



St. Therese of Lisieux Parish
Where all are welcome to help us build the City of God!

Our Mission:

*We are a spiritual home for all who
 come here to worship.
 We are united in supporting one another in prayer
 and caring for the corporal needs
 of our brothers and sisters.
 We strive to imitate Therese, our
 patroness, by loving one another
 even in the simplest ways.*

Nuestra Misión:

*Somos un hogar espiritual para todos
 los que viene a aquí venerar.
 Somos unidos a apoyar el uno al otro en oración y en
 cuidar de las necesidades corporales de nuestros
 hermanos y hermanas.
 Nos esforzamos a imitar Therese, nuestra patrona por
 amando el uno al otro aún en las maneras más sencillas.*

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm; 8:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am
Weekdays: Mon -Thurs 8:30am
First Friday: 8:30 Mass followed by Exposition
 of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacred Heart Novena
Rosary: Mon - Thurs after 8:30 Mass
Exposition, Benediction & Novena of
St. Anthony: Tues after 8:30 Mass

www.sttheresemontauk.weconnect.com

St Therese Parish Center

67 So Essex Street
PO Box 5027, Montauk, NY 11954
 (631) 668-2200 Fax (631) 668-2384
 Apostolado Hispano: (631) 283-4379
 Office Hours: Mon – Fri 10am – 2pm
 Parish Outreach: (631) 668-1318
Religious Education: (631) 668-2460
 Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs 9:00am-4:00pm

St. Therese Nursery School (631) 668-5353

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Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Murray
Apostolado Hispano: Vincentian Fathers
Director of Religious Ed: Louise Carman
Business Manager: Madeline Boddy
Music Director: Iryna Androskova
Trustees: Jerry McKeon & Tom Bogdan

Catholic Schools

St. Therese Nursery School

Phone: (631) 668-5353
Ellen Cooke Maureen Kingston

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession): Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Please call the parish office for:
The Sacrament of Baptism
The Sacrament of Matrimony
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Nighttime emergencies (631) 238-5965

E-mail addresses

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Religious Ed. sttheresedre@optimum.net
Business office sttheresebusoff@optimum.net
Front desk sttheresedesk@optimum.net

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets in the basement of the parish center:
Tues: 1:00pm (OD) **Wed:** 8:00pm (OD)
Thurs: 8:00pm (Step) **Sat:** 8:00pm (OD)

Al-Anon

Montauk Community Church
Sunday: 5:30pm

Parish Outreach: 668-1318
Contact: Gert Murphy

Montauk Food Pantry: Food is graciously accepted at the parish center Mon-Fri.. Non perishable foods, tuna, soup, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, rice, canned beans, pasta, pasta sauce, juice and **Diapers** of all sizes.

Communion for the Sick: Please call the parish office for arrangements.

Pregnancy Support Resources:
(855)301-4247

Christmas Season!

Our Christmas Season continues through the first week of January and ends with the Epiphany of our Lord on January 7th. The Epiphany celebrates not only the birth of Jesus, but also the Baptism of our Lord in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. Following the Epiphany we will return to Ordinary time in our church year and our green vestments.

Fr. Tom & The Monsignor

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Please pray for the sick

Jackie Dickinson, James Beatty, James Howard, Robert Briody, Helene Fugazzi, Faye Costa, Lucille Hawkins, Gabrielle Balestri

Please pray for the Deceased

Lauri & Joe Kelly, Jennifer Balnis, Msgr. Joseph P. Granata, Fr. Hugh Cannon, Raymond Cappiello, Msgr. Alex Manly, Garry Nagle Sr., Lucille Malouche, Susan Vitale, Fr. Everett Brown,

Pray for Peace

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.....
Please pray for those who work for peace and to protect our country by serving in our military...

