

St. Therese Catholic Church

20115 North Tamiami Trail North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 16, 2022

Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 7:00; 9:00 & 11:00 AM (November ~ April) 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM (May ~ October)

Daily Mass:

9:00 AM Monday ~ Saturday Holy Days: As Announced

Parish Office Hours

Monday ~ Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Phone 239-567-2315 Fax 239-567-2316 Web-Site www.sainttheresechurch.net E-mail info@sainttheresechurch.net

Location

Two Miles North of Del Prado Blvd. Extension on N. Tamiami Trail.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for Registration.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:30 AM 3:00 PM

Sacrament of Matrimony

This sacrament requires a time of preparation. Please contact the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

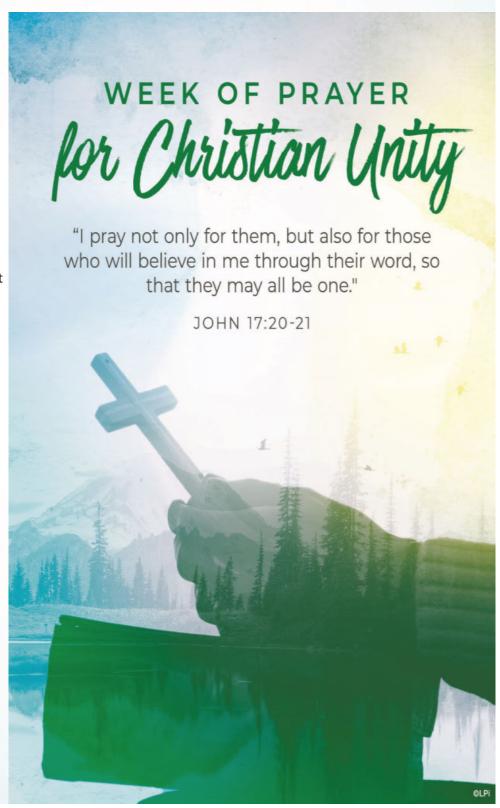
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Please call the parish office or upon request.

Rosary 8:00 AM Monday ~ Saturday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday after the 9:00 AM Mass.

TV Mass for the Homebound

Sundays 10:30-11:00 AM FOX4 (WFTX) *or* view the Mass on Diocesan website http://dioceseofvenice.org



Parish Staff

Administrator Fr. Jan Antonik
Permanent Deacon
Permanent Deacon
Growth in Faith and
Communications
Parish Secretary
Fr. Jan Antonik
Deacon Frank Barone
Deacon Joe Hopgood
Nelson Perez
Barbara Gallagher

Parish Secretary Barbara Gallagher
Music Director Marge Wolf
Religious Education Nelson Perez
Maintenance Patrick Bannon

Ministries / Organizations

Altar Servers: Nelson Perez 567-2315 Arimatheans: Becky Harper 567-2315

Bereavement Coordinator:

Summer Allman 567-2315

Blanket Ministry: Parish Office 567-2315

Council of Catholic Women:

Shirley Spicer 567-2315

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Nancy Petrosinelli 567-2315

Food Pantry: Parish Office 567-2315

Fundraising: Parish Office 567-2315

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Donoghue 567-2315

Tom Fleming 567-2315 Gospel Forum: Nick Vitale 567-2315

Homebound Ministry:

Brenda Dolan 567-2315

Knights of Columbus:

John VonDer Vellen 567-2315

Lectors: Joline Lambert 567-2315

Music: Marge Wolf 567-2315

Rosary Makers: Parish Office 567-2315

Sacristan: Joe Landry 567-2315

Sunday Scripture Reflection:

Deacon Frank Barone 567-2315

St. Vincent de Paul:

Angela Austin 567-2315

SCAMS: Please use extreme caution with attachments, links, and your login information. Do not respond to requests for wiring money, buying gift cards, sharing personal or financial information, or similar requests.



Parish Income

Weekend of January 9, 2022 \$11,263.27
One Year Ago \$8,604.00
Fiscal Year to Date: \$318,077.01

THANK YOU to all who give so generously!

Catholic Faith Appeal 2021

The 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal, was a most generous expression of the desire of St. Therese Parish to each out to all in need in our ten-county diocese! THANK YOU to all who made a gift to the 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal. Our parish assessment was again exceeded and all monies over \$176,000 will be returned to St. Therese Parish. THANK YOU for your great love and generosity!

