wednesday, November 17

~ ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

12:00 noon + STU DONNAN (Walt Cowan)

Thursday, November 18

11:00 a.m. + DON MICHAEL HANNA (Friend)

Friday, November 19

8:30 a.m. + MARGARET MARX (Bill Marx)



Thanksgiving

On Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.
There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass.

As we count our blessings, let us remember the hungry in our community who, without our help, may not have a special dinner for the holiday.

St. Clare's will serve a Thanksgiving meal to those in need on Monday, November 22.

Won't you participate by baking some holiday pies or roasting and carving a turkey?

Deliveries may be made to St. Clare's Center (corner MLK & Oakridge) on Sunday, November 21 between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. or on Monday, November 22 between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Please let Sister Maura know in advance (883-2872) what you'll be providing.

Neighbors in Need is now accepting donations of food to be given out to those in need for their dinner on Thanksgiving Day. We've got lots of freezer space for frozen turkeys and plenty of shelf space for non-perishables to complete the meal ~ stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, cornbread muffin mix and canned items such as sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and vegetables. Please leave items in the gathering area when you come to Mass or deliver them to Neighbors in Need (corner MLK & Oakridge). Thanks to those who have already given. God bless you.

A Mass of Anointing

... will be celebrated on Thursday, November 18 at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch in the Parish Activity Center. Many have been comforted by this Mass in past years, as the Sacrament is intended for those who are maturing or any who need to receive the blessing for their health. Catholic Friends will be our hosts.

Luncheon reservations and transportation requests can be made by calling the parish office at 439-2302 by Monday, November 15.



Your Silence is Requested

... as you are waiting for Mass to begin. There is a long-standing tradition that we should come to church in a prayerful mood, maintaining a respectful silence in the midst of others. This does not exclude a cordial greeting as you enter the building, but asks that other socializing be left until Mass has ended. Thank you.

St. Teresa's Book & Gift Store

Stop by after Mass this weekend to browse and shop for upcoming special occasions. Don't forget that Advent begins in two weeks ~ we will have a nice selection of items for your home.

See all that we have to enhance your Catholic life. Books, CD's and rosaries are just a few of the keepsakes available. Not sure what to give? Why not a gift certificate?

How fortunate we are to have a place right here in Albany, offering the best in Catholic reading and listening ~ and so much more!

Lectors' Workbooks

... for the new liturgical year, which begins on the first Sunday of Advent (November 28), are now available. Lectors are asked to pick them up from the priests' sacristy after Mass this weekend or from the parish office during the coming week.

Catholic MOMS Group

Mothers Outreach Ministry & Support welcomes mothers who are looking to connect with other Catholic moms in our St. Teresa's community. Please join us from **9:15 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Thursdays** in the church nursery to share with and support each other. Children are welcome too. Please call Lisa DeMott at 229-407-2547 for more information.

THE YOUTH SCENE

Sunday Morning Religious Education Classes

... for children in grades pre-K through 8 meet from 9:30 until 10:45 a.m. in our parish school.

Confirmation Classes

... for high school students in grades 9-12 also meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

YOUTH MASS ~ Sunday, 11/21 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Sr. High CYM

9th -12th graders will meet this Wednesday, 11/17 ~ 6:30 until 8 p.m. the Parish Activity Center. Join us for Bible Study with a surprise presenter.

Middle School CYM

6th, 7th & 8th graders will meet this Sunday, 11/14 from 5 until 6:30 p.m. to talk about Mary's "Yes" and discuss what Mary means to us and the Church.

Next Sunday, 11/21, we will attend the Youth Mass at 5:30 p.m. and then get together for chili hot dogs and games until 7:30 p.m.

St. Teresa's School

**BINGO ~ Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the K. of C.
\$1000 JACKPOT!!**

Catholic Campaign for Human Development ~ 2nd Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend, November 20/21, we will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For these 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

A special envelope is included in your offertory packet. Please be generous.

Readings ~ Sunday, November 21, 2010

2Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43



The Southern Cross Subscription Drive

As in the past, each parish is assessed by the diocese for 50% of registered households. St. Teresa's is obliged to pay \$20 for each of those who do not take out subscriptions ~ a total of over \$9,000! So far, \$3,816 has been returned for subscriptions.

Please return your envelope this week with the \$20 payment for your annual subscription.

**+ Sacrificial Giving +
November 7, 2010**

Offertory **\$21,034.00**
Southern Cross **\$405.00**
(Total for October 2010 through 11/7/10 ~ \$3,816.05)
Building/Development **\$3,434.00**

For your convenience, we offer Electronic Giving either through debiting your checking account or credit card. To make arrangements, call Martha Thompson at 439-2302.

Knights Notes

Sunday, November 14 ~ 2nd-Sunday-of-the-month **Family Breakfast** at the K. of C. Hall from 8 until 11 a.m. Cost is \$6/person, \$4 for children grades 1-8 (children under 5 eat free).

For Thanksgiving ~ Smoked hams (10-12 lbs.) or turkeys (12-14 lbs.) will be available for just \$25.00 each. Order yours this week ~ 883-8834 for pick-up on 11/24 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

For Christmas ~ Remember the true meaning by sending these religious cards, which can be viewed at www.KeepChrist-in-Christmas.org. Order online or call the K. of C. Hall.

Your participation in these events and others, such as Bingo nights at the hall (Wednesdays are for St Teresa's School), help to support the many charities which benefit from the Knight's generosity.

Advent Retreat at Blessed Trinity

You are invited to make a private and/or guided Advent retreat with us on December 8-12. Choose any or all of these days and join our community in times of prayer and for daily Mass. Advent is a special time of preparation and this retreat can be an opportunity to slow down and focus on the meaning of Christmas.

For registration information, call 334-855-4474 or write Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Road, Ft. Mitchell AL 36856.

Cub Scout Sign-Up

All boys in grades 1 through 5 are invited to join us on Sunday, November 21 from 4:30 until 6 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center.

Questions? Contact Dick Erickson at 883-3939 or derickson@ericksonforklifts.com.

Bring a friend and learn all about being a Cub Scout.

Catholic Distance University

... is an online company offering high quality Catholic seminars. Beginning on Monday, November 15 and continuing until December 6, a seminar on the Liturgy of the Hours will be offered. This might be just the thing for some to enhance their prayer lives. The course lectures are available to read any time, day or night, and to ask questions of instructors and participate in group discussions.

For cost and enrollment information, go to their website, www.cdu.edu, or e-mail admissions@cdu.edu.

Ministry Schedules ~ November 20/21, 2010

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 p.m. N & E Meier, J DeMott
8:30 a.m. M & C Palazzolo, O Spruill, P Starowicz
11:00 a.m. H Johnson, J Groarke

LECTORS

5:30 p.m. J & G Wolfe
8:30 a.m. F & P Middleton
11:00 a.m. T Connelly, L Dixon

COMMUNION MINISTERS

5:30 p.m. M Leach, G Ledwitch, B & C Otruba, T Giovingo, E & J Meier
8:30 a.m. P Mock, R Palazzolo, J Svoboda, B Mohl, J & R Baughman, R Goodwin, W Cowan
11:00 a.m. P Ryan, L Davis, T & D Mazur, L Dixon, C Kinjerski, M & L Johnson