

Dear Brothers & Sisters, September 26, 2021

Each year on October 1st, we celebrate our *parish Feast Day for Saint Theresa*, the Little Flower. Her life & writings have inspired many people in the life of faith and in the pursuit of holiness. During her earthly life, Saint Theresa once said that *'she would spend her time in heaven doing good on earth.'* The many people who have looked up to her & who have been assisted by her heavenly intercession have certainly proven this statement to be true. Our annual celebration of her *Feast Day* is always a time of joy and thanksgiving for us here at our



parish. As a parish family, we have been blessed in so many ways by our loving God. We know that Saint Theresa continues to help us through her intercession. In observance of this solemn day in the life of our parish, please consider joining us for the following events on Friday, October 1st... The celebration of *Mass* at 8am in the main Church, which will conclude with *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*. After Mass, *Adoration* will continue throughout the day in the daily chapel. At 6pm, there will be a *Solemn Holy Hour with Evening Prayer & Benediction* in the Church. At 7pm, there will be a *reception* in the Faith Formation Center. Please join us in prayer & celebration.

This weekend, we are happy to welcome Father Dean Gaudio to our parish family. Father Dean has been assigned here as parochial vicar by the Bishop. We definitely look forward to having Fr. Dean with us to participate in the life of our parish & assist with our many ministries. Please extend a warm & friendly welcome to him.

During the upcoming month of October, we have some important events taking place in the life of our parish. These events include the *Sacrament of Confirmation* for our 9th grade candidates who recently completed our Children's Faith Formation Program. *Confirmations* will take place on Wednesday, October 20th at 6pm. We also have the celebration of *First Holy Communion* for our 3rd grade students, which was postponed from last spring in order to give them more time to prepare for this important step in their faith. *First Communions* will be celebrated on Saturday, October 30th at 9am. On Sunday, October 3rd, we will have our kick-off event for our new youth group year. Please refer to our bulletin and parish website calendar for more details about all of the other important & exciting events taking place at our wonderful Parish of Saint Theresa in the upcoming weeks.

Peace & Blessings,

Father John Large