Assessment:

\$176,000.00

Collected as 1/10: **\$190,228.73**

Pledged: **\$188,893.73**

Parish Goal

Parish Participation: **30.74%**



Fingerprint and Safe Environment

The Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For more information, contact Nelson Perez visit the Diocesan website www.dioceseofvenice.org

A report must be made immediately to the Florida Department of Children and Families of any sexual abuse. The Abuse Hotline number is 1-800-962-2873. A report must also be made to the Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese of Venice, Susan Benton at 941-416-6114.

W

E

L

C

0

E

A

N D

T

Н

A

N

K

0

U

0

A

L

THE GOSPEL FORUM

Several years have gone by since the Gospel Forum began meeting at St. Therese Church. The group, comprised of men who wish to take the Word of God (the Sacred Scripture for the following Sunday) into their lives, choose to meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:15 till 11:15 AM. It has been a time of joy and growth for those who participated. As time passed, several of the men moved away, some took on new responsibilities and others have been faced with health issues. The group did not meet during the pandemic. This weekend, Gary Dube, is extending and invitation to men of the parish to join the Gospel Forum and to discover not only spiritual growth but also to meet other men of the parish and so grow socially as well. Please contact the parish office (239-567-2315) if you have any questions or you would like to join the Gospel Forum. The meetings will take place at St. Therese Church (conference room) on Wednesday mornings from 10:15 – 11:15 AM beginning this Wednesday, January 19th.

ST. THERESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN THANK YOU!

The Council of Catholic Women thank everyone who contributed to the collection of warm clothing and blankets for the homeless and needy. The need is greater than usual this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is only through your kindness, that many of our homeless men, women and children will be protected from the cold. Thank you so much and God bless!

2021 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

The 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal is concluding. **THANK YOU** to all who have given so generously in response to the needs of the Diocese of Venice. The St. Therese Parish assessment was \$176,000 and we exceeded it!! Together, we did it again! The dollars by which St. Therese Parish exceeded the \$176,000 assessment will be returned to the parish and will NOT be assessed in any future appeal. As in many prior years, the percentage of parish members participating in the appeal was among the highest in the Diocese of Venice!! Within the next few weeks, the 2022 Catholic Faith Appeal will be introduced. Once again, THANK YOU for your great generosity!

BLUE MASS

St. Therese Parish is hosting a Blue Mass for honoring the sacrifice and service of the community of law enforcement, firefighters and first responders, on Sunday, February 20th at 11:00 AM. A reception will follow. Please share the news with others!

Have an Impact on People

I've learned that people will forget about what you said, people will forget about what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

Save the Date

St. Therese Parish Mission MARCH 21-23, 2022 - 6:00 PM

FR. JORDAN TURANO, OP

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

From Grief to Healing, a gathering for those suffering from any loss, meets on Fridays, from 9:45 – 11:30 AM, in the conference room.

Gospel Forum, a gathering of men who explore the Scripture readings for the following Sunday, meets on Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday, from 10:15-11:15 AM in the conference room. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Parish Choir, led by Marge Wolf, meets on Tuesdays, from 3:00 – 4:30 PM, Church.

Prayer for Life, public prayer for a greater respect for all human life takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 – 12:00 Noon at Planned Parenthood (Commerce Park Dr. & Metro Parkway). Meet at St. Therese after the 9:00 AM Mass to carpool.

Rosary Makers meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 9:30 – 10:30 AM.

Sunday Scripture Reflection, led by Deacon Frank Barone, meets on Tuesdays, from 9:45 – 10:45 AM, conference room.

NEW TO ST. THERESE PARISH



Make a commitment to pray with and to join in the spiritual journey of those who gather at St. Therese Church by taking time to register. If you have recently moved into our area or have been here for a long time,

but have not registered in the parish, please do. Making oneself known also makes it possible for others to minister to us when the need arises. Join with St. Therese Parish by returning a completed registration form (found at the main entrance of the church) or by coming to the parish office.

PARISH CONTRIBUTION RECORD

A 2021 Parish Contribution Record is available to all registered members of St. Therese Parish. You may either call the office and request a copy of your record be sent to you or stop by the office and obtain a copy. Records of contributions are kept only for those who are registered and either use the parish support envelopes or those who make their contributions online. THANK YOU for your generosity for the sake of your Faith Family at St. Therese Parish!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



The Council of Catholic Women will have their next General Membership Meeting at St.
Therese Church this Wednesday, January 19th at 1:00 PM in the

Church. All members and Parish ladies who want to attend are most welcome.

