ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2019 WEEK 6

We are extremely happy to report we have met our goal of $26,642 for this year, provided all pledges are fulfilled. We received pledges from 70 individuals/families. Thank you for your most generous support!!

If you have not done so already, please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds to your donation.

If you still wish to contribute, all excess monies will be returned to St. Teresa’s. You may also donate directly to us and earmark the monies towards our Church Garden Landscaping Fund.

ST TERESA’S GREEN TEAM

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), paper products make up about 71 million tons (or 29%) of the municipal waste stream. Help reduce this impact by making sure all clean cardboard at your home ends up in the recycle bin! Do you have a lot of cardboard, so much that it won’t fit in your blue Recology bin? That’s okay! Just make sure that the cardboard is broken down to a manageable size (2’x2’ max), and place it next to your blue bin inside a cardboard box or paper bag. What about cardboard that has a waxy coating or that’s stained with oil (like a pizza box)? No worries! Even though those items can’t go in the recycle bin, they can be composted!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GREEN TEAM? Call in on Tuesday, April 2 at 6pm:

PHONE: 1-773-231-9226

TABLET OR COMPUTER: (May need to download the app)

1485679664@wcrc.ringcentral.com

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SPRING CLEANING = GENEROUS GIFT

At Christmas, you are generous with new gifts for individual children. This spring, as you sort through what your children have outgrown, you can give of your abundance to The Lantern for all their children. They are looking for gently used children’s clothes, toys, books; from infant through teens. The Circle of Light will collect items over the next 3 weeks and deliver “Easter Baskets” of goodies on April 17 to The Lantern. If you wish to donate, please contact a member of the Circle of Light after Mass or via email (see bulletin board for list).

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This Lent, the Archdiocese will join an initiative to encourage greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received this sacrament recently. In accordance, all parishes in the three counties of the Archdiocese will be open for confessions on the Tuesdays of Lent from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Join us at the same time for Eucharistic Adoration

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesdays in Lent
Mass, 8:30am
Reconciliation & Adoration, 6—8 pm

Fridays in Lent
Mass, 8:30am

PALM SUNDAY
Saturday Vigil, April 13: 4:15pm
Palm Sunday, April 14: 8:30 & 10am

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 16
Holy Hour of Adoration: 8:00pm

EASTER TRIDUUM
Holy Thursday, April 18: 7:30pm
Good Friday, April 19: 12:15pm
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 20: 8:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 21: 8:30 & 10:00am

ST TERESE’S MISSION STATEMENT

As members of St. Teresa’s Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world. We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons, and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society. The community of St. Teresa’s finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.

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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Vigil: 4:15 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday: 8:30 am
Friday: 8:30 am

MARRIAGE
Please call six months in advance.

BAPTISM & SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

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SECOND COLLECTIONS.

March 30 & 31
This week’s second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

April 6 & 7
Next week’s second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

The Mass Intention book for 2019 has many dates available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND COLLECTION
MARCH 23 & 24
$1,223
THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS
As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, March 30
† James J. Burns, Sr.
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, March 31
The People of the Parish
† Kathleen M. Burns

Tuesday, April 2
The Sick of the Parish

Friday, April 5
8:30am
† Kathleen A. Harnack
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, April 7
8:30am
† Alberto Salvi
The People of the Parish
† Edwina Fenili

Parish Calendar

Sun, Mar 31 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
Mon, Apr 1 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church
Tue, Apr 2 - No SVPD Grocery Distribution
- Reconciliation & Adoration 6pm, Church
- Green Team Virtual Meeting 6pm, see reverse for dial-in
Wed, Apr 3 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sat, Apr 6 - Lay Carmelites Meeting 10am, Avila
- AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Apr 7 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

Ministers Schedule for Next Week
April 6 & 7

4:15 PM
Lector: A. Rose 1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Bread: B. Groepher 2 Lector: B. Doyle
Cup: B. Noelke 1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp: J. Marasco 2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
3 Bread: M. D’Azevedo
8:30 AM
1 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Lector: D. Canzoneri 2 Cup: K. McMahon
Bread: S. Siebel 1 Hosp: E. Gries
Cup: P. English Hosp: M. Gries
Hosp: T. Lando

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us.

If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below.

Address: _______________________  City: ________________ Zip: _ _____________

☐ New Parishioner  ☐ New Address  ☐ New Phone
☐ Send Sunday envelopes  ☐ Send Monthly Donor Form  ☐ On-Line Giving

The Man Born Blind in the Gospel of John

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” (Jn 9:3)

So begins this Sunday’s Gospel. The disciples want to know whose sin caused him to be born blind, and this attitude appears later in the narrative when the Pharisees address the man before expelling him from the synagogue:

“You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” (Jn 9:34)

The fact that both the disciples and the Pharisees connect blindness with sin indicates that this notion is deeply rooted in Jewish culture and tradition. Jesus’ answer is curt and harsh:

“Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” (Jn 9:3)

In this response, Jesus reprimands the disciples, and its content and tone indicate that Jesus rejects any notion that the man’s blindness is connected to personal sin.

What is especially surprising in this story is that the disciples—who have already seen or physically challenged are not being punished for personal sin. Yet the question remains: Where does the connection between suffering and sin come from? And why do the disciples and the Pharisees so persistently hold on to this notion?

In order to answer this question we have to go back to “the beginning of the story,” to the account of the fall found in the Book of Genesis. According to the story, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God (i.e., “sinned”), there were consequences for their transgression: only through a man’s toil does the earth yield its fruit, and only through pain and suffering do women bear children. Adam and Eve lose their immortality, and—in symbolic language—the Genesis author is saying that suffering and death entered the world as a consequence of Adam and Eve’s sin. St. Paul crystallizes this theology when he tells us that “the wages of sin are suffering and death”.

The story of the fall in Genesis uses the personal transgression of Adam and Eve to explain the universal experience of suffering and death. However, we must emphasize that the Genesis account is first and foremost a story, one which tries to offer an explanation of why suffering and death exist in our world.

From a theological point of view, we recognize that suffering and death are the consequences of sin. That same theology maintains that, when the Messiah comes, suffering and death will disappear. This is why the majority of Jesus’ miracles involve healing and restoration of life. Essentially, these healing miracles conquer suffering or death: they are signs of both God’s power and God’s presence among us. To put it another way, miracles proclaim that “the Kingdom of God is at hand.”

In today’s Gospel, when Jesus restores the blind man’s sight, it is not to forgive either the man’s or his parents’ sin. Rather, it is to demonstrate that “the works of God might be made visible through him”. Both the disciples and the crowd are blind to this fact. They ask the wrong question when they inquire, “Whose sin caused this man to be born blind?” Instead, they should be asking, “Who is this man, this Jesus of Nazareth?” and “What does it mean when he restores the blind man’s sight?”

The irony in today’s Gospel is that it is only the man born blind who “sees” and “recognizes” Jesus. The other characters—who are sighted—fail to recognize who Jesus is. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.