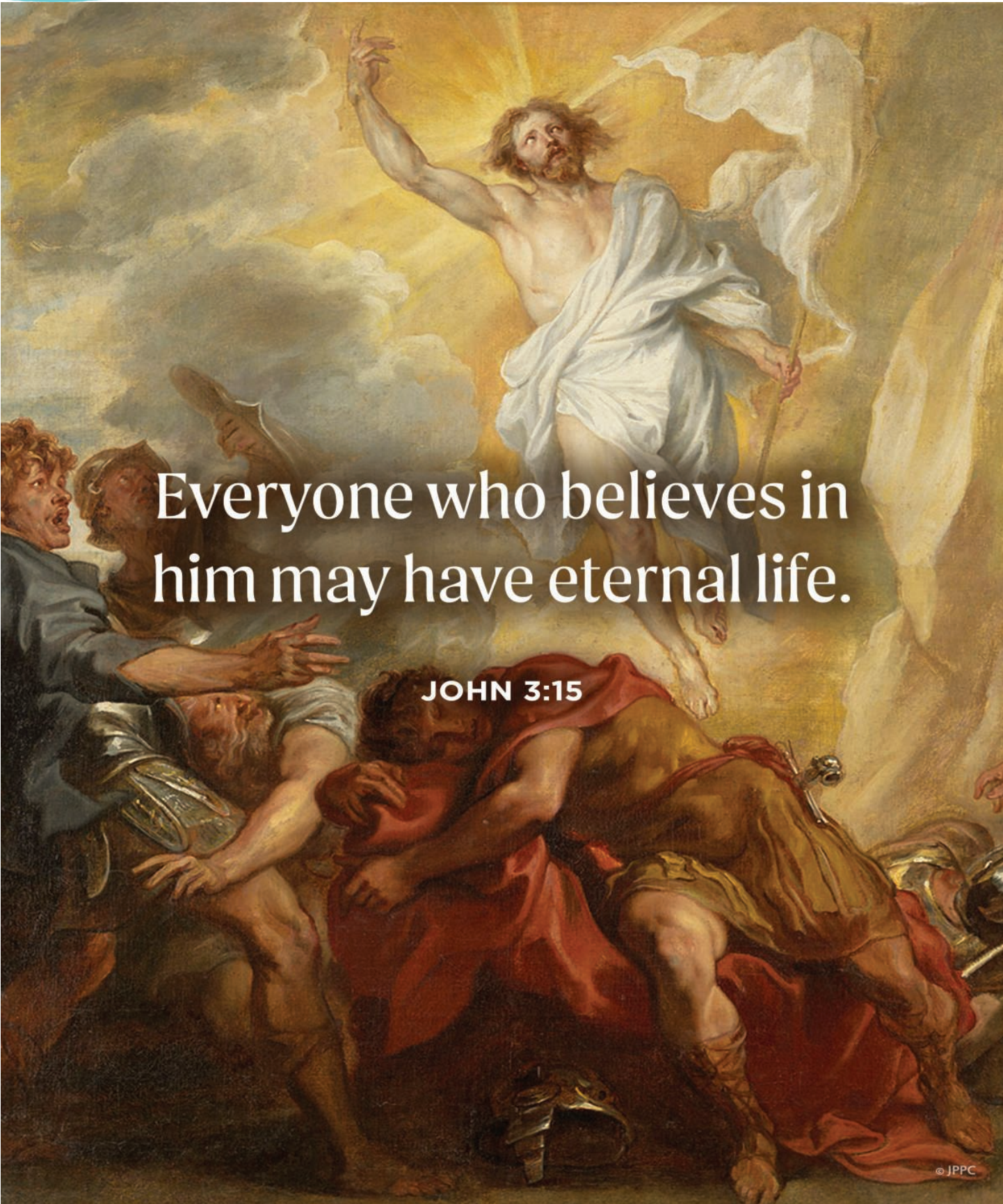




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JOHN 3:15

Walking with Purpose

Women's Bible Study Program
Studies resume 9-24-25. (Pre-registration was required.)

