



Reflections

A silhouette of a person standing on a reflection, positioned over the word "Reflections". The reflection is a mirror image of the person, creating a vertical line of symmetry. The word "Reflections" is written in a large, serif font, with the letters "e", "l", "e", "c", "t", "i", "o", "n", "s" being significantly larger than the other letters. The entire title is framed by two horizontal lines.

THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

HEAVENLY KING, PRAYING THE ROSARY HOLDS MORE POWER THAN I CAN IMAGINE. IT OFTEN SAVED CHRISTIAN EUROPE FROM MUSLIM INVADERS. THE BLESSED MOTHER TAUGHT THREE CHILDREN IN FATIMA THAT THE ROSARY OBTAINS SPECIAL GRACES FOR US, SAVES SINNERS FROM HELL, AND PROTECTS US FROM EVIL SPIRITS.

I ASK OUR LADY TO ACCEPT MY PRAYERS INTO HER IMMACULATE HEART, MULTIPLY THEIR THEIR POWER THROUGH THE GREATNESS OF HER LOVE, AND THEN CARRY YOUR HELP TO THOSE IN NEED. O JESUS, AS I TURN TO YOUR MOTHER FOR SUPPORT IN PRAYER, BIND US TO THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF HER MOST HOLY ROSARY, TRUSTING THAT SHE WILL TAKE CARE OF OUR SOULS. OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, PRAY FOR US.

A SAINT FOR THE SEASON

By Kathy Moran

ST. TERESA OF AVILA — DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

St. Teresa was born in Avila, Spain on March 28, 1515, the third child of Alonso de Cepeda and Beatriz de Ahumada.

St. Teresa loved to read, especially stories about saints. She enjoyed playing games with her brother and others. Teresa was a friendly little girl who loved people and having friends.

At the age of twelve, her mother died. Her father thought it best to place Teresa in a near by convent of Augustinian nuns. Teresa liked living in the convent, she felt it was a happy peaceful place where she could serve God and grow closer to Him. when it was time for her leave, Teresa had already decided she would like to become a nun. Unable to obtain her father's consent, she left his house secretly in November of 1535 and entered the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation of Avila. In the year following her professions at the age of 19, she became seriously ill, and by July 1539 she grew so ill that her father brought her home. On August 15th she fell into a coma so profound that she was thought to be dead. After four days she revived, but she remained paralyzed in her legs for three years. After her cure, which she attributes to St. Joseph, she entered into a mediocrity period in her spiritual life.

Teresa found it hard to pray, there were many distractions. Even when she tried, she found it difficult to concentrate, especially since she like having friends and being among people, it was especially difficult to spend time in prayer. Finally, after many years of trying, Teresa received the grace she prayed for, God became her best friend. At that time, the Carmelite's allowed women other than nuns to live in the convent. These woman had parties and visitors, they did not work or pray or try to live a life of poverty. Conditions at her convent had made it difficult for Teresa to find peace in God.

A SAINT FOR THE SEASON (Cont.)

Inspired by the holy spirit and guided by advisors she undertook the reform of her order.

Despite many set-backs and some out right hostility, she succeeded in establishing the Reform of the Discalced Carmelites. She established thirty two monasteries, seventeen which were convents for nuns. Her greatest legacy is her writings, letters, lectures and books on Prayer, *Mystical Theology and Spirituality* that contributed to learning in the Church.

She died in 1582 after having a vision of Jesus and many saints waiting to welcome her into Heaven. She was declared a Doctor of the church on September 27, 1970 and her feast day is October 15th.

Quote from St. Teresa on faith "*Let nothing disturb thee, let nothing affright thee, all things are passing, God changeth never.*"

FOREVER GRATEFUL

By: Marge Plichta

Assumption parish has always been a generous, welcoming parish and many parishioners remember the outpouring of love and care given to the Loeum family when they arrived in this country, having fled the horrors of Cambodia. They came to us in 1981, Yorm Loeum, her twin brothers Run and Ros and her two children Yenna and Mum.

At the request of Bishop Leonard, the parish council agreed to sponsor the family. A house, owned by the parish, was quickly furnished and made ready for them. As many parishioners met them and helped them adjust to their new home the problems of language and culture quickly dissolved. The children enrolled at Northgate and Assumption and English became familiar to them.

Yorm found English-As-A-Second language classes and eagerly went to them. Little Mum attended pre-school and the family settled in the parish. Eventually Yorm was able to find a job and they moved to their apartment. They then moved to the Boston area where many other Cambodian refugees had settled. Run and Ros, both now married and with families of their own, still live in that area. Yorm and her two children moved to California to be near her sister. Yenna continued her schooling while working and has earned both a bachelor and master degrees. Mum finished high school, served in the military and now has his bachelor degree.

