

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: 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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Humble Enough to Seek Help

"Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water
and cool my tongue."

Luke 16:24

My heart always aches when I read this parable. Hearing the rich man crying out for water opens the door of my compassion. I long to put a drop of water on his tongue even though he failed the poor man. I want to do it simply because he is asking.

A parable is a container of wisdom. Is anything in my life calling me into deeper awareness before it's too late? Is there a warning about my lifestyle that I need to hear? Is there someone I am not noticing who needs my assistance?

In each of us there is a rich person and a poor person. I need not be dressed in fine robes to be rich. What riches do I have that I am called to share with those less fortunate? I need not be lying in the streets to be poor. What poverty do I possess that I need to be humble enough to ask someone for support?

Sister Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B.
Living Faith

Dear Parishioners,

As we do every year in the month of September, the annual financial statement for St. Teresa's is published for you. Our fiscal year runs from July 1-June 30. You will notice that we had to transfer \$149,617 from savings to cover our operating deficit listed as non-operating receipts (2) on the report. Why this deficit?

Several factors ~ parishioners moving away due to the closure of local large industries such as Cooper Tire, the downturn in the economy, cutbacks, people losing their jobs ~ have resulted in a 10% drop in our parishioner support base and fewer offertory envelopes. Our offertory income for the fiscal year is down 8% and down 12% for the building fund.

We cannot sustain these numbers very much longer. Our parish school, Neighbors in Need and our many other ministries will suffer and our resources will be depleted.

This fall, we need to address our stewardship. As always, thank you for your constant support. St. Teresa's means so much to us all. God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Reverend Finbarr P. Stanton
Pastor

THIS WEEK

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
Religious Education & Confirmation classes
~ 9:30 a.m., School
Bible Study ~ 9:45 a.m., Parish Activity Center
RCIA ~ 2:00 p.m., Conference Room
Middle School CYM ~ 5:00 p.m., Parish Activity Center

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Craft Group ~ 10:00 a.m., Conference Room
Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m., Conference Room
Prison Ministry at Lee County

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Prison Ministry at Calhoun County

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

MOMS Group ~ 9:15 a.m.-12:00 noon, Nursery
Virtus Class ~ 6:00-9:30 p.m. Conference Room
Choir Practice ~ 7:00 p.m., Music Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

School Yard Sale ~ 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

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
Spanish Mass ~ 1:00 p.m.
RCIA ~ 2:00 p.m., Conference Room
Middle School CYM ~ 5:00 p.m., Parish Activity Center

MASS INTENTIONS September 25-October 1, 2010

Saturday, September 25

5:30 p.m. + MANUEL FERNANDES (Family)

Sunday, September 26 ~ 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For the People of St. Teresa's Parish
+ KENT FOSTER (Dennis & Carmenza Palmer)

Monday, September 27 ~ ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

8:30 a.m. + MARY MUSSER (St. Teresa's School Family)

Tuesday, September 28

8:30 a.m. + HERMAN COWAN (Ed & Fran Ellis)

Wednesday, September 29 ~ ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL & ST RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

12:00 noon + DONALD LEISHMAN (Barbara Leishman)

Thursday, September 30 ~ ST. JEROME

8:30 a.m. + ANGELINE SCIAMANDA (Family)

Friday, October 1 ~ ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

8:30 a.m. + LIDIA GARCIA (Glenn & Lidia White)



Sympathy & Prayers

... to Ken & Steve Mohl
on death of their step-mother, **Trudi Mohl**;
to Susie Hatcher
on the death of her grandmother, **Mary Musser**;
and to Pat Belston on the death of her husband.
Lowell Belston.

May they and all our loved ones rest in God's peace.

*Invitamos a nuestra comunidad
Hispana a venir a celebrar la Santa Misa el
proximo domingo 3 de octubre a la 1:00 p.m.
Vamos a celebrar la Santa Misa en
espanol todos los domingos a la 1:00 p.m.
Por favor, ven y unete a nuestra
celebracion de la Misa y los Sacramentos.*

*We invite our Hispanic community to
come and celebrate the Holy Mass on Sunday,
October 3 at 1:00 p.m.
We will be celebrating the Holy Mass
in Spanish every Sunday at 1:00 p.m..
Please come and unite with us in
celebrating the Mass and the Sacraments.*

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.

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 the first two classes, 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).

