



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA – ADULT EDUCATION – BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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AFFLAC – A d u l t F a i t h Form ation: L e a d e r C a t e c h e s i s

November 16, 2008



Some thoughts, in this month of ‘All Saints’ and ‘All Souls’.....St. Therese of Lisieux – ‘The Little Flower’

Therese Martin was the last of nine children born to Louis and Zelig Martin, on January 2, 1873, in Alencon, France. Only 5 of these children lived to reach adulthood – Marie, Pauline, Leonie & Therese. Her mother died when she was 4 – which began years of feeling abandoned and disappointment. Therese (spoiled by her father and sisters), had a spirit that wanted everything. On Christmas Eve, 1886, she had a ‘conversion’ experience which transformed her life. At 14, Therese longed to enter the Carmelites. The Bishop said she could not enter until she was at least 18 years old. Determined, Therese, her father and Celine went to Rome to request an audience with the Pope. After several pleas with the Pope, Therese was told ‘You must do what the superiors decide. You will enter if it is God’s will.’ Finally, the Bishop of Lisieux gave his permission, and at 15, Therese entered the Carmelites and joined her sisters Marie and Pauline.

Therese wanted to be a Missionary but because of bad health, she said ‘Great deeds are not for me.’ She is best known for her ‘little way,’ to do little things with great love. Her book ‘The Story of a Soul’ is her journey of faith through her brief life. Therese died on Sept. 30, 1897 at age 24, saying ‘I have never given the good God anything but love, and it is with love he will repay. After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven in doing good upon earth!’ St. Therese became the 33rd doctor of the church and the 3rd woman to be recognized with this title. She is a powerful intercessor, and the patron saint of Missionaries.



FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Fridays 9:30 to 11:30 AM, in the Burke Wing.
SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY– Sundays 7 to 8:15 PM. Call Cathy 410-796-8150.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



Our Fall 6 week Support Group –
‘A New Day’s last session will be this
Thursday, November 20th, at 6:30 PM, in the Burke
Wing. This last session will deal with ‘How to get
through the holidays after the loss of a loved one.’

Please keep our participants in prayer with the first
of our holidays on Thanksgiving.

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The R i t e of C r i s t i a n i t i a t i o n of A d u l t s

We meet today at 9:00 AM Burke Wing.

TODAY’S TOPICS:

‘Scripture’ and preparation for next
week’s Presentation of the Our Father.
Please keep our 15 Candidates & Catechumens in
your thoughts and prayers.

PARISH PRAYER CIRCLE

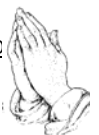
Our parish ‘Prayer Circle’ prays for the needs of our
parish family. ‘Evening and morning and at noon I
will pray, and cry aloud, and He
shall hear my voice’ Psalm 55:17

Anyone may call or email in a petition to

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‘Prayer helps us to respond to misfortune
with courage, to react with confidence and to
rebound with enthusiasm.’

- William Arthur Ward -

Helping Hands

‘HELPING HANDS’ MINISTRY



Ministries

Our ‘Helping Hands’ assist with funeral
receptions for our parishioners by
bringing food donations, setting-up,
serving, take-down, and clean-up. Our biggest need
right now is for some able-bodied men and/or youth to
assist with setting-up, take-down, and clean-up.

If you can assist in any way, please call Pat Pool at
410-796-5876.