

THE PARISH OF ST. THERESA

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DECEMBER 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am (*Main Church*)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm & Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm & Holy Day Mass: 8:00 am & 12:15 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm & By appointment

DAILY PRAYER & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Main Church and the Daily Chapel are opened for private prayer Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration (in the Daily Chapel) Fridays after the 8:00 am Mass and concludes with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6:00 pm.

PARISH LIFE

"The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates *the heart of the mystery of the Church*." (St. John Paul - *On the Eucharist & Its Relationship to the Church*). At the parish of St. Theresa, we strive to embody these words that describe the centrality of the Eucharist for the life and mission of the Church.

We welcome you to join us as we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, or race, you are a Child of God and you are welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at the Church of St. Theresa.

REGISTRATION: We invite you to officially register as a member of our parish community. By registering you declare your desire to be part of our Catholic community and you are able to stay closely connected with the life of the parish. In order to register, please call or stop by the Parish Office.



WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who continuously suffer physically, emotionally and/or spiritually and those who tirelessly care for them. Let us especially remember those currently in need of our prayers: **Rose Asrican, Frank Barinski, Tom Baumann, Cathy Bentivenga, John Blotnik, Cindy Bowser, Kim Carroll, Rachel Carroll, Adriana Chizan, Irma Chagnon, Charles Constantino, Kim Coyle, Connor Egan, Johnny Favro, Sandra Fourman, Cecilia Garbaravage, Barbara Gardner, Joe Ghigzone, Gregory Gioe III, Makenna Granquist, Mark Hansen, John & Jeanette Herman, Thomas Huie, Debbie Innocenti, Marilyn Kent, Marie Konchan, Margaret Kurczewski, Bill Lisner, Rose & Frank Litwin, Rocca Macchiaverna, Pat MacCorkle, Catherine Marra, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Bill Mitchell, Rev. William Modlin, John Moore, James Montefusco, Rita Murray, Leona O'Grady, Rita O'Neill, Jim P., Crystal Paci, Josephine Paci, Thomas Punzo, John Quinn, Andrew Joseph Ragusa, Joe Rella, Debbie Rotio, Samantha Saraceno, Cathy Schaffer, Michelle Scott, Kevin Shinkunas, Thomas Smith, Lois Somodi, Amanda Super, Nathan Super, Dino & Ashley Tobia, Elliot Truex, Larry Weimer, Sean William, John Williamson, and Sharon Williamson.**

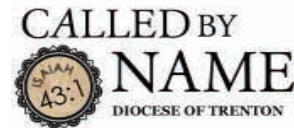
WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Jeremiah Browne and Nina Canicatti**. May they find eternal rest in peace with God our Father.



WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who are currently **deployed** especially: **Master Sgt. Jordan Bieda, Sr. Airman Steven Brown, Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, Airman Staff Sgt. Frank J. Kowalewski, Jr., Lt. Amanda Keller, Lt. Jennifer LaFalace, FC2 Paul R. Lund, Pvt. Anthony Mackiewicz, Jr., Pvt. Logan Mora, Lance Cpl. John Murray, USMC, Staff Sgt. Michael Novelli, Nicholas Roesch, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Okoszko, Spec. Jeffrey Peterson, Jr., LCDR Christopher J. Worosz, USN, Lt. Matthew A. Worosz, USN.** May the Lord protect them as they protect us.



WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few, and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization. We ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men to seriously consider vocations to the priesthood. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead in the Church in the future. Lord, you told your Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in person at the Parish Office at least 2 months in advance. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made at least 1 year in advance. Preparations include sessions with a member of the clergy and attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A careful judgment about the serious nature of an illness is sufficient. *"Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."*¹³⁰

We welcome anyone who has a physical condition, is anticipating entering the hospital for surgery or tests, or under any emotional distress to avail them of this beautiful Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office to schedule the Sacrament with a priest. Please do not wait until the very last minute to call.



MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

SATURDAY – December 9, 2023

4:00 PM – Carol Ann Sasin/ Mom & Dad
Mary Borelli/ Family
Grace R. Clerico/ Lynne Lutz
Michael Chapel/ Wanda Soehngen

SUNDAY – December 10, 2023

7:30 AM – Lorry & Joseph Rullo/ Son, Joey
Charles Corello/ Beverly Holmes
Harold Holmes/ Wife
Peter Prata/ Rose Faiss

9:00 AM – Helen Bitzberger/ Helen & Patrice
Helen & Edward Hurley/ Diane Cregan
Janine McKeon/ Ed & Sue DeVita
Margaret Chase Schneider/ Peter &
Linda Cicco & Dolly Gargone

11:30 AM – Helene & Vincent Morano/ Deborah &
Joseph
Jack Murray/ Wife, Rita
Alice Weimer/ Larry
David Perry Tindall/ Weimer Family

The Bread & Wine:

In Loving Memory of:

Joseph Barnet

Requested by: Wife, Gloria



The Sanctuary Light:

In Loving Memory of: Rosemary Gillen

Requested By: Carol Owens



Readings for Next Weekend

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Attention Parishioners

In order for us to keep you informed and our records up to date, please don't forget to notify the Parish Office if you move, change your phone number, or change your email. Thank You!



MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY – December 11, 2023

8:00AM – Cass Sweeny/ Cass & Dennis Sweeny
Charles Corello/ Rose & Doug Wilson

TUESDAY – December 12, 2023

8:00AM – Christina Piccolo/ Lou & Ginny Piccolo
Elizabeth Wiles/ Lou & Ginny Piccolo

WEDNESDAY – December 13, 2023

8:00AM – Anthony Garcia/ Garcia Family
Aurora Montalvo/ Ponce Family
Helen & Frank Reale/ Vicki & John Kern

THURSDAY – December 14, 2023

8:00AM – Robert Keenan/ Mom & Dad
James Conroy/ Eileen Dolan

FRIDAY – December 15, 2023

8:00AM – Michael Manganello/ Pat & Nancy Manganello
Frank Koshier/ Daughter, Marie

SATURDAY – December 16, 2023

4:00 PM – Jo Hellawell/ Peter Hellawell
Joseph Barnet/ Wife, Gloria
Grace R. Clerico/ Linda Lutz
Margaret Drummond/ O'Hara Family

SUNDAY – December 17, 2023

7:30 AM – Anthony Palmiotto/ Rose & Doug Wilson
Joe Ruiz/ Rose & Doug Wilson
Marian Kane/ Phil & Millie Cross
John Baggs/ Rob & Barbara LoCasale

9:00 AM – Albert Nobile/ Pat & Nancy Manganello
Eleanor Knight/ Kathy & John DeLucia
Rick Dickau/ Rick & Georgeann Siano
Anthony Daleo/ Family

11:30 AM – Helen & Edward Hurley/ Diane Cregan
Alan Zampieri/ Giannuzzi Family
Ralph DeNisco/ Giannuzzi Family
Kenneth O'Connell/ Bob & Ann Marie Rehrmann



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “*the glory of the Lord to be revealed.*” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to “*stoop and untie his sandal straps.*” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

Consider & Reflect

“Here begins the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In Isaiah the prophet it is written: ‘I send my messenger before to prepare your way’: a herald’s voice in the desert crying, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord, clear him a straight path.’ Thus it was that John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance which led to the forgiveness of sins...One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal strap. I have baptized you in water; He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”

We meet John the Baptist, the second principal figure of Advent, exhorting us to take seriously the need for preparing for the Lord in our lives today. We begin with ourselves, making sure that with the Lord’s help we are living the life of grace, His plan and gift for us. We seek His gift in the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist. While we become preoccupied with Christmas preparations, how sad that we sometimes fail to prepare ourselves, or fail to encourage others to join with us in what really matters, our readiness to discover anew the presence of Christ. John’s reference to Isaiah provides the direction that we all need - make ready, clear the path. **‘Come Lord Jesus.’**



Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, December 16, 2023 - 4:00 PM

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large/Deacon David O’Connor

READER: Gloria Barnet

ALTAR SERVERS: Samantha Martin, Matthew Martin

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: John Kern, Patricia O’Hara, Barbara Raguso, Carol Owens, Lorraine Schaefer, Cathy Mills, Pat Mugan, Arnold Malsbury, Maureen Malsbury, Jane Innocenti

Sunday, December 17, 2023 - 7:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio/Deacon Jay Werling

READER: Nancy Newman

ALTAR SERVER: Jack Wurth

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Pat Carabellese, James Newman, Hilda Thibault

Sunday, December 17, 2023 - 9:00 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio/Deacon Jay Werling

READER: John Brady

ALTAR SERVERS: Jacob Schaffer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Todd Lund, Sr., Diane Coccozza, Diane Ellwood, Frank Ellwood, Sue Hughes, Gail Buffi, Kathy Barneman

Sunday, December 17, 2023 - 11:30 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large/Deacon David O’Connor

READER: Cathy Mazanek

ALTAR SERVER: Kim Werling, Brynn Krier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Nelida Kuhlmann, Jacqueline Arduini, Diane Cregan, Cora Fernandez, Carol Fine, Patricia McDowell, Norma Mooney

December

This Week at our Church:

Monday, December 11, 2023

TOY DRIVE DISTRIBUTION OF TOYS

(Gathering Space)

Choir Practice 4:00 PM (Church)

Children's Faith Formation 5:30 - 6:45 PM

Al-Anon 7:15 PM & Nar-Anon 7:15 PM

(Faith Formation Center)