Real Men Pray

... and you are invited to our first-Friday-of-the-month **Men's Prayer Breakfast** on October 1 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.

Parish Picnic

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our parish picnic on Sunday, October 17 to celebrate the feast of our patron saint, St. Teresa of Avila, and the 65th anniversary of our school.

Our gathering will begin at 1:00 p.m. in Baldwin Park behind the school). All you need to bring along is your friendly spirit, a lawn chair, and a dessert (or individual chip packs) to share .

Altar Flowers

... are given this weekend by St. Teresa's parishioners in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

Did you know

... that bulletin announcements are due at the parish office by noon on Tuesday each week? Please make every effort to be on time and we'll make every effort to include your request.

Our Confirmation Preparation Program

... begins this Sunday, September 26 at 9:30 a.m. in the school. Parents ~ please join us for this important first class. This Confirmation preparation program is intended for all high school students in grades 9-12 who have not yet received the Sacrament. It 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.

65th Anniversary Celebration!

In the fall of 1945, St. Teresa's School was established in a building on Residence Avenue and has served our community ever since with the best in Christian education.

You are invited to celebrate with us on Saturday, October 16, beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and entertainment in the Parish Activity Center. Dinner reservation forms are available at the school and parish offices and in the gathering area of the church.

For more details, call the school at 436-0134.

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 will also meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the school, beginning this Sunday, 9/26. Parents ~ please attend the first class this week.

Sr. High CYM . . . 9th -12th graders will meet this Wednesday, 9/29 ~ 6:30 until 8 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center with guest speaker, Father Stephen. Interested in sharing your knowledge, expertise and faith with our youth or donating used, comfy furniture for our youth room make-over? Contact Liz or Mark Lowe at 843-475-0631 or mrslizzylowe@gmail.com.

Middle School CYM

... 6th, 7th & 8th graders will meet this Sunday, 9/26, 5 -6:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Join us "On Safari to Discover God the Father. "

Mission Co-op Appeal ~ This Weekend, September 25/26

Responding to this appeal contributes to the missionary endeavors of our brothers and sisters, assisting in the spreading of the Gospel to all nations. This is an opportunity for all of us to participate in an essential dimension of our Christian vocation ~ the call to evangelize.

May each of us give generously from our hearts following the great Commandment of Jesus at the end of the Gospel of Matthew, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

A special envelope is provided in your offertory packet.

+ *Sacrificial Giving* +

September 19, 2010

Offertory \$12,649.54

Building/Development \$495.00

(September Building/Development Fund total through 9/19/10 ~ \$4,373.24)

Thank you.



Readings

Sunday, October 3, 2010

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

Yard Sale ~ October 2

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

Please stop by to browse and shop with us next Saturday. Thank you for your continuing support of your parish school.

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.

"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.

A Taste of Judaism

Learn about Jewish spirituality, ethics and community in this 3-night program presented by **Temple B'nai Israel.**

Please join us at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings (October 5, 19 and November 2) for this adult education series. For more information, call 446-6536.

Inner Path: A Gathering of Women

Take time to get in touch with God, yourself and other women. Spend Saturday, October 30 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Inner Path: A Gathering of Women at Villa Marie Center on the Isle of Hope. Sister Carol Beevers, SSJ, director of Mother of God House of Prayer in Alva FL will facilitate the day, "Experiencing Inner Freedom and Peace." A donation of \$10 is requested. Please bring a bag lunch; beverages and snacks will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Contact Sister Jackie Griffith, SSJ at 912-201-4068 or jackiegriffith@comcast.net.

Ministry Schedules ~ October 2/3, 2010

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 p.m. J Middelbrooks, G Skates, ZJ Okonkwo

8:30 a.m. M Cerone, H Takash, MJ Chupuico

11:00 a.m. T Hardison, C Long, C Dunbar

LECTORS

5:30 p.m. S Szpak, S Giovingo

8:30 a.m. M Hatcher, J Johnson

11:00 a.m. M McGraw, H Bennett

COMMUNION MINISTERS

5:30 p.m. P Neves, T Alby, M Cauley, D Coleman, T Giovingo, B Hayden, R Campbell

8:30 a.m. R Goodwin, W Cowan, W Bais, D Bozeman, Z & MJ Okonkwo, J & R Baughman

11:00 a.m. L Davis, K Hardison, L Dixon, T Hockert, P Ryan, D Donaldson, A & J Stanton