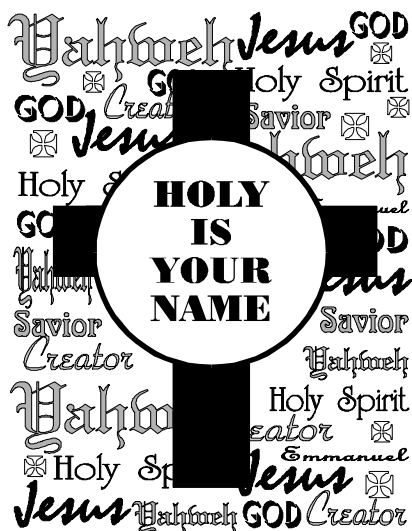


**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

July 25, 2010



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF  
July 25 – August 1**

- SAT: 5:30pm Margarita Fabrico Family,  
Living and Deceased
- SUN: 7:00am Michael Giannoccaro  
8:30am Francesco and Rosa DeCicco  
Elizabeth Kennerk  
10:00am Dec. Mem. Rumpf & Davis Fam.  
11:30am Zigmund "Rusty" Nowicki
- MON: 7:30am Giuseppe DiMunno  
12:10pm Arianna Adames (Living)
- TUE: 7:30am Antonio & Lucrezia Poli  
12:10pm Firminia Amitrano
- WED: 7:30am Nellie Diaz  
12:10pm Louis Pagan
- THU: 7:30am Emilio and Giuseppina Onorato  
12:10pm Bertha Scarano
- FRI: 7:30am Giovanni Fratto  
12:10pm Andrew T. Domenech (Living)
- SAT: 8:00am Antonina Ribauda  
5:30pm Carlo and Anna Grossi
- SUN: 7:00am All Parishioners, Living and  
Deceased  
8:30am Maruzza Limarello  
Fannie Vuolo  
10:00am Mary and William Peterson  
11:30am Elena and Alberto Chavez

Note: Monday through Friday, 12:10pm mass is offered for an increase in vocations. An additional intention may be requested.



**PRAY FOR:**

Stefania Dembski  
Paul W. Weigele

**LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP DOLAN**

Father Dennis received the following letter from Archbishop Dolan:

*Dear Father Nikolić,*

*Congratulations to you and St. Joseph Parish for exceeding your goal for the 2010 Stewardship Appeal. I am so grateful for your efforts.*

*Through the generosity exhibited by your parish community, the Archdiocese of New York is in a position to continue to strengthen its charitable, educational, and spiritual work. To this end, your leadership and support was crucial to the success of the 2010 Appeal. Given the difficult economy, your parishioners' response is even more inspiring.*

*Please share my deepest gratitude with your parish community, and be assured that you have a special place in my prayers.*

*With renewed gratitude, may I remain*

*Fraternally in Christ,  
+ Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of New York*

**COMING IN THE FALL –  
BIBLE STUDY**

**THE LAST LETTERS OF ST. PAUL**

TUES. EVE – 7:30PM – SEPT. 14 TO NOV. 16

OR

THURS. MORN – 10:30AM – SEPT. 16 TO NOV. 18

PRAYERFUL READING & STUDY  
OF  
PAUL'S LETTERS TO  
THE EPHESIANS, THE COLOSSIANS,  
TIMOTHY I & II, TITUS, PHILEMON

ALL ARE WELCOME!  
BRING A FRIEND  
BRING YOUR BIBLE  
(SAME MATERIAL IS COVERED  
IN EACH OF THE TWO SESSIONS)

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GYM MEETING ROOM  
PRESENTER: FR. TIMONE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER GIVES NEW HOPE  
TO EACH PERSON WHO PRAYS  
AS JESUS TAUGHT.**

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and the one who knocks, the door will be opened... If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"... "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples"... "He said to them, 'When you pray say..."

As this time of the year weekends find us at the beach, nearby lake or backyard pool. We watch the children with swim rings, boogie boards, learning how to handle the water. They do not learn standing beside the pool or on the beach. They have to dive right in.

Prayer is no different. We learn to pray by praying. Surely we can learn different forms of prayer, as there are different ways of moving in the water. We can speak our prayer, sing our prayer, or silently meditate. It is the way we address our God. There are two key elements. We learn first that when we pray we are responding to an invitation God has already offered us. Secondly, we remember who it is we are in dialogue in prayer. We speak, He listens. But don't forget, every conversation allows the Other to speak, and we quietly listen.

Choose the form of prayer which best meets your need and your situation, but and know that God always hears our prayer, for He knows us even before we begin. He wants us to recognize our need and our dependence upon Him. 'When you pray say...'