Capt. Joseph Pugh (*U.S. Navy*)

Drew Forsberg (*U.S. Navy Seal*)

Jason Saglimbene (*Lt. US Navy*)

Andrea Saglimbene (*Lt. JAG US Army*)

Ronald Saglimbene (*Lt. USMC Afghanistan*)

Michael Saglimbene (*US Air National Guard*)

Matthew Graham (*Lt., USNA*)

Caitlin Chiaramonte (*Capt. Jag US Army*)

Dylan Weidenmuller (*US Navy*)

Connor Weidenmuller (*US Navy*)

Paeg Weidenmuller (*US Navy*)

Morgen Seeley (*U.S. Army Afghanistan*)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 16, 2017-Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 Dora M. Oliviero (Donna Hitscherich & Tom Barbieri), Lydia Shaternick), Sally Martin,(Tom Martin), Joan McColgan (Aurelie Duffin)

Sunday, December 17, 2017-Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 Maria Mercader (Maureen & Harry Theyard)

10:30 John Sasso (Maria Enriquez)

Monday, December 18, 2017-Late Advent Weekday

8:30 Richard Yamarone (Dierdre Flynn)

Tuesday, December 19, 2017- Late Advent Weekday

8:30 Our Parishioners

Wednesday, December 20, 2017-Late Advent Weekday

8:30 Joan Kellett (Tom & Lorraine Dunfee)

Thursday, December 21, 2017-Late Advent Weekday

8:30 Joseph Davida (Family)

Friday, December 22, 2017-Late Advent Weekday

8:30 No Mass

Remembering a Loved One ***Memorials***

As we bring our gifts to the altar at **Mass** we also bring our joy, pain, sorrow and love. We believe that God accepts all of this from us and gives us salvation through His Son in return.

If you would like to remember a loved one in our Eucharistic celebrations please contact our office. 668-2200

Another thoughtful way to remember a loved one is by donating a **Memorial** in the form of a liturgical item to be used in worship at St. Therese. The ongoing needs of our parish enable us to offer a variety of such items for memorialization.

For more information about this opportunity, please contact Don Bostrom at 668 4202.

Christmas Concert!

Our Christmas concert is today December 17th at 3pm. Please join us for a fun filled afternoon of Christmas cheer and songs to put us in the holiday spirit!

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Third Sunday of Advent

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalms — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;

Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Caring for our parish

Sunday Collection December 10, 2017

Collection: \$4674

Designated Maintenance Collection

Collection: \$575

Faith Direct Collection December

\$3700

**Thank you for all
you do for our Parish!**

March for Life!

The Diocese of Rockville Centre's Respect Life Office is planning a March for Life on Friday, January 19th, 2018. You can pick up your signs at the Respect Life Office which are available on a first come first serve basis. For more information, or materials please visit the following website: www.respectlife.drvc.org/event/march-life-2018/

Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree is up in the back of the Church. All you have to do is take a card off the tree and purchase whatever the card says and return it under the tree unwrapped.
Thank You!

Bible Class

Fr. Tom will offer Bible study each Tuesday evening in Fr. Ron's room at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

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Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Today's Readings

Isaiah 61:1-2

Luke 1:47 and 49, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:19-28



We Pray

O God, as we draw closer to the birth of your Son, may we be worthy to welcome him into our lives. Amen.