Meg.small352@gmail.com

October 1, WED, **St Therese Feast Day**

3:30PM Mass, followed by parish-wide dinner.

[No noon Mass that day.]

Mark your calendar!

[Watch soon for invitation and RSVP so we can plan & get a head-count.....]

St. Therese Choir Rehearsals began ***WED, Sept. 3 at 7PM***

The initial welcome-back meeting was in the Parish Hall. Subsequent practices will be in the church, Wednesdays at 7. New members are always encouraged....

[Open to: Adults & Youth - Twelve-years or older!]

Questions? Need more information?

Contact: Margaret Slavinsky
music@catholicwb.org

St. Therese Pro-Life Apostolate

In the Parish Hall, Monthly, *First Friday*
10:00AM*

Contact: jpaparozzi@yahoo.com 910.471.1534

Come Learn more about Abortion, Euthanasia, Human Trafficking, the Death Penalty, Abortion pill reversal, and other pro-life topics.....

Today is the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross. Because His death destroyed our own: the Cross is a symbol of ultimate triumph over evil and a symbol of the cross we must embrace in everyday life. If we work to save the unborn, we are subject to ridicule and rejection. Our plans for prolife activity should not be geared toward avoiding rejection, but rather toward understanding that we *will* encounter it. Lord: may we see the Cross as our triumph, today and forever!

Need Help?

***Lifeline Pregnancy Center* - 910.392.0001**

Abortionpillreversal.com

HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG

***Project Rachel* - 1.888.456.4673**

Struggling with Infertility? Popepaulvi.com

Natural/Family Planning: www.usccb.org/NFP

Interested in the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternal service organization in the world?

Frank Bio, frankbio2@gmail.com OR https://kofc12885.org/ - OR ask any Knight for information on the St. Therese Council, #12885, Wrightsville Beach, and our principles of: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism!

SVDP Our Lady of the Rosary Cape Fear Founders Day Celebration

September 27, Saturday, 5PM, at St. Mark

Mass with Archbishop Kurtz, Movie, Rosary and Dinner

Reservations or information: office@svdpCapeFear.com

\$35 per person - proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul, Cape Fear Conference

This Week	Stewardship		
Saturday, September 13 - 2nd Collection Catholic University 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - St Therese Parishioners Sunday, September 14 - 2nd Collection all Masses 8:00AM - Mass - Mary & Jonathan Rhyne (L) 9:15AM - OCIA (first class) 10:30AM - Mass - Mary McCarthy (D) 11:30AM - Altar Server Training Monday, September 15 - PRIEST RETREAT BEGINS Mo Mass, nor activities noted Tuesday, September 16 Priest Retreat Wednesday, September 17 Priest Retreat Thursday, September 18 Priest Retreat Friday, September 19 Last Day Priest Retreat Saturday, September 20 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Vincent C. Martina (D) 6:00PM - Shrimparoo Sunday, September 21 8:00AM - Mass - Annie McKenna (D) 9:15AM - OCIA 10:30AM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners Monday, September 22 Mo Mass, nor activities noted Tuesday, September 23 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00- Mass - Deceased members of the DeBellis family Wednesday, September 24 10:30AM - Walking with Purpose (first class) 11:30AM- Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Tom Brown (D) 7:00PM - Choir Practice Thursday, September 25 [St Mark School Eighth Grade Retreat] 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Michelina & Paulo DeBellis (D) 12:30PM - Adoration 4:30PM - Benediction [All items subject to change, update, or cancellation]	Offertory	Needed	Received
	August 17, 2025	\$ 16,730.00	\$ 16,159.91
	August 24, 2025	\$ 16,730.00	\$ 15,272.97
	August 2025	\$ 83,650.00	\$ 68,443.89
	Consider online giving: visit www.catholicwb.org, Click on "Giving" and follow the prompts.....		
The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross <i>"...Hearken, my people, to my teaching...."</i> This Week's Saints/Special Observances Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows Tuesday: Saints Cornelius and Cyprian Wednesday: Sts. Robert Bellarmine & Hildegard of Bingen Thursday: Thursday of the 24th week in Ordinary Time Friday: Saint Januarius Saturday: Saint Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	TODAY'S READINGS First Reading - The Lord provides an antidote to the venomous snake attacks. He tells Moses to mount a bronze serpent to a pole for the people to look at and be healed. This is an allegory to the Cross of Christ. (Numbers 21: 4b-9) Psalm - Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78:1bc-2,34-35,36-37,38) Second Reading — This is probably an early Christian hymn. It follows the storyline of Christ's mission and sets Him forth as a model of Christian living. (Phillippians 2:6-11) Gospel — Jesus sees the relic from Moses' time of the bronze serpent, made to save the Israelites as an image of His crucifixion which saves mankind from sin and brings healing to a rebellious world. (John 3:13-17)		
	This Week's Scripture Readings		
	Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 7:31-35 Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 Lk 7:36-50 Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Lk 8:1-3 Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 8:4-15 Sunday Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13		
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Enjoy some peaceful prayer time....