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**MONTHLY ROSARY CRUSADE**

The monthly Rosary Crusade to End Abortion will be held Sunday, August 1 from 4:00-5:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. You are invited to come to the holy hour that includes special Prayers for the Unborn, the Rosary of Our Lady and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



The Eucharist is the center of our Faith and Christ who is present in the Eucharist should be the center of our lives. Our Lord waits for us to come to him, present in the Eucharist; Exposed for us to adore in Perpetual Adoration, spend an hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel any time of the night and day. Adorers are needed for

**Sunday, 5:00-6:00am, Monday, 7:00-8:00pm, Tuesday, 11am-Noon, Thursday, 5:00-6:00am, 6:00-7:00am and 4:00-5:00pm, and Friday, 11:00pm-Midnight.** All other hours are still available. Call the rectory, 343-6013.

**APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER**

Pray for our Orange County Vicariate clergy:

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|---------|--------------------------------------|
| July 25 | Pope Benedict XVI                    |
| July 26 | Rev. Bernard Heter                   |
|         | Rev. Joseph Tokarczyk                |
| July 27 | Rev. Thomas Dicks                    |
|         | Deacon Paul Weireter                 |
| July 28 | Rev. Kent Wilson                     |
|         | Rev. Sebastian Pandarathikudiyil, VC |
| July 29 | Rev. Robert Sweeney                  |
|         | Deacon Peter Brockmann               |
| July 30 | Ill and Suffering Priests            |
| July 31 | Vocations                            |
|         | Seminarians                          |

**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

Please let people know that we are still accepting registration forms for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know anyone who is interested in enrolling at St. Joseph's next year, please have them call the school office at 343-3139. At this time we have openings in all grades, especially Pre-K4 and Kindergarten.

**Summer Hours: The school will be open during the summer. Our summer hours are as follows: Monday: 8:30am-2:00pm; Tuesday-Friday: 8:00-11:30am.**

**SHORTER NOTICE**

- ST. JOSEPH'S LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST THE RETURNING KING will meet Sunday, August 8, 3:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come and join us. For more information, call 1-800-363-3913m Ext, 7.

# Who is Thea Bowman?

Dear Padre,

*I attended Mass last week at a mostly African American church. The pastor mentioned Sister Thea Bowman but didn't explain who she is. Can you tell me?*

Cheri

Dear Cheri,

Born Bertha Bowman in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in 1937, Thea Bowman was the only child of Mary Esther, a teacher, and Theon, a doctor who left a promising career in New York to serve African Americans being denied medical care in Mississippi.

Bertha attended a school run by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. At age nine she converted to Catholicism and at age fifteen joined the Franciscan sisters. She took the name *Thea* in honor of her father.

Sister Thea became a college professor and a founding faculty member of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies in New Orleans, where she taught black literature, religion, spirituals, and preaching. She was also a popular speaker at colleges and parishes.

In 1984 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Thea vowed to "live until I die" and continued her rigorous schedule of speaking engagements. At the United States bishops' June 1989 meeting, she challenged them to continue to evangelize the black community, to promote full participation of blacks within Church leadership, and to understand the value of Catholic schools in the black community.

Sister Thea Bowman died in 1990, but her journey of enlightenment and inspiration lives on.

*Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday	Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

## THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY'S "SPANISH FOOD FESTIVAL"

Our parish's Annual "Spanish Food Festival" will take place on Sunday, September 12 beginning after the 11:30am Mass to 5:30pm in the Parish Center/Gym and outdoors. There will be a variety of homemade Hispanic foods, music and children's activities. ALL ARE INVITED. A 50/50 drawing will be held. Tickets will be sold after masses next weekend, July 31 and August 1. Proceeds will benefit St. Joseph's Parish.

### TITHING—GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

July 19, 2009.....	\$11,267.00
July 18, 2010.....	\$10,697.00

*"A gift is something that we do not have to give! No law requires us to give gifts on birthdays and Mother's Day. Similarly, our gifts to God are prompted by the spirit of generosity. We give because we want to give. We give because we love. Tithing is giving a gift . . . for every gift we have ever received."*  
A Parishioner

### ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTION

"It is noteworthy that as acceptance and use of contraception have increased in our society, so have acceptance and use of abortion. Couples who unintentionally conceive a child while using contraception are far more likely to resort to abortion than others. Tragically, our society has fallen into a mentality that views children as a burden and invites many to consider abortion as a "backup" to contraceptive failure. This is most obvious in efforts to promote as "emergency contraception" drugs that really act as early abortifacients.

"With Pope John Paul II we affirm that contraception and abortion are "specifically different evils," because only "the latter destroys the life of a human being," but that they are also related (The Gospel of Life, No. 13). It is important to remember that means that are referred to as "contraceptive" are, in reality, sometimes also abortifacient. An end to abortion will not come from contraceptive campaigns but from a deeper understanding of our human sexuality, and of human life, as sacred gifts deserving our careful stewardship" (2001: US Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life).

**GIVE  
US  
OUR  
DAILY  
BREAD**