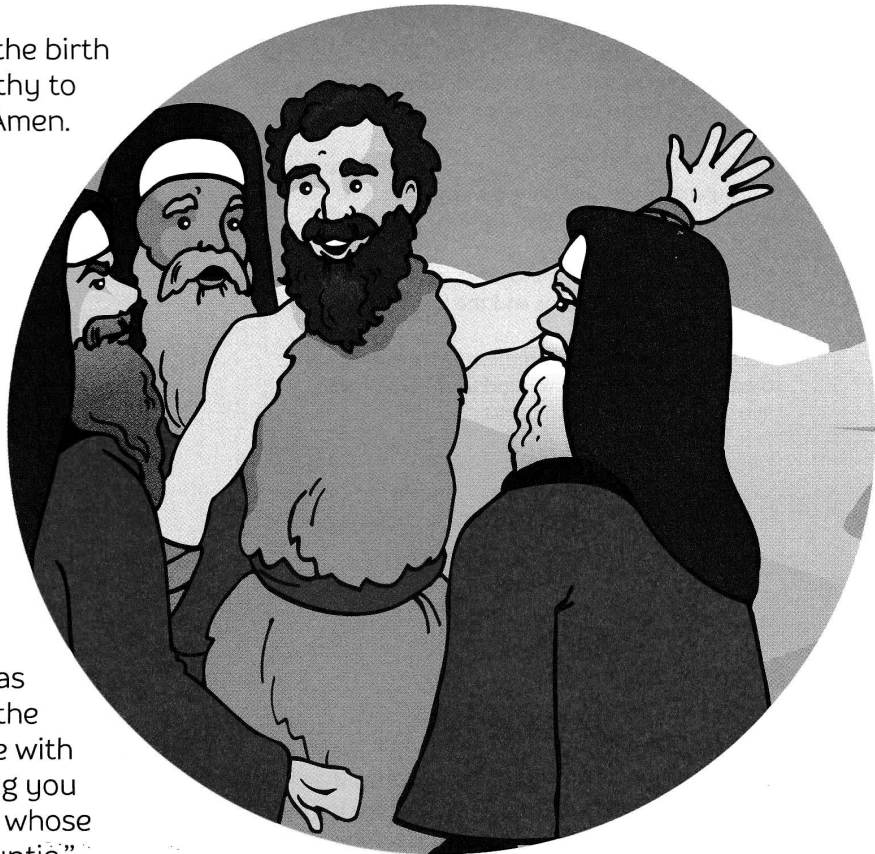


The Word of God This Week

Get Ready for the Lord!

Jewish leaders sent people to ask John the Baptist if he was the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet. John said, "No. I am only someone shouting in the desert, 'Get ready for the Lord!'"

Pharisees asked why he was baptizing people if he was not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet. John said, "I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."



Activity

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus' light to shine. We use candles to remind ourselves that Jesus is the Light of the World. Draw a line from the description of each kind of candle to its correct picture on the right.

Enlighten Someone

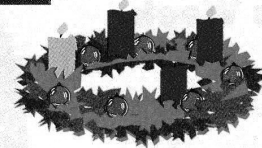
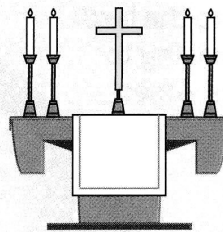
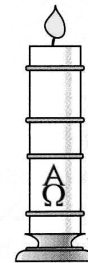
During each week of Advent, we light a new candle on a wreath. As the wreath glows brighter, we remember that Jesus brought light into the world on that first Christmas.

At Easter, we light a tall candle from a special fire that represents creation. The Easter candle reminds us that the light of Christ will shine forever.

At Baptism, we are given a special candle to represent the light of Christ that shines through us. The baptismal candle is lit from the Easter candle.

During Mass, we light candles to remind us that Christ is present in the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

We light vigil candles to remember those who have died. The vigil candles remind us that our loved ones live in eternal light with Christ.



Family Corner

Faith Focus

John the Baptist, referring to the prophet Isaiah, told those who asked that he was a "voice in the wilderness." He called their attention to someone far greater than he. Though they did not recognize him, that "someone" was already among them. John's mission was to prepare the people for Jesus, the Light of the World. John reminds us all to shine our lights toward Jesus. And Jesus is among us, too!

Family Activity

Encourage your family to let Jesus' light shine through their words and actions. Gather one evening, turn the lights low, and pass a flashlight from person to person. In turn, while holding the flashlight, tell how your own actions can shine the light of Jesus to others. Tell about a time when you could see Jesus' light shine through the words or actions of someone else.

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What's new from the Desk of the Religious Education office...

Today on this third Sunday of Advent as we light the rose colored candle on our wreaths, we are reminded that this time of spiritual preparation is certainly a joyful endeavor...we are one week away, the time is near...the light is returning to the world. Wow!!
Advent prayer:

Thank you God, for all of your blessings,
especially for the people in my life.