Eucharistic Adoration

Come Let Us Adore Him

**Thursday Devotion, following the 12PM Mass
12:30PM until 4:30PM**

**Consider taking a weekly Holy Hour to spend
time with Jesus in prayer!
(It will be the best hour of your week.)
Adorers always needed Thursdays....**

*[Come anytime Thursday when you can spend a
few peaceful minutes, or a whole Holy Hour.]*

All Welcome! Bring a friend!

Need a priest to visit you while in NOVANT- NHRMC?

You, your family, or your nurse must contact our Parish office
or the Spiritual Care Dept. in the hospital . (There may be
infection-control procedures in place.) *Scheduled surgery?*
Contact the Parish Office *prior* to it in order to schedule a time
for Anointing of the Sick by Father *before you are admitted.*

Any person wishing a low-gluten host must come to the
back-door of the sacristy *early* and ask Father directly, well
prior to the start of Mass. (So preparations may be made.)

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In 2025 Give Online Giving a Try!

Visit: www.catholicwb.org

Click on: "Giving"

Read the online data, then hit click [here](#).

Follow the instructions to set up an account and
password. *Use the email address on file with your Parish
enrollment.....* You can set up a recurring scheme, or
do a one-time gift on the weekends you are away...

The Knights of Columbus Shrimparoo

is scheduled for Saturday, September 20
Visit the Courtyard during the weekends prior to get tickets
ahead from the Knights!

Questions?

Ask any Knight, but don't miss it!

<https://KofC12885.org/news>

Diocese of Raleigh

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: "Open Your Heart - Open a Door"

[Please complete your pledges....]

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/bishops-annual-appeal/>
[bishops-annual-appeal-donate-online](#)

**[We are already 84% committed at this writing!]
(QR Code to give is on poster on bulletin board)**

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 PM - 4:45PM in
the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment.
(Additional time may be offered during Advent and Lent.)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 12:30PM - 5:30PM

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at
www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children
are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming
Catholic should inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive
the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the
Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples from St. Therese planning marriage are asked to contact
the Parish Office *at least 6 months prior* to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office.

Faith Formation, Confirmation, First Communion classes are at *St. Mark*.
Contact them too, if you can volunteer to help with the program.

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**St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish,
united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community,
outreach and service.**

More Charitable/Volunteer Information

Would you like to Volunteer to help with meals
at the **Eugene Ashley Center?**

Please contact Sally Pete Klingenburger or Rosemary Burney if you are interested in joining some of your fellow parishioners in helping to provide Friday meals for the residents of this transitional housing center for veterans. This very flexible volunteer opportunity includes such tasks as cooking, prep work, etc.

