

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH
ALBANY, GEORGIA

THE TERESIAN

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PARISH CENTER

421 EDGEWOOD LANE, ALBANY GA 31707

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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 10:00 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

First Sunday of Advent

Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

Practice of Charity

*The night is spent; the day draws near.
Even as our days grow shorter and darker,
Advent's readings tell us that light is coming.
They urge us to stay awake, to be prepared.
So how should we prepare?*

*Surely not with more frantic shopping,
buying and mailing; not more Christmas
parties pushed back from the solemnity of
the Nativity into Advent's time of waiting.
How about a resolution this year to slow
down and spend less, give more and
prepare to welcome Jesus by substituting
compassion for consumption?*

*What sort of service, time or attention
could you give to friends and relatives
instead of things? What sort of prayerful
reflection time could you give to yourself?
Celebrate your resolve by lighting this week's
single candle, symbol of the coming light.*

At Home with the Word
Liturgy Training Publications

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Choir Practice ~ 7:45 a.m. for 8:30 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. for 11:00 a.m. Mass
 No Religious Education or Confirmation classes
 Bible Study ~ 9:45 a.m., Parish Activity Center
 Spanish Mass ~ 1:00 p.m.
 No RCIA or MSCYM
 Prayer and Adoration ~ 5:00-6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Prison Ministry for Calhoun & Lee County Prisons

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

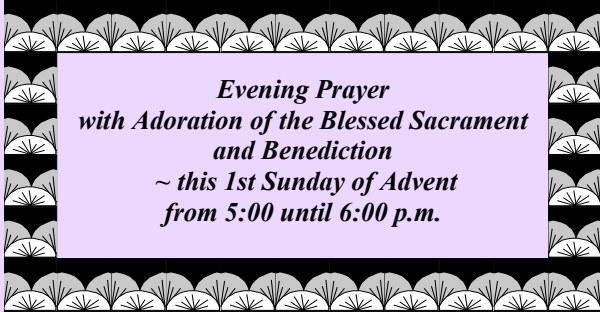
School Bingo ~ 7:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3


Men's Prayer Breakfast ~ 7:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

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
 Prayer and Adoration ~ 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 ASU Chorale Concert ~ 7:30 p.m.

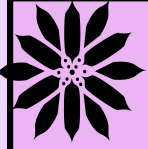


*Evening Prayer
 with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 and Benediction
 ~ this 1st Sunday of Advent
 from 5:00 until 6:00 p.m.*



Gifts of Love

During this season of Advent which begins this Sunday, November 28, an empty manger will be set up in the gathering area of the Church. The manger will hold paper strips of "hay", listing items which can be used by those in need, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. If you would like to participate, please take a strip of "hay", purchase the item, and bring your **UNWRAPPED** gift to the gathering area by Sunday, December 19. Questions? Please call Sister Veronica at 883-2872.





Altar Flowers

In keeping with the simplicity of the Advent season, no flowers will be placed on altar for the Sundays of Advent. In contrast, the church will be beautifully decorated for Christmas. Envelopes for your Christmas flower donations, dated December 19, are included in your offertory packet.

Sympathy & Prayers

*... to Andy and Jeannette Gubitti on the death of her brother, **Frank Notni**; and to Kathy Lorzing on the death of her husband, **Jack Lorzing**. May they and all our loved ones rest in God's peace.*

MASS INTENTIONS ~ November 27-December 3, 2010

Saturday, November 27		
5:30 p.m.	+ ANGELINE SCIAMANDA	(Family)
Sunday, November 28 ~ 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
<i>For the People of St. Teresa's Parish</i>		
	+ STEVE YAWN	(Jay & Nancy Dallas)
Monday, November 29		
8:30 a.m.	+ STU DONNAN	(Brenda Mathieu)
Tuesday, November 30 ~ ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE		
8:30 a.m.	Special Intention	(Paul & Angie Laramore)
Wednesday, December 1		
12:00 noon	Special Intention	(Loretta West)
Thursday, December 2		
8:30 a.m.	+ MARGARET MARX	(Bill Marx)
Friday, December 3 ~ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER		
8:30 a.m.	+ LYNN REID	(Ledwitch Family)

Prayers & Best Wishes

. . . to Nathan David McTigue
and Kathryn Elaine Davis
who were married
here this weekend.

May God grant them many happy years together.



Enhance your Spiritual Life

. . . by observing Advent each day of the season. To help you do this, a special display has been set up in the gathering area with Advent calendars, literature and keepsakes for parishioners of all ages. Please take home whatever you'll need to prepare you and your family for Christmas.

Catholic Friends Dinner Party

All parishioners (50 and older) are invited to our annual Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 11 in the Parish Activity Center. The social hour will begin immediately following 5:30 p.m. Mass and a delicious dinner is planned for 7:00 p.m. Karla Heath-Sands will entertain us with Christmas music.

We hope that those who have been unable to participate with us for daytime activities will take this opportunity to join us for this wonderful evening. Reservations should be made as early as possible ~ no later than Monday, December 6 ~ 439-2302.