Please help me to stay on the Advent path,
and keep my heart focused on Christ in all that I say and do as I prepare for His holy birth at Christmas.

Amen.



OUR PRAYER LIFE CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!

Come and pray with us

MONDAY: 5:30 - 7:30 (Church)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
(Beginning with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Ending with the Miraculous Medal Devotion)

TUESDAY: Exposition will be directly following 8:30 Mass with Holy Hour and Benediction at 10AM.

WEDNESDAY: 6:00 - 7:00
(Parish Center)
Parish Prayer Group

FRIDAY: 2:00 - 2:45 (Church)
Bouquet of Rosaries for Jesus & Mary & The Divine Mercy Chaplet

FRIDAY: 5:00 – 6:00
(Choir Loft – Church)
Interdenominational Prayer Group

FRIDAY: 8:00 – 10:00 (Church)
Spanish Prayer Group

Winter Schedule

Just a reminder that starting in January we will be following our winter schedule. The only change will be the elimination of the 8:30 am Mass. The 5pm vigil as well as the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday will remain the same. We shall follow this schedule until the first week of Lent which begins this year on Sunday, February 18th.

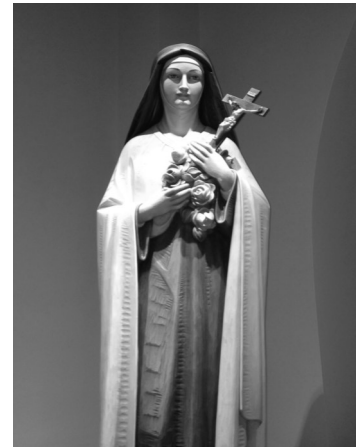
Parish Office Closed

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas. We will also be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

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**JOIN OUR NEW
TRADITION
Ring the Bells of
St. Therese of Lisieux
Montauk, NY**



**Ring the bells in memory of a loved one
or for a special celebration!
This contribution will go towards repairing
the church roof.
Your offering will be greatly appreciated!**

The Bells of St. Therese of Lisieux will ring the daily Angelus and the Call to Mass. Our new carillon will play special hymns each day of the year. On each day, the bells ring in special significance.

Select a day or week that is personally significant to you, or choose a special day, and know that our new bells will ring in honor of a loved one for the entire community to hear.

Bells to be Rung in Honor of:

Name: _____

Date to be rung: _____

Requested by: _____

Song Requested: _____

Contact Phone # _____

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Catholics for Freedom of Religion

The 12 Myths of Christmas (Part 2)

Myth: *Students cannot talk about their faith and the religious origins of Christmas in class assignments.*

Fact: Schools can't refuse to allow, punish, or give a lower grade to a student who includes a religious viewpoint in a class assignment. Far from "establishing religion," that would be displaying an anti-religious bias, which is unconstitutional and infringing on the free speech of students.

Myth: *Teachers cannot display a "Christmas tree" in the classroom.*

Fact: No court has ruled that "Christmas" is unconstitutional. In fact, The Supreme Court has acknowledged the governments long-standing recognition of holidays with religious significance, such as Christmas.

Myth: *School choirs and bands cannot use churches as venues, because of the "separation of church and state."*

Fact: Voluntary performances at a church do not promote religion. "Courts have unanimously allowed students to sing Christmas carols in school. Nothing changes when they sing the same Christmas songs at a community festival instead," said Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF).