(The veterans themselves do the clean-up.)

Contact to find out more:

Petek123@aol.com or BurneyRM@hotmail.com

Would you like to help our children with their **Faith Formation** classes at St. Mark? Contact Anne Doyle and see if there's open spots for Catechists or assistants or other helpers.

910-398-6511 or

Email: children@stmarkcc.net

Think you have a vocation to the Priesthood?

Diocese of Raleigh **Office of Vocations**

www.ncpriest.org

Upcoming Vocation Discernment Retreats

SEP 13	Raleigh	NCSU
OCT 04	Durham	DUKE
NOV 22	Greenville	ECU
JAN 24	Chapel Hill	UNC-Chapel Hill
MAR 21	Wilmington	UNCW
APR 25	Elon	ELON

Pre-registration required.

Email: vocations@raldioc.org

Other 2026 Vocations Events

JAN 30-FEB 1	St. Vincent de Paul Seminary: "Come & See" Weekend
JUN 26-28	Young Adult Pilgrimage (Eastern NC)
JUL 20-23	Quo Vadis High School Retreat

Wilmington Catholic Radio

Wilmington Catholic Radio can be heard on station **93.1 FM** in Wilmington. Shows can also be heard *online* on their website. Visit:

www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com

EverTide

Sunday, October 19, 2:30PM
Immaculate Conception Church
6650 Carolina Beach Road

Hour-long event weaving Christian music,
readings from God's word, stillness, listening
and renewal. John@evertideevents@gmail.com

Men - start your weekend off right!

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings for candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

Inquiries? Email: jim@gibson-consultants.com

Please Pray for...

Rob Alford, Robert & Phyllis Anderson, Grace Anton, Jeanne Ashey, Bill Baker, Jr., Mark Bianco, Eileen Ballance, Tish Baker, Mary Barnhart, Paula Basso, Bill Batley, Connie Bergh, Doreen & Ed Bill, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Ted Bost, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Kaitlin Burns, Matthew Burns, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Rocco Campagna, Grayson Carfagno, Jimmy Carl, Tina Carter, Kurt Christiansen, Sarah Cicuto, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Anne Cline, Mary Condra, Sally Lynn Costa, Dale Cromarrtie, Brown Crosby, Darlene Currier, Shawn Dahm, N. Davy, Jim Dvorak, Bob & Nancy Farris, Charlie P. Farris, Larry Ferrell, Joe Foley, Mary Galioto, Pete Galioto, John George, Larry George, Rev. Gene Grabowski, Beth Grady, Jacqueline Guarino, Gerry Geist, Wyatt Gildersleeve, Thomas Giorgio, The Griffin Family, Esther Caeli Gripshover, Jacqueline Guarino, Elizabeth Hagan, Phyllis Ham, Craig Hoffman, Ryan Hogan, Dan Holt, Bob Horne, Clayton T. Housler, Donna Howard, Lenore Hulser, Ed Hyer, Rachel Jacobs, David Johnson, Valerie Johnston, Noah Joseph, Laurie King, David Kmiec, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Mike Kranchalk, Kathy L., Rich Lalier, Kathleen LaMonica, Anna Langlois, Pamela LeBlanc, Cheryl Lee, Annie Lewis, Barrett Loomis, Aubrey Lueck, David Mabree, Jessica MacKay, Miriam Marlar, Joey Manett, Danny McComas, Elizabeth M. McConnell, Bill McCord, Holly McKittrick-Boyle, Anne Meister, Kristen Metkiff, Greg Meyers, Michele Milkiewicz, Janice Miller, Nicole Miller, Carmel Moffo-Hackert, Maureen Molnar, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, John Moody, Grace Morchauser, Nicole Miller, Mary Murray, Terry Noe, Nick Onufrak, Gregory O'Toole, Chris P., Erin Pascaro, Lauren Peterson, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruium, Marylee Reaume, Amanda Reda, Alexa Reid, Omaira Reid, Marissa Rhyne, Kathleen Rice, Gunther Rohland, Judy Ross, Sonya Row, Brooke Russell, Garry Rust, Mary Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, Joanie Scott, Steve Scott, Carol Schultz, David Scullin, Diane Sheedy, Gerald Sheehan, Lou Skrapits, Melanie Smith, Susan Snell - Callanen, Don Sonne, Stella Spratt, Karen Soteco, Nora Stamper, Alison Stone, Archie Stone, Cynthia Sullivan, Shawn & Margaret Sweeney, Tom, Martha, & Sean Swiny, Ashley, Brian & Clara Stamper, Mary Teller, Mary Ann Thacker, David Thompson, Joanela Townsend, Janet Trowell, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsun, Larry Vacek, Stan Vaughn, Nota Violagis, Laura Von, Melinda & Dale Walker, Elaine Ward, Stephen Weber, Mary Ellen Wegrzyn, Nancy Weicht, Phil Williams, TJ Wilson

