



October

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**OCTOBER 2018**

**PETERSTOWN TEC**

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All Saints' Day is coming up on November 1, and I'm reminded of our TEC weekend when we heard about various saints and selected our favorite saint. Perhaps it was the saint's name taken at our confirmation, or one whose life story touched us in some way. We might have selected a saint who was the patron saint of something of interest to us. Did you know that there is a patron saint of the TEC program? It's Saint Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, also known as St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Her feast day is October 1 which happened to be Monday of the TEC 210 weekend.

I went online to learn more about St. Therese of Lisieux and wanted to share some things I learned. Therese Martin was born in France in 1873. From an early age she decided to dedicate herself fully to God and at sixteen entered the Carmelite convent of Lisieux. On the directions of her superior, she began writing a diary of her childhood, which reflects simplicity and faith in the love and mercy of God. She fell ill in 1895 and died two years later at the age of only 24.

Therese's spirituality is simple and she calls it her "little way." She teaches us that God is everywhere - in every situation and person - and in the ordinary, simple details of life. Her "little way" teaches us to do the ordinary things of life with extraordinary love. A smile, a note of encouragement, a phone call, suffering in silence, always having a positive word, a simple unnoticed task to brighten the life of another, and so many other simple deeds, done with love - these are the examples of her spirituality (Sounds a lot like WHEAT, a sacrifice done prayerfully, doesn't it?) Therese teaches us that Jesus is everywhere and is the power for love and goodness operating within us.

Externally, there was nothing remarkable about this Carmelite nun. To many even in the convent, she seemed like such an average, ordinary person. Her "little way" seems to put holiness of life within the reach of ordinary people. Live out your days with confidence in God's love for you. Recognize that each day is a gift in which your life can make a difference by the way you choose to live it. (And **KEEP COMING BACK!**)

**Kim Santman, Assistant Spiritual Director**

# LEAD ME LORD

ROBIN SANTMAN

October is a month of many important feast days in our Church. A couple weeks ago on October 1st, we celebrated the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux. On October 4th we celebrated the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. October is also Respect Life month and one of the two months of the year the Catholic Church honors Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary. Here is a brief history of why we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary.

October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Church chose that day and the month of October to honor Our Lady of the Rosary because a great victory took place on October 7. In October 1571, the Church in Europe faced a seemingly hopeless challenge. The Muslim Turks had already conquered the Middle East, slaughtering millions and forcing the survivors to convert to Islam. They then moved across the Mediterranean Sea, taking the crucial islands of Crete and Cyprus. From these islands, they set their sights on the Christian kingdoms of the central Mediterranean, threatening Sicily, Venice, and even Rome herself.

Pope Pius V called on the Christian princes of Europe to rally to defeat the Islamic threat. In addition, he called on rosary confraternities in Rome and all over Europe to undertake special processions and public recitation of the Rosary, asking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. What ensued was the famous Battle of Lepanto. The Christian fleet was far outnumbered and appeared to have no human hope of winning. On the first Sunday of October 1571, the Christian fleet met the invading Muslims off the coast of Greece in the Gulf of Lepanto. As Christians all over Europe prayed for Our Lady's intercession, the Turks surrounded the Christian ships. But the European fleet broke through. By days' end, almost all of the

Turks were driven to shore or drowned. Europe was saved. Pope Pius established an annual commemoration to honor Our Lady of Victory, and his successor, Gregory XIII, decreed that the first Sunday in October would be the feast of the Holy Rosary.

In summary, the decision to designate October as the month of the Rosary apparently stems from the Church's desire to extend its thanksgiving to Our Lady for victory in the Battle of Lepanto from one Sunday to a whole month. In addition, when Our Lady appeared in Fatima in May 1917, she identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary.

