SUNDAY MASSES  
Saturday at 5:00pm, 6:30pm (Spanish)  
Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am (Italian),  
10:30am (Family Mass) 12:15pm & 5:00pm  

WEEKDAY MASSES  
Monday thru Saturday 8:00am & 9:00am  

DEVOTIONS  
Miraculous Medal & St. Theresa Novenas  
after Monday morning Masses  
St. Anthony Novena after Tuesday morning Masses  
Thursday 12 Noon Mass & Eucharistic Adoration  
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
First Friday 7:30pm to 8:30pm followed by silent adoration until 9:00pm.  

CONFESSION  
Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm  
and by appointment  

BAPTISMS  
Baptisms take place most Sundays  
after the 12:15pm Mass.  
We ask parents to attend the Baptism preparation meeting. 
Register at the Rectory for the meeting. The date of the Baptism will be discussed at the Baptism meeting.  

MARRIAGES  
Call the Rectory at least six months in advance of the wedding date to make an appointment with parish clergy.
FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DERIVAN: SOME INFORMATION ABOUT ORGAN DONATION

November is Organ Donor Month. During this month we think about the necessity for organ transplants to help others to live. It is important that we all understand the Catholic Church’s stand on organ donation as a beautiful act of charity. Catholics view organ and tissue donation as an act of charity and love. Transplants are morally and ethically acceptable to the Vatican. In August 2000, Pope John Paul II told attendees at the International Congress on Transplants in Rome: “There is a need to instill in people’s hearts, especially in the hearts of the young, a genuine and deep appreciation of the need for brother love, a love that can find expression in the decision to become an organ donor.”

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, prior to becoming our now-retired Pope Benedict XVI, described organ donation as being “an act of love...so long as it is free and spontaneous.” In a February 4, 1999, interview with the ZENIT International News Agency, Cardinal Ratzinger said that he was a registered organ donor. “To donate one’s organs is an act of love that is morally licit, so long as it is free and spontaneous.” Cardinal Ratzinger disclosed that he was a member of an association of Organ Donors. “To spontaneously give parts of one’s body to help someone in need is a great act of love.”

His Excellency Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, has sent the following message to the New York Organ Donor Network:

“Catholics view organ and tissue donation as an act of charity and love. Transplants are morally and ethically consonant with Church teaching. Donations as an act of charity are encouraged. It is something good that can result from tragedy and a way for families to find comfort by helping others. The Catholic Church promotes the fact that there is a need for organ donors and that Christians should accept this as a challenge to their generosity and fraternal love so long as ethical principles are followed. The donation of organs in a morally acceptable manner, at the end of life, offers the gifts of health and life to those who are most vulnerable and who are at times without hope. It is one of the many pro-life positions an individual can choose in order to foster a culture that values life in our world. Organ donation should be for the love of one’s fellow human beings. One of the most powerful ways for individuals to demonstrate love for their neighbor is by making an informed decision to be an organ donor. Organ transplantation and donation began with blood transfusion. Man found a way to give of himself so that others may continue to live. Thanks to science and the commitment of doctors and health care workers we are challenged to love our neighbor in new ways. It is for the betterment of humanity, for the love of one’s fellow human beings, that organ donation is undertaken. One of the most powerful ways for individuals to demonstrate love for their neighbor is by making an informed decision to be an organ donor.”

Many people have indicated on their driver’s license that they wish to be registered as organ donors. If you have not, you may consult the New York Organ Donor Network at www.donatelifeny.org or call 646-291-4458. A brochure for organ donation is found at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for considering this gift of life.

Father Thomas B. Derivan

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL/HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We invite you to become a member of the St. Vincent de Paul/Holy Name Society in St. Theresa Parish.
The mission of this Society is to assist those in need, particularly in our community. The Society particularly will conduct our parish food drive and other charitable services.
If you are interested, please fill out the form below and give it to an usher at Mass or drop it off at the Rectory.

FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL/HOLY NAME SOCIETY:

Dear Father:

I am interested in joining the St. Vincent de Paul/Holy Name Society to assist in the activities of St. Theresa Parish to help the needy. Please give me more information.

Name _________________________________________

Address ________________________________

Apt______ Zip________

E-Mail (if applicable) _______________________

THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY

Food is now being collected for our Food Pantry. We are asking for items such as tomato sauce, pasta, canned or box soups, coffee, crackers, rice, tuna fish, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, cake mixes, frosting and other non perishable items that we may pass on to needy families in our community. God bless you for your kindness.

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A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr. Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. He became a Christian catechumen and was baptized at 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: “I have served you as a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight.” After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of St. Hilary of Poitiers he was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. He became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his seat after exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside. The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. He was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office. Along with St. Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius’s principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian’s followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision. As death approached, his followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, “Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done.”

On a bitterly cold day, a famous legend goes, Martin met a poor man, almost naked, trembling in the cold and begging from passersby at the city gate. Martin had nothing but his weapons and his clothes. He drew his sword, cut his cloak into two pieces, gave one to the beggar and wrapped himself in the other half. Some of the bystanders laughed at his now odd appearance; others were ashamed at not having relieved the man’s misery. That night in his sleep Martin saw Christ dressed in the half of the garment he had given away, and heard Him say, “Martin, still a catechumen, has covered me with this garment.”