Other Opportunities to Give....

JUL 6	Priests' Welfare & Retirement
SEP 7	Priests' Welfare & Retirement
SEP 13	Catholic University
OCT 19	World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Charities

"Stuff the Truck"

Food Drive was last weekend
[SEPT 6 & 7]

Thank you for your participation!

Contact:

wagner7845@gmail.com

Thank you for your participation in last weekend's 2nd Collection for the **Priests' Welfare & Retirement Fund**. These funds assist priests *within* the Diocese of Raleigh. Your donations help offset the significant assessment the parish must pay. Rev. Gene Grabowski, the late Msgr. Matthew Hendrick, the late Fr. Trent Watts and others have benefitted from this important fund which helps not only retired priests, but those too ill to work in active ministry....

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Save the Dates

Priests' Retreat: September 15 - 19
No Masses, nor activities this week: as the Diocese of Raleigh has use of our facilities. [Also: No parking, nor walk-thru to the beach. (Only retreatants.)]
Thank you for your understanding.

Grieving with Great Hope

A Catholic-based grief group began at St. Mark on TUES, Aug. 26. Sessions continue weekly, on Tuesdays, 4:30-6PM thru 11-18-25.
Contact: deacon.jolly@stmarkcc.net

Pray the Rosary!

Many gifts are attributed to those who faithfully pray the rosary, including: receipt of signal graces & armor against Hell, destruction of vice, decrease of sin, defeat of heresies, and more! Pray *before* daily Masses at 11:30AM. in the church....!
All Welcome! Join Us!

Altar Flowers

Want to donate flowers in 2025 "in Memory of" or "in Honor of" a special event, like an anniversary?
Contact the Parish Office!

Aug 23 - 24	In Honor of the Rendon - Miller wedding
Aug 30 - 31	In Honor of Kathy & Joram Thomas' 39th Anniversary
Sep 6 - 7	In Memory of Jean & Anthony Pipoli by Anne Marie Campbell
Sep 13 - 14	"Open" a publication time

THANK YOU!

Food Pantry News

"Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave....."

YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area (over 200 families) who use the Food Pantry. You can also make a monetary donation - write your check (with a notation that you are a St. Therese parishioner) and mail directly to:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425

Want to help drive St. Therese's weekly donations to Burgaw? Contact: Jane Yemma, 910.547.4243

The Pantry thanks St. Therese parishioners for their donations!

Remember: Soups, stews, chili, etc. continue to be welcomed, as do "the usuals".....canned fruit, vegetables, cereals, canned tuna, chicken, rice, beans, macaroni/pasta, peanut butter.....[Please make sure your donations have not exceeded expiration dates....]

Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's directly? It can be done MONDAY, 10AM-12PM only. Contact Patricia Kopchick: 518-275-9887

Driving to Burgaw? Always call first to check if any schedule changes are planned...

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