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM

Confessions 6:00 PM

(Daily Chapel)

High School Youth Group 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting 7:00 PM

(Faith Formation Center)

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Scripture Study 9:30 AM

(Faith Formation Center)

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Simbang Gabi Rosary & Mass 7:00 PM

(Church)

Refreshments following Mass

(Faith Formation Center)

Friday, December 15, 2023

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Evening Prayer with Benediction 6:00 PM

(Daily Chapel)

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Men's Spirituality 8:15 AM

(Chapel and Faith Formation Center)

Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale

Cookie walk after Mass

(Gathering Space)

MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING

and LIVE NATIVITY

After 4:00 PM MASS

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale

Cookie walk after Mass

(Gathering Space)

Children's Faith Formation 9:00 - 11:15 AM

(Church and Faith Formation Center)

Youth Night 5:00 – 7:00 PM

(Faith Formation Center)



One Year Fundraising Campaign

To make a donation, please visit our website or online <http://givebutter.com/Ck4UXH>, or scan the QR code:



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Help us push the thermometer up!



THE LEGACY OF FATHER MICK CAMPAIGN PRAYER

June 4, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Almighty God, in your love for us, you have blessed us abundantly. We give you praise and thanks for the gifts of faith and fellowship that we have experienced during our history here at the Parish of Saint Theresa. We humbly ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon our parish community as we strive to alleviate our debt and build upon the foundation laid by those before us. Give us generous hearts and the guidance that we need to make this Capital Campaign a great success. May our efforts, assisted by your grace, allow us to memorialize the Legacy of Fr. Mick and continue to serve the people of our parish community for generations to come. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

May 20, 2024

MEMORIAL OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

YEAR LONG SUPER 50/50!!

June 4, 2023 -May 20, 2024



Benefits *The Legacy of*
Fr. Mick Lambeth Mortgage Fund

Book of 4 tickets - \$100.00

(No individual tickets will be sold)

Drawing will take place at the closing of the Campaign at the Golf Outing and Banquet on **May 20, 2024.**



St. Theresa's MONTHLY
50/50 Raffle

Tickets are on sale after all the Masses in the **Gathering Space** and at the Parish Office during office hours. **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Michael Minnella**, this month's winner of our 50/50. The prize totaled **\$1,200.00**

The next drawing will be held **January 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM** at the Parish Office.



AL-ANON

AL-Anon is a mutual support group of peers who share their experience in applying the AL-Anon principles to problems related to the effects of a problem drinker in their lives. AL-Anon meets **every Monday** at **7:15 PM** in the Faith Formation Center. Please visit www.al-anon.org for more information.



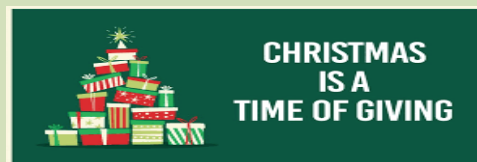
NAR-ANON

Monday, December 11th at 7:15 PM

in the Faith Formation Center

Nar-Anon, is a [twelve-step program](#) for friends and family members of those who are affected by someone else's addiction. Everything is confidential. There are no dues or fees to join. Just come to a meeting.

The Parish of St. Theresa



ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM

Please bring the toy or gift card with the tag attached to Church this weekend:

December 9th & 10th

SORRY BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT TOYS AFTER THIS DATE

Thank you for your continued support of our program.



2023/2024 Program

Includes First Communion & Confirmation Prep
For more information call Joana Schmidt at 609-296-2504 Ext. 224 or email

Joana.schmidt@sttheresa450.org



For St. Theresa's Food Pantry
609-296-2504

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

You may drop off donations at the Food Pantry during the operating hours listed above.

Items needed: **PANCAKE MIX, TOILET PAPER, Hamburger Helper** type packaged products, rice side dishes, cake mixes and frosting, children's cereal, small jars of mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, tuna fish, peanut butter, grape jelly, pancake syrup, apple juice and pasta.
Thank you.



COLLECTION ENVELOPES

If you are unable to pick up your envelopes from the Gathering Space, you may pick them up at the Parish Office during office hours.

If you are going away this winter, please let us know and we will hold your envelopes until you return.

If you have any questions, please call Katrina at the Parish Office at Ext. 232.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATEK)



Oplatek is a rectangular shaped wafer like our communion hosts. It is a custom that began a millennium ago in Poland, Slovakia, and Lithuania on Christmas Eve. When the first Star appears, the oplatek is broken and shared with those who are present for Christmas Eve Dinner, which traditionally is a meatless meal.

