

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH
ALBANY, GEORGIA

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PARISH CENTER

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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: Dr. Michael Aquadro

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, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.

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

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

Read, Pray, Act

*"We will buy the lowly man for silver,
and the poor man for a pair of sandals."*

Amos 8:6

Today's reading from Amos is not hard to understand. Wealthy and powerful people are exploiting the poor and the weak, and God is not pleased.

Connecting this text with our own world is not so hard either. There are many exploited workers today. Without a too-young teen in a factory in Thailand and an undocumented immigrant in a slaughterhouse in Georgia, our running shoes and tonight's chicken dinner would cost us a little more.

But there is danger in this easy text ~ the danger of merely bemoaning:

"Isn't it terrible the way workers are sometimes treated?"

"Isn't it terrible the way I comfortably benefit from it?"

Moral indignation is no substitute for action, and blanket self-condemnation is actually an obstacle to action. And it is action that Amos' words are intended to inspire.

What should I do, alone or with others, to help bring aid to someone who is suffering economic injustice? God is not commanding us to change the world, but to take a constructive step, even a small one.

Kevin Perrotta
Living Faith

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Choir Practice ~ 7:45 a.m. for 8:30 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. for 11:00 a.m. Mass
 Religious Education classes ~ 9:30 a.m., School
 Bible Study ~ 9:45 a.m., Parish Activity Center
 Catechetical Sunday Celebration ~ 11:00 a.m. Mass
 Welcome Reception for Father Stephen
 ~ 12:00 noon, Gathering Area
 RCIA ~ 2:00 p.m., Conference Room
 Middle School CYM ~ 5:00 p.m., Parish Activity Center

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Craft Group ~ 10:00 a.m., Conference Room
 Prison Ministry at Lee County

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Prison Ministry at Calhoun County

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

MOMS Group ~ 9:15 a.m.-12:00 noon, Nursery
 Choir Practice ~ 7:00 p.m., Music Room

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

Please join us at a reception to welcome
Father Stephen Pontzer
to St. Teresa's Parish Family.

Autumnal Equinox
Thursday, September 23, 2010

*As autumn returns to the earth's northern hemisphere,
 and the day and the night are briefly,
 but perfectly, balanced at the equinox,
 may we remember anew
 how fragile life is ~ human life, surely,
 but also the lives of all other creatures,
 trees and plants, waters and winds.*

*May we make wise choices
 in how and what we harvest;
 may earth's weather turn kinder;
 may the diminishing light in our daytime skies
 be met by an increasing compassion
 and tolerance in our hearts.*

Kathleen Jenks, PhD.
www.mythinglinks.org

 **Altar Flowers**
*. . . are given this weekend by Chris Bates
 in celebration of the baptism of her grandson, **Kazdan Bramble.***

MASS INTENTIONS ~ September 18-24, 2010

Saturday, September 18
 5:30 p.m. Special Intention (Walt, Lena, & Katie Para)

Sunday, September 19 ~ 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 For the People of St. Teresa's Parish
 + MARGARET MARX (Bill Marx)

Monday, September 20 ~ ST. ANDREW KIM TAEGON, ST. PAUL CHONG HASANG & COMPANIONS
 8:30 a.m. + ZOILA PINEDA (Dick & Belinda Hayden)

Tuesday, September 21 ~ ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE
 8:30 a.m. + IRENE BALOUG (Pat & Danny Hugya)

Wednesday, September 22 ~ OUR LADY OF SORROWS
 12:00 noon + STEVE YAWN (Martha McGraw)

Thursday, September 23 ~ ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA
 8:30 a.m. + HERMAN COWAN (Jack & Carolyn Duclos)

Friday, September 24
 8:30 a.m. + GIL AND ALICE BARRETT (Mary Shemwell)

“Commitment: Building a Civilization of Love”

... is the theme for our celebration of Catechetical Sunday at 11:00 Mass this Sunday, September 19, as our teachers of religious education in our school and parish are commissioned.

The word “catechetical” comes from the Greek word “catechesis”, meaning “to echo or resound.” Catechesis is the act of bringing the Church’s teachings to the world and a catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

We are invited to honor our religious education teachers for their dedication and to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others. Parents especially, as the primary catechists for their children, are encouraged to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households places where faith is passed on to the next generation.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation (formerly known as convert classes) is being taught once again this year by Father Stanton and a team of catechists each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 in the Parish Activity Center.

Even if you missed our introductory RCIA class last Sunday, you or a friend are most welcome to attend this in-depth study of the Catholic faith, either as a refresher (for Catholics) or as an opportunity for conversion (for non-Catholics).

Virtus Training

In our ongoing effort to protect God’s children, all adults who work with St. Teresa’s young people in our school and parish ministries are required to take a Virtus Training Course. This includes paid employees and volunteers.