Through all of these years Yorm and her family have continued to call to ask how everyone is, to tell us how they are, but most importantly, they call to say, over and over, how grateful they are to Assumption Parish for opening our hearts and our parish to them, for giving them the opportunity to live in this country, to live in peace.

As Yorm and her family continue to rekindle their friendship with Assumption and renew their gratitude, we reflect on the many memories we have of them in thanking God for His gifts to all of us.

School Bells

By Dr. Scigliano

Assumption School Reflections - September, 2006

It's a new school year and we are off to a great start! We hope that all of you had a wonderful summer. We are back to work leaning every day and keeping God at the center of our lives.

Service will continue to be an important part of our lives here at Assumption School. We know that Jesus has taught us to serve others. We serve in many ways, from raising money for St. Jude's Hospital to helping a friend on the playground and many things in between.

We are very grateful for your support and prayers. We will keep you, all of our benefactors, in our prayers throughout the year.

JUST TO LET OUR TEACHERS KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRE- CATE THEM

*"Teachers nurture the seeds of today so they might
bloom into the flowers of tomorrow."*

*"Teaching is the profession that creates all other."
"Teaching is a work of the heart."*

Did you ever wonder how the tradition of burying St. Joseph to help sell your home came from?

This article appeared in the Tribune Review

BURYING ST. JOSEPH

The ritual of burying St. Joseph began when St. Teresa of Avila and several nuns were opening convents throughout Europe, according to Sr. Mary Elizabeth Brush, director of development at Mt. Gallitzin Academy in Baden, Beaver County. When the nuns found a suitable piece of land, they were unable to afford it. They began to pray to St. Joseph, whose statue they carried, for the money to buy the property. The group had no place to stay, so they buried the statue to keep it safe. After the prayer and burial, someone purchased the land and built them a convent. The nuns dug up the statue and built a shrine in the convent in honor of St. Joseph.

ASSUMPTION PARENT-TEACHER GUILD

By: Maureen Grant

The Assumption Parent-Teacher guild welcomes you to another wonderful year of academic and spiritual growth for our children at Assumption School. As parents and guardians of children who attend Assumption School, we ask that you become an active member of the APTG this school year.

The APTG is a member-founded organization working in concert with Mr. Bergandy, teachers, staff and families to supplement and support their activities academics offered at Assumption School. With your participation in the APTG, our children and families will be able to enjoy special events, including...

Kindergarten Social, Masquerade Family Dance, Bayne Park Bake Sale, APTG Wine and Cheese Social, Secret Santa Gift Shop, St. Nick Celebration, Christmas Family Pot Luck Dinner, Catholic Schools' Week Open House, Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner Celebration, Pizza Lunches, Teacher Birthday Recognition, McDonald's Night Out, Forensics' Support, School Store, Dare Graduation, Volunteers' Luncheon, Field Day and Swimming Pool Parties.

Your active participation in the APTG allows family and friends of Assumption School to join together in celebration of holidays and seasonal events and to participate in activities that strengthen our children's social, spiritual and academic learning while having fun!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER;

SUNDAY, 10-8 APTG Meeting in McGovern Hall 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10-26 Masquerade Family Dinner Dance in McGovern Hall 6:00 p.m. to 8: p.m.

SUNDAY, 11-12 APTG Meeting in McGovern Hall 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

WED./THURS., 12-6 & 12-7 Secret Santa Gift Shop in the Youth Room 8a a.m. to 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, 12-10 APTG Meeting in McGovern Hall 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 12-12 Christmas Dinner-Band Concert in McGovern Hall 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

To be recited after praying the Rosary during the month of October

In our tribulation we fly to thee, o blessed Joseph;
and, after imploring the help of thy most holy Spouse,
we ask also with confidence for thy patronage.

By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin
Mother of God, and the paternal love with which thou didst
embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly
upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by his
precious Blood, and by thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.
Protect, most careful Guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen
people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, most loving father from all
pestilence or error and corruption. Be mindful of us, most
powerful protector, from thy place in heaven, in this warfare
with the powers of darkness: and, as thou didst snatch the
Child Jesus from danger of death, so now defend the holy
Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all
adversity. Guard each one of us by thy perpetual patronage,
so that, sustained by thine example and help, we may live in
holiness, die a holy death and obtain the everlasting happiness
of heaven.

Amen