Lead Us Lord

Information taken from  
Catholic Exchange

May 4, 2003

Welcome to the Peterstown TEC Community the following new TECites who recently attended the Girls TEC Weekend Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1st. Reiss

## **WELCOME NEW TECITES**

Buettner, Hope Keller, Jade Kerchner, Marissa Martin, and Emma Thiry.  
**Girls, please remember to "KEEP COMING BACK"!**

Thank you to members of TEC #209; Jyll Pozzi, Linda Kelsey, Deacon Dan O'Connor,

## **THANK YOU!!**

and Kim Santman for the extra WHEAT they did by coming back to help clean-up after TEC #210! You were few but MIGHTY in getting the job done!

Also a big shout out to the WHEAT Team for getting the "ball rolling" earlier in the day, and special thanks to Carol McLachlan for staying a bit longer to finish the basement sleeping room.

Please keep in mind that it takes several TECites to get the Peterstown Hilton "back into shape" for the next TEC. Any TECite may come and do the extra WHEAT and help clean-up after a TEC weekend. Show up on Monday of a TEC weekend at 4:30 and be willing to help!

**TEC TEAM 211**

Prayers are needed for the current members of TEC Team #211 as they have been forming a community, praying, and previewing their meditations for the past couple of Wednesday evenings. They have a couple team meetings left before the TEC Weekend (Nov. 3rd-5th) so there is time to write a WHEAT note for any of their upcoming meetings. Let them know what act of WHEAT you are doing for them! You may email a Wheat letter to [laydirector@peterstowntec.com](mailto:laydirector@peterstowntec.com) before 4:00 on Wednesdays for the team meeting that night.

**TEC #211 Team Members:**

**Lay Leader- Phil Grant**

**Assistant Leaders- Andrew Lopez, Andy Sondgeroth**

**Spiritual Leader- Fr. Tom Mizeur**

**Assistant Spiritual Directors- Anita Kobilesek and Kim Santman**

**Other team members- Dylan Grammer, Christian Harris, Isaac Leal, Preston Lewis, Ricky Martinez, Jacob Quiram, Aaron Schmidt, and Justin Wiggins**

**THANK YOU FROM KATHY**

To The TEC Family,  
Thank you for such a beautiful moment in remembrance of my father, Vince. My sister and I were going to speak after the presentation but Jim said such great things about Dad so emotions took over. I wanted to write all of you and let you know how special that 5 minute dedication meant to us.

Dad lived for TEC and all of you. You gave him reason to keep going and coming back. He is always with each TEC in Spirit.

Thanks,  
Kathy Giacobazzi

## DEACON VINCE MEMORIAL

During the Hoot for the candidates of TEC #210 as well as the “reunion” of the Peterstown TEC Community, Peterstown TEC unveiled the memorial plaque designed and crafted by Jim Poisel. Jim is a good and long-time friend to Deacon Vince and has supported the Peterstown TEC program and Illinois Valley Cursillo by crafting the Lay Leader plaques, pass-it-on handheld crosses, and TEC’s 40th Anniversary Plaque. He was present to say how he felt about losing a great friend. The bottom line of the plaque has three words, “Keep Coming Back”, the words Deacon Vince used near the end of a blessing he would extend upon TECites. Two of Deacon Vince’s daughters, Teresa (Slomian) Sabatini and Kathy (Slomian) Giacobazzi were also present for the dedication and quite “moved” by Jim’s words.



Pictured left to right are Kim Santman (Assistant Spiritual Director Peterstown TEC), Teresa Sabatini, Kathy Giacobazzi, and Jim Poisel

## COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER FOR FELLOW TECITE TONYA

In Dec 2015, Tonya (Wall) Whitney (daughter of TECites Jim and Rosemary Wall) was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer. She underwent surgery, chemotherapy and radiation and was in remission. In April 2018, she learned that the cancer returned and metastasized to her lung and bones, and now is living with Stage 4, Metastatic Breast Cancer. Unfortunately, as of today, there is no cure for it once it spreads. However, like chronic diseases, it is manageable through chemotherapy, medications and more importantly the healing power of prayer. All things are possible through prayer and she knows God has great things in store for her, and doesn't let cancer define who she is.