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Mass will be celebrated in two locations: 11:00 AM, Saturday, February 12th at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs and 11:00 AM, February 19th at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue, Venice. Please contact Barbara Gallagher in the St. Therese Parish office to register. Please plan to attend these events.

LATIN AMERICA OFFERING

The Collection for the Church in Latin America is taking place in the Diocese this weekend. Please be generous in this collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with many families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Offering envelopes can be found in your box of parish envelopes or at the entrance of the church.

envelopes can be found in your box of parisi envelopes or at the entrance of the church. Your support and prayers truly makes a difference! Thank you for your generosity!



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 17, is a national holiday in the United States. In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Parish Office at St. Therese will be closed. Shortly after the 9:00 AM Mass, the church doors will be secured. The office will reopen as usual at 8:00 AM on Tuesday.

Parish News



An Invitation to Anyone who has been away from the Church

Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?
Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church?
Would you like to know more about the Church as it is today?
Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

St. Therese Parish is offering a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home," on Wednesdays, from 2:00—3:00 PM in the Church.

The sessions are led by lay parishioners in a non-threatening format, and are offered for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church.

If you know someone who has left the Church, invite them to join us. Please contact Nelson Perez at nelson.perez@sainttheresechurch.net or call (239) 567-2315 ext. 104 for more information.

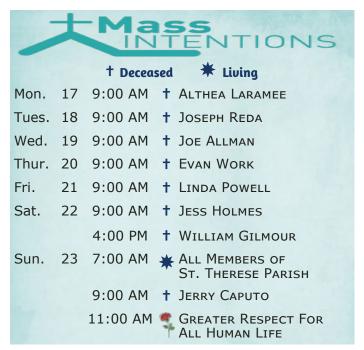
Rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic Faith!





greggully@gmail.com

signage on night of the event.





CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION **FOR JANUARY**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

2022 PARISH CALENDARS

The 2022 Parish Calendars are available in the main entrance of the church. Please take a calendar with you today. THANK YOU to Ellsworth Heating and Cooling who are the sponsors of the calendar. We are very grateful for your support and generosity!



1905 Tamiami Trail www.ellsworthair.com 239-995-6005 1-800-995-7005

CMC1250389 • RA0016458 ER0001803 · CAC057214



Nicholas Andriotty, Helen Barrett Sue-Omer Bourque, Kay & Lino Caldera Juliette Campbell, Buddy & Barbara Caputo Frances Copps, Becky Corcoran, Martha Davis Bob & Helen DeMarco, Brian Dennison, Steve Drum Sandra Dube, Charlie Erff, Terry Fenech, Bob Fraser Bryan Gavarza, Bruce Hart, Bob Harris Easton Irwin, Brady Kellogg, Lloyd Kelsey Don Madison, Sean&Sue McMahon, Kathie Needham Michael & Nicholas McPartland, Neil Orr Jayne Pellegrino, Alice Petersen, Greg Rapp Cathy Reye, Mary Ruby, Bob & Michele Sebastian Darlene & Jim Shephard, Lula Shirk, Bob Taylor Ginlee Taylor, Richard Thomas Stephen Walsh, Demis & David Washburn Alisa, Gregory & Thomas Wieczorek

If you wish to have the name of a relative or friend added to our prayer list for six weeks, please contact the parish office, 239-567-2315

TRAFFIC OFFERING

From November through April, various law enforcement agencies assist worshipers at St. Therese Parish as they seek both egress and entrance to Highway 41. This service comes at an annual cost of nearly \$17,000! To offset this expenditure, a TRAFFIC envelope is included in the box of parish envelopes during the six months when assistance is needed. Envelopes are also available at the main entrance of the church. THANK YOU for your generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 Sunday:

(3)/ 1 Cor 12: 4-11/ Jn 2: 1-11

Monday: Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9. 16bc-

17. 21 and 23/ Mk 2: 18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20. 21-22. 27-

28/Mk 2: 23-28

1 Sm 17: 32-33. 37. 40-51/ Ps 144: Wednesday:

1b. 2. 9-10/ Mk 3: 1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7/ Ps 56: 2-3. 9

-10a. 10b-11. 12-13/ Mk 3: 7-12

Friday: Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and

Martyr

1 Sm 24: 3-21/ Ps 57: 2. 3-4. 6 and

11/Mk 3: 13-19

Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection

of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1: 1-4. 11-12. 19. 23-27/ Mk 3:

20-21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4 5-6 8-10/Ps 19:8 9 10 15/ 1 Cor 12:12-30/ Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

LAW OFFICE OF CONRAD WILLKOMM, P.A.