Myth: *Students cannot give their classmates gifts that reference the Christian origins of the holiday.*

Fact: The Supreme Court has never ruled that public schools must prohibit the distribution of religious Christmas messages. For example, a H.S. that forbade a student from giving out candy canes to friends with a note that described the Christian legend, later granted the student permission when ADF informed the principal of this fact. (adflegal.org, 12/11/15; rutherfordinstitute.org)

"Our first real Christmas as a nation was the dark and freezing Christmas of 1776, when George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware. They and Providence gave our nation its first Christmas gift - a victory that brought us closer to liberty, the condition in which God meant man to flourish." President Ronald Reagan, 1984

St. Therese Christmas Schedule 2017

Saturday December 16th, 2016

11:00 a.m. Communal Penance
(with individual absolution)
Confessions 4:00-4:30

Monday, December 18th, 2017

7:00 p.m. Communal Penance
With individual absolution)

Sunday, December 24th, 2017

4:30 p.m. Christmas Family Mass
7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25th, 2016

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday, December 31st, 2016

5:00 p.m. Mass of Mary the
Mother of God

Monday, January 1st, 2017

10:30 a.m. Mass of Mary the
Mother of God

New Year's Day

This year because the Solemnity of Mary falls on a Monday it is **not** a holy day of obligation. However, for those who would still like to celebrate Mass will be at 10:30am.

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Tercer Domingo de Adviento

A este domingo tercero de Adviento se le llama el domingo de la alegría, porque el Señor está cerca. La Iglesia quiere que estemos contentos y alegres, porque se acerca la Navidad. Por ello, preparemos la Navidad en nuestro hogar con mucha alegría. San Pablo en la carta a los filipenses nos dice: Estad siempre alegres en el Señor; os lo repito, estad alegres. Que todo el mundo os conozca por vuestra bondad. El Señor está cerca (Flp 4,4).

MISAS DE NAVIDAD Y AÑO NUEVO

- **Sábado 23 a las 8 pm**
- **Sábado 30 a las 8pm.**
- **Domingo 24 en East Hampton a las 7pm**
- **Día 25 en East Hampton a las 7 pm.**

Día 31 de Dic y 1 de Enero en East Hampton a las 7pm

Servicios legales para la comunidad inmigrante

ALFA Teléfono: 631-707-5375 /

OLA of Eastern Long Island 631 899 3441.

Las catequesis para adultos (RICA) que necesitan alguno de los sacramentos del Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación Ponerse en contacto con Saul, llamando al teléfono 631 903 4090

El Asesor de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas

Estará a su disposición el día 11 de enero de 2pm a 5pm en Apostolado Hispano de Southampton.

Horas del Apostolado: Martes a Viernes de 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Se recomienda hacer cita previa llamando al Padre.

Padre Marvin: Cel 631 377 9053

Padre Cesar Lara: Cel. 631-332-5300

Padre Jesus Arellano: Cel. 929-257-3467

Rincón de Información

¿Desean bautizar a sus hijos? Los papas y los padrinos deben asistir al curso Pre-bautismal sin previo aviso.

Curso Pre-Bautismal

El curso se da el último domingo de cada mes a la 1:30 pm en el Apostolado Hispano en Southampton o también a las 5:00 PM en la iglesia en East Hampton. Es preciso llevar la copia del Acta de Nacimiento del niño. No es preciso hacer cita previa. Basta presentarse.

Los lugares y fechas del Bautismo:

En Montauk, los primeros sábados de cada mes. (Antes o durante la Misa de 8:00 pm)

Primer Domingo en Southampton a la 1:30 pm

Segundo sábado de mes en Hampton Bays 3:00 pm

Tercer sábado de mes en East Hampton 1:00 pm

Cuarto sábado de mes en Bridgehampton 1:00 pm

Requisitos para el Bautismo de un niño

Curso: Para bautizar a su hijo, es necesario que los padres y padrinos asistan al curso pre-bautismal.

Padrinos: Debe escoger a los padrinos conscientes de los requisitos. Los padrinos tienen que ser católicos bautizados, confirmados y que han hecho su Primera Comunión y deben poder comulgar. El padrino (madrina) debe ser soltero(a) o casado(a) por la iglesia.

Permisos: Si viven afuera de la zona servida por el Apostolado Hispano, necesitan una carta de su párroco.

Preparación Pre Matrimonial – Para casarse por la iglesia, haga una cita para una entrevista con P. Cesar, o P. Jesús. El curso pre-matrimonial se da por seis domingos, de las 9am al mediodía comenzando el primer domingo de octubre o de febrero.