CONFESSIONS are heard every Saturday from 4:00PM-5:00PM or by appointment in the Rectory.

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized; she became a U.S. citizen in 1909. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ. Refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher, she began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit. When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Seven young women from the orphanage joined with her. Since her early childhood in Italy, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China but, at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances went west instead of east. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there. She found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York City, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop’s residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did. In 35 years Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes. As a child, she was always frightened of water, unable to overcome her fear of drowning. Yet, despite this fear, she traveled across the Atlantic Ocean more than 30 times. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago.

Comment: The compassion and dedication of Mother Cabrini is still seen in hundreds of thousands of her fellow citizens, not yet canonized, who care for the sick in hospitals, nursing homes and state institutions. We complain of increased medical costs in an affluent society, but the daily news show us millions who have little or no medical care, and who are calling for a new Mother Cabrinis to become citizen-servants of their land.

Quote: At her canonization on July 7, 1946, Pius XII said, “Although her constitution was very frail, her spirit was endowed with such singular strength that, knowing the will of God in her regard, she permitted nothing to impede her from accomplishing what seemed beyond the strength of a woman.”

REMINDER – If you have a Sunday Mass offered for a loved one and are present at the Mass and would like to bring up the Offertory Gifts to the Altar, please let one of the ushers know before the Mass begins.
NOVEMBER 9, 2014

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PRESENTS
Bible Study
With Father Joseph Ligory

THE GOSPEL OF MARK
Every Wednesday beginning December 3rd
Time: Evening 7:30-8:30PM Place:
Rectory Meeting Room
If interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory as soon as possible.

Name:_______________________________________________
Address:_____________________________________________
Phone #:_____________________________________________
E-mail (optional)______________________________________

PASTORAL PLANNING INFORMATION

Last Sunday in a number of parishes, a letter from Cardinal Dolan was read, announcing the merging of certain parishes with neighboring ones. About 50 parishes are affected. This is part of the pastoral planning which began several years ago. As Cardinal Dolan wrote in the Catholic New York newspaper, this is a “tough time for us all, especially for the parishioners of the affected parishes.”

Even though our parish and our neighboring parishes are not directly affected, in a larger sense we as members of this Archdiocese are all affected. This is a big change in the structure of our parishes. Many of us may have friends or loved ones in the parishes that are merging. Many of us have connections with those parishes through baptisms and weddings and funerals. The Cardinal recognizes that this is a hard decision to make, but that the Archdiocese must be a good steward of our financial resources. We must also face the reality of a decreased number of priests. Last Sunday those parishes which will be merged were notified of this decision. Please pray for the parishioners of those parishes, many of whom, are our friends and loved ones. And please pray for the priests in these parishes that are affected. They certainly need our prayers and support. And let us pray also for our own Parish of St. Theresa. May we remain strong in faith, hope and charity as we face the demands of today and tomorrow.

Father Thomas B. Derivan

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014
9:00AM-5:00PM
2999 SCHURZ AVENUE
BRONX, NY 10465

Come join us and get your Christmas Shopping done early and you’ll be supporting a good cause! There will be Jewelry, Raffles, Crafts Items, Food, Decorations, Gifts, Baked Goods & Gift Baskets. For more information, please call 347-329-1800.

ST. THERESA OUTREACH PROGRAM

St. Theresa Outreach Program is sponsoring a Coat Drive. All coats that are donated will go to the toddlers with learning disabilities that attend the BOLD school here on St. Theresa Avenue. We are asking for boys and girls new coats – sizes 3T, 4T, 5T & 7T and also hats, gloves and scarves. Please drop all your donations at the rectory office as soon as possible.

Thank you for all you do for our Parish and community.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society will be meeting on Wednesday, November 12th at 7:30P.M. in the large Rectory meeting room. If you are interested in joining the Altar Society you are welcome to come to any one of our meetings and see what we are all about.
ST. THERESA'S CHURCH

We'd like to connect with you!

Get important updates from the parish in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in the parish. You can unsubscribe any time.

There are 2 easy ways to connect (pick one):

1. Visit our Parish at:
   www.flocknote.com/STIJ

   OR

2. Text STIJ to 84576
   from your phone to subscribe to updates.

Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full terms & conditions at www.flocknote.com-txt.
**A PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY**

We ask Lord, that You guide the leaders of our great country in all their decisions. The burden that has been placed on their shoulders is overwhelming. We ask that with Your infinite wisdom You guide them gently to the right decision. Protect and guide our Military, oh Lord; strengthen them in their trials; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of Your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN THE ARMED FORCES**

As we observe Veterans Day this Tuesday, it is so important for us to remember and pray for the young men and women who are our friends and members of our families who are serving in the Armed Forces of our country. We must always remember the sacrifices made by these men and women who are defending our freedom.

Our parish would like to have a visible reminder of all our parishioners and friends or relatives of our parishioners who are in the Armed Forces. These names will be placed on a prayer list next to the Shrine of Our Blessed Mother in our church. If you have someone to remember, please fill out the form below and give it to an usher at Mass or drop it off at the Rectory as soon as possible.

For Prayer List For Those Serving In The Armed Forces Of Our Country: Name of Person to be remembered

Branch of Service

Requested by

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**


**HOMEBOUND** – If any member of your family or if any of your neighbors are “Homebound” and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Rectory so that a Priest or Eucharistic Minister might visit them.