Last Will & Testament \$250
Power of Attorney \$125
Living Will & Health Care Surrogate \$125
Revocable Trust* \$650

his represents the fee for an individual's trust. All trust packages include a Will, Certification of Trust, and Deed for NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE. Package discounts available.

FREE CONSULTATIONS ==

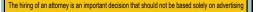
Focusing on Estate Planning, Probate and Real Estate Closings

Conrad Willkomm, Esq., LL.M Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Real Estate Law Master of Laws in Taxation

4415 Metro Pkwy., Unit 218 Ft. Myers, FL 33916 | (239) 256-2140

Offices also located in Naples conrad@willkommlaw.com

willkommlaw.com





"Come Eat Where the Locals Eat"
Breakfast & Lunch Served Everyday!
3701 Fowler St.

"We'll Treat You Better Than Family"

Michele's Family Hair Care

Tamiami Plaza at the Corner of Littleton & N. Cleveland
656-4247
MICHELE MENDEZ - Parishioner



Education you can believe in.

Pre K-3 through Grade 8 239.334.7707 www.StFrancisFortMyers.org





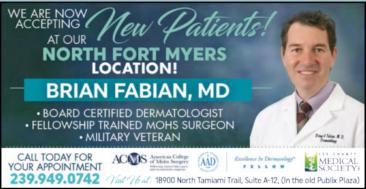
Assisted Living & Memory Care

Call Us Today to Schedule a Tour

(239) 217-5900

3501 Hancock Bridge Parkway North Fort Myers, FL 33903







1 to

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.





Assisted Living & Memory Care

Call Us Today to Schedule a Tour (239) 217-5900 • (239) 240-5042

3501 Hancock Bridge Parkway North Fort Myers, FL 33903



Bob Conklin
Independent Sales Agent
239-565-0745
bobconklin239@gmail.com

Medicare Advantage-Medicare Supplements Prescription Drug Plans



Bring Your Bulletin!
\$1 Donated for each Meal to Building Fund

239-242-0218

4820 Cleveland Avenue • Fort Myers, FL 33907





Providing final care with Dignity and Affordability

Full Service Funeral Home - Serving all of Southwest Florida Family Owned & Operated On-site Private Crematorium

Two locations:

1056 NE 7th Terrace • Cape Coral, FL 33909 • 3654 Palm Beach Blvd • Fort Myers, FL 339-242-0909 ~ 24 HRS ~ 239-288-7000 | www.MullinsMemorial.co

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!





Local Parishioners Bernie: 239-910-4440

Don: 239-209-4599 2147 First Street • Fort Myers



www.BarclaysRealEstateGroup.com

B<u>arclay's</u>

REAL ESTATE GROUP

If you are buying or selling or renting Real Estate let the local and professional Real Estate team of Don & Bernadette Devaney, with over 40 years of combined experience, look after all your needs.





1905 Tamiami Trail www.ellsworthair.com 239-995-6005 1-800-995-7005

CMC1250389 • RA0016458 ER0001803 • CAC057214



For ALL Your Real Estate Needs





Hellenbrand **Broker/Owners Local Parishioners**



Contact Scott Messner to place an ad today! smessner@4lpi.com or (863) 875-1101

WE'RE HIRING

BE YOURSELF, BRING YOUR PASSION. VORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-Life Balance
- · Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community



TUFFY TIRE & AUTO SERVICE

1335 Del Prado Blvd. S. Cape Coral, Florida



239-574-3313 Family owned and operated since 1996 by Mark & Patty Holmes, Local Parishioners Please visit our website for special offers!

www.tuffycc.com

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

Rick 239-770-4726

Paula 239-770-4722

www.EncoreRealty.com



THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

North Pointe Dental Center

Serving Area Since 1991 New Patients Welcome

- · Crowns in a Day
- Cosmetic & Restorative Dentistry
- Dentures & Denture Repairs • Crown & Bridge Work
- Endodontic Therapy • Peridontal Therapy & Laser
- Dr. David J. Pfent II, D.M.D.

(239) 997-9949

Tamiami Plaza - No. Ft. Myers 16251 N. Cleveland Ave. • Ste. 11



FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY





All Saints Council 8440

Meets 2nd Monday of Each Month at 7:00pm at St. Therese 20115 N Tamiami Trl., N. Fort Myers, FL

For Membership Information Call 239-246-8703



John W. Mina, D.P.M., P.A.

PODIATRIST

Bayshore Medical Plaza 88-2 Pine Island Rd. North Fort Myers, FL

995-1588



Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com



Dignity