A certification class will be offered on **Thursday, September 30 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.** in the Parish Activity Center. If you plan to attend, please call the parish office at 439-2302 **and** register online at www.virtus.org.

Our Confirmation Program

... will be taught this year by Robbie Hopkins and a team of catechists from our parish. Robbie has been a parishioner here since 2007 and teaches religion and computer classes at St. Teresa’s School.

Confirmation classes for high school students in grades 9-12 will meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in our parish school beginning next Sunday, September 26. Parents are asked to attend this important first class.

Yard Sale ~ October 1

St. Teresa’s School is collecting your good old stuff (no clothing please) for our annual **Yard Sale** on Saturday, October 2 from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. So if you’d like to donate some items, please bring them to the school on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or if you need pick-up from your home, please call the school office ~ 436-0134.

We thank you for your prayers and your continuing support of all that we do.

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.

Registration continues this week in the lobby of the school.

Sr. High CYM . . . will meet this Wednesday, 9/22 and each Wednesday ~ 6:30 until 8 p.m. the Parish Activity Center.

This semester, our focus will be on the Saints. All students in grades 9-12 are welcome!

Attention parishioners ~ Interested in sharing your knowledge, expertise and faith with our youth?

Contact Liz or Mark Lowe at 843-475-0631 or mrslizzylowe@mail.com.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation ~ This class is for all students in grades 9-12 who have not yet been confirmed. We will meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in our parish school beginning on September 26.

Parents ~ please join us for this important first class.

Middle School CYM

All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are encouraged to join us each Sunday from 5 until 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center.

This Sunday, 9/19, our topic will be "The Gift of Faith."


St. Teresa’s School ~ BINGO ~ Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. ~ K.nights of Columbus Hall ~ **\$1000 JACKPOT!!**

Mission Co-op Appeal ~ Next Weekend, September 25/26
 Your participation in this special collection will assist missionaries throughout the world as they continue to provide spiritual and financial support to mission countries.
 A special envelope is provided in your offertory packet. Please be generous.

+ *Sacrificial Giving* +
September 12, 2010
Offertory \$11,849.64
Building/Development \$1,238.00
 (September Building/Development Fund total
 through 9/12/10 ~ \$3,878.24)
 Thank you.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

St. Teresa's wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular contributions. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. To make arrangements, please call Martha Thompson at 439-2302.

Readings ~ Sunday, September 26, 2010

Amos 6:1a,4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Rosaries for our Prison Ministry

Do you have any old, broken rosaries that you'd like to see restored and put to good use? Our Prison Ministry would like to use the parts to repair and assemble rosaries for the prisoners we visit at Lee and Calhoun County Prisons.

Please bring them to the parish office on weekdays or if you prefer to bring them with you when you come to Mass on the weekend, place them in an envelope, clearly marked Prison Ministry, and leave them on the bookcase in the gathering area.

Share a Meal at the K. of C. Hall

All parishioners are invited to join us on: Saturday, September 18 for a **Low Country Boil**. From 5:30 until 8:00 p.m., a delicious meal of low country boil, salad, roll, dessert and iced tea will be served for just \$11.95 per person. All proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

"Journey With Jesus"

Blessed Trinity is offering this weekend retreat on October 22-24, 2010 to explore our spiritual lives with others who desire to reflect on, restore or adjust their approach to their life with Christ. The goal of this retreat is to deepen our conviction of the reality of our life journey with Christ. The Holy Eucharist is central to this life.

This retreat is open to all ~ couples, singles, men and women. There will be times of silence and opportunity for individual meetings with our presenter, Bishop David E. Foley. This will be a hopeful, inspiring and deeply spiritual weekend.

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

Please Let Us Know

Even if you have let the hospital know upon admission that you are Catholic and attend St. Teresa's Church, please make sure that the church office is notified ~ 439-2302.

Father Stanton, Father Stephen, Sister Maura, Sister Veronica and our Care Minister, Regina Campbell, visit patients regularly and want to ensure that all who need attention are included.

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.

Ministry Schedules ~ September 25/26, 2010

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>
5:30 p.m. J Middelbrooks, Z & S Wasson	5:30 p.m. P Brinson, J Mykyten
8:30 a.m. M & C Palazzolo, O Spruill, P Starowicz	8:30 a.m. L Fink, Y Amadeo
11:00 a.m. H Johnson, J Groarke	11:00 a.m. L Dixon, M Lowe
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>	
5:30 p.m. G Ledwitch, P Crawford, S & M Szpak, M Leach, J Ostapchenko, O LeBlanc	
8:30 a.m. B Mohl, P Gatlin, J & K Fields, J Svoboda, P Mock, H McDole, R Palazzolo	
11:00 a.m. R & K Hanks, D Drahush, A Warren, T Hockert, M & L Johnson, C Kinjerski	