Oplatek is available for purchase (donation \$5.00) at the parish office.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Hosted by St. Theresa
Knights of Columbus Council 14615*

***To Benefit
The Legacy of Father Mick
Mortgage Fund***

Sunday, December 10, 2023

***Immediately following the
7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 AM Masses***

Pancakes, eggs, and sausage

St. Theresa Faith Formation Center

Cost: \$10.00 Adults

Children under 12 yrs. - Free

Please join us!

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY



Our Tree Lighting Ceremony
will take place

Saturday, December 16, 2023

after the 4:00 PM Mass

***Join us for the lighting of our
Memorial Christmas Tree Display,
The "Live" Nativity Presentation
by our Youth Group
and refreshments.***

DECORATING

***Anyone who would like to decorate their
Memorial Christmas Tree may do so
beginning December 11th.***

ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR CONFESSION



For your convenience, during Advent, in addition to our Saturday confession schedule 3:00-3:45 PM, confessions will now be heard on the following
Tuesdays in December 12, 19
from
6:00-7:00 PM.



The **GATHERING SPACE** of the Church will be **CLOSED** on:

Monday, December 11, 2023
for our Christmas Toy Drive



*The Church and chapel will remain opened
from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.*

*Please use the Daily Chapel entrance to
enter and exit the Church for Mass and
private prayer. Sorry for any inconvenience.*



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

June 11, 2022 – Pentecost 2025

Reflections on the Eucharist

St. John Henry Newman in
“Meditations and Devotions”

Our Lord not only offered Himself as a sacrifice on the cross, but He makes Himself a perpetual, a daily sacrifice, to the end of time. In the Holy Mass, that one sacrifice on the cross once offered is renewed, continued, applied to our benefit. He seems to say, “My cross was raised up 2000 years ago, and only for a few hours - a very few of my servants were present there - but I intend to bring millions into my Church. For their sakes then, I will perpetuate My sacrifice, that each of them may be as though they had been present on Calvary. I will offer Myself up day by day to the Father, that every one of My followers may have the opportunity to offer his petitions to Him, sanctified and recommended by the all-meritorious virtue of My Passion”.

Please watch the bulletin for reflections on the Eucharist each week.



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KNIGHT'S KORNER

Hello St. Theresa parishioners,

Welcome to the first monthly edition of the
“**KNIGHT'S KORNER**” brought to you by your
Knights of Columbus Council #14615.

You have seen us for years in church and around the church campus...but do you know us? We are more than just the men you see wearing our K of C jackets or our distinctive blue nameplate. We are Ushers and we are members in your choir. We are Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. Newly ordained Deacon Jay Werling is one of us. We perform maintenance and upkeep in the church and on the campus. We serve on church committees. Our Council is instrumental in providing support to our food bank and vegetable garden. We support the Youth Group, Church picnics and social functions. We host fundraisers for the parish with our pancake breakfasts and fish fries. We serve at the request of our Pastor and Chaplain Fr. John.

The four tenets of our organization are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Over the next few months we will provide detail into these tenets and how they strengthen our organization and our parish community. Don't be shy. When you see one of us in church or around the parish campus be sure to introduce yourself and say hello. We don't bite...unless of course you bite us first!!

Lastly, here is the first of five easy questions about our organization. There will be one question contained in each of the first five editions of the Knight's Korner. The first person to correctly identify all five questions will win a fabulous prize. (NOTE - Knights are not eligible to win this contest.)

QUESTION #1:

Who founded the Knights of Columbus?

(Information on how to submit your answers will be given once all five questions have been published.)

Everyone enjoy a safe and blessed Advent and Christmas Season.

Sincerely,
YOUR Knights of Columbus
St. Theresa Council #14615

St. Theresa's Christmas Cookie Walk December 16th & 17th!



Help support our Parish Youth Ministry by donating your specialty Christmas Cookies to be sold at our bake sale on December 16th & 17th after all Masses.

Please get as creative as you'd like with homemade treats!

To donate, fill out the form below and bring it to the office, or fill out the form online at www.sttheresa450.org/cookie-walk

Name: _____

Email or Phone Number: _____

Type of Cookies: _____

(3-4 dozen suggested - more always welcome!) Please drop off to the Parish Office in an air-tight bag or container (no plastic wrap, tin foil or cellophane) on December 14th (8:30am-4:00pm) or December 15th (8:30am-4:00pm). Please include a copy of the recipe that we can share!

SECOND COLLECTION

*Next weekend
December 16 & 17, 2023*



Christmas Flowers

This collection helps the Parish pay for the Christmas flowers and decorations for our Church.
Please be as generous as possible.

The Parish of St. Theresa



CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24, 2023

4:00 PM

6:00 PM



CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 25, 2023

12:00 Midnight

9:00 AM

11:30 AM



Solemnity of MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:00 AM and 12:15 PM

Merry Christmas!

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