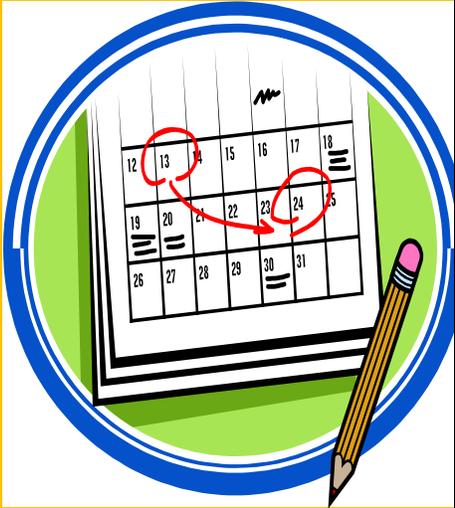
Please join the TEC community as we join together in prayer for Tonya at a Mass Saturday, October 27th, at 5:30 at St. Thomas More Church in Dalzell, with a potluck in the church hall to follow. You may drop off your dish for the potluck prior to the Mass in the church hall.



## HOOT HELP NEEDED-

Please come and share your talent with our Peterstown TEC Community by doing an "ACT of WHEAT" for TEC #211 at the upcoming Hoot November 4th. The Hoot Mass starts at 5:30 p.m. in Sts. Peter and Paul Church followed by the Hoot at 7:00 in the gym and the Candlelight. Put together a skit with some fellow TECites, sing a song or a duet, or perhaps play a song on an instrument. If you want to share your talent and do some extra WHEAT contact Darien Fergus (815) 830-1380 or Anthony Schneider (815) 303- 8233 as soon as possible.

## CLIP AND SAVE IMPORTANT TEC DATES



**Please make sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out on all the fun we have at the TEC Hilton, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

### Wed. Oct. 24 -

TEC Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
TEC #211 4th Team Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 27- Mass followed by potluck, to come together in prayer as a community for Tonya (Wall) Whitney at 5:30 p.m. St. Thomas More Church, Dalzell

### Wed. Oct. 31-

TEC #211 Team Meeting/potluck 6:30 p.m.  
TEC #212 first Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. downstairs conference room (Lower TEC sleeping room)

### Thur. Nov. 1 -

All Saint's Day

### Nov. 3-5-

BOYS TEC WEEKEND #211

### Sun. Nov. 11-

Follow-up in lounge 5:30 p.m.

### Mon. Nov. 22-

TEC Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
TEC #212 4th team meeting 7:00 p.m.

### Thurs. Nov. 22-

Thanksgiving

### Wed. Nov. 28-

TEC #212 5th team meeting/potluck 6:30 p.m.

### Dec. 1-3 -

GIRLS TEC WEEKEND #212

### Sat. Dec. 8-

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### Sun. Dec. 9-

Follow-up in lounge 5:30 p.m.

# KITCHEN NEWS

**The one who eats this bread will live forever. John 6:58**

Peace and greetings to you all! We want to start off by thanking all who helped out with the last TEC! Your generosity and thoughtfulness go a long way around here. We especially want to thank those who donated items:

Madison Brown Family - eggs

Steve Kunkel Family - eggs

Spring Valley Supermarket - Bread

Mendota Knights of Columbus - Pork Chops

Duane Kryzsek - onions

Those who donated snacks, desserts, cookies

We so appreciate your kind hearts.

That being said, we are looking at another weekend coming up soon, and we will need help again. If you are reading this, you can do something! Your time and talents are needed all weekend. Please contact me if you can work in the kitchen, donate items; [rossranch92@gmail.com](mailto:rossranch92@gmail.com) or 815.866.6889.

Keep Shining!

Jill Ross

TEC Kitchen

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## **KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU**

Pray for the team of TEC#211 as they prepare for the boy's TEC weekend November 3-5.

Pray for all TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, loss of jobs, and other stressors of life. May God grace them with his healing touch and give their caregivers strength and faith.

Remember all prayer requests may also be submitted on the Peterstown TEC website at <https://www.peterstowntec.com>.

**PRAYER  
REQUESTS**