Real Men Pray

. . . and you are invited to our first-Friday-of-the-month **Men's Prayer Breakfast** on December 3 from 7:00 until 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Activity Center. All are encouraged to make this a regular part of your prayer lives.



St. Clare's & Neighbors in Need

. . . thank all at St. Teresa's who helped make Thanksgiving special for those in need. Because of your generosity, the Soup Kitchen served 330 people a delicious Thanksgiving dinner and Neighbors in Need was able to distribute 220 turkeys with all the trimmings.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, St. Teresa's School and all the individuals who volunteered, baked, gave turkeys and donations. God bless you for your generosity.

Vocation Discernment Retreat

"God, what's my next step?
Is it priesthood? Is it marriage?
How can I know for sure?"

If you're at least a senior in high school and have asked yourself these questions, this retreat, **Men For Christ**, is for you! Join other men of the Diocese of Savannah on December 17-18 at Holy Spirit Church in Macon for prayer, discernment, and inspiring talks from priests and seminarians.

For more information and to register online, visit www.savannahpriest.com.

Thanks to all

. . . in our school, parish and community whose participation made our **Holly Berry Market** so successful once again this year. . . and especially to Rose Palazzolo and her co-chairs who shared their time and talent so generously.

An Advent Dinner

. . . will be hosted by St. Teresa's School on Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A special presentation, "Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies" will follow at 7:00 p.m. All are most welcome.

Child Care

. . . in our nursery is provided free of charge during weekend Masses to our parish families for infants and children under age 5. Please don't leave older children in the nursery; they belong in church with you. If they are sick, please keep them at home. We thank those parents who are taking advantage of this service, leaving you to worship undisturbed, knowing that your children are occupied and well-cared for.

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.

No class on 11/28 ~ Thanksgiving holiday.

Confirmation Classes

. . . for high school students in grades 9-12 also meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. No class on 11/28.

Sr. High CYM

9th -12th graders will meet on Wednesday, 12/1 from 6:30 until 8 p.m. for "Social issue Night."

Middle School CYM

No regular meeting this Sunday, 11/28.

Let's get together on this first Sunday of Advent for Prayer and Adoration from 5 until 6 p.m.

Sunday, 12/5, from 5 until 6:30 p.m.,

we will meet for a prayerful night about forgiveness.

Confession will be available.

Interested in a 7th & 8th grade co-ed Church League Basketball team? Call Terrie Alby ~ 669-4202.

St. Teresa's School

Take a **Bingo Break** each Wednesday beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of C.olumbus Hall. Bingo has been a big fundraiser for the school for many years and we are most grateful to the Knights, our school volunteers and bingo players throughout our community for their support.

So if you're not already a regular,
come on out this week

~ the crowd is friendly, the snacks are tasty
and the prizes are great,
especially the **\$1000 Jackpot!**

I would like to register in the parish. ___ I would like to enroll in the school. ___ This is an address change. ___

Please help us keep the parish records up-to-date by returning this form by mail or in the offertory basket at Mass.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone #'s _____

Other _____

+ Sacrificial Giving +

November 21, 2010

Offertory **\$14,988.46**
Southern Cross **\$180.00**
(Total for October 2010 through 11/21/10 ~ \$4,116.05)
Building/Development **\$837.00**
(November Building Fund Total through 11/21/10 ~ \$5,119.60)
Catholic Campaign for Human Development ~ \$3,130.00

Thank you.

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

Monday, December 6

1st-Monday-of-the- Month Family Dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the meal is served at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6/person and \$18/family (children under 5 eat free).

Sunday, December 12

Children's Christmas Party at the K.night of Columbus Hall from 2 until 4 p.m. All St. Teresa's children are invited.

Readings ~ Sunday, December 5, 2010



Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Catholics Come Home

Beginning in mid-December, the invitation will go out to all. Are we ready to welcome them? Let us pray that we are with this "Returning Catholics Prayer":

*Dear Lord, may our hearts and minds be nourished by your sustaining love;
 may our words and actions be guided by your ever-present grace;
 that all who seek to know you, encounter you here;
 that all who seek to serve you, be welcomed to the vineyard;
 that all who seek to love you, know that they are loved;
 that all who seek to return to their Catholic faith, may be welcomed and received.*
 Amen.

Ministry Schedules ~ December 4/5, 2010

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 p.m. J Middelbrooks, G. Skates, ZJ Okonkwo
 8:30 a.m. T DeMott, J & L Hatcher, B Dale
 11:00 a.m. A & E Belocura, C Warren

LECTORS

5:30 p.m. A Bradford, M Szpak
 8:30 a.m. J Johnson, Y Amadeo
 11:00 a.m. J & C McCabe

COMMUNION MINISTERS

5:30 p.m. M Leach, S O'Neill, P Crawford, R Campbell, D Cole, M& S Szpak
 8:30 a.m. J & R Baughman, D Bozeman, P Gatlin, R Goodwin, R Palazzolo, Z & MJ Okonkwo
 11:00 a.m. T & D Mazur, A Warren, P Ryan, D Drahush, M McGraw, J & A Stanton