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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 4:00PM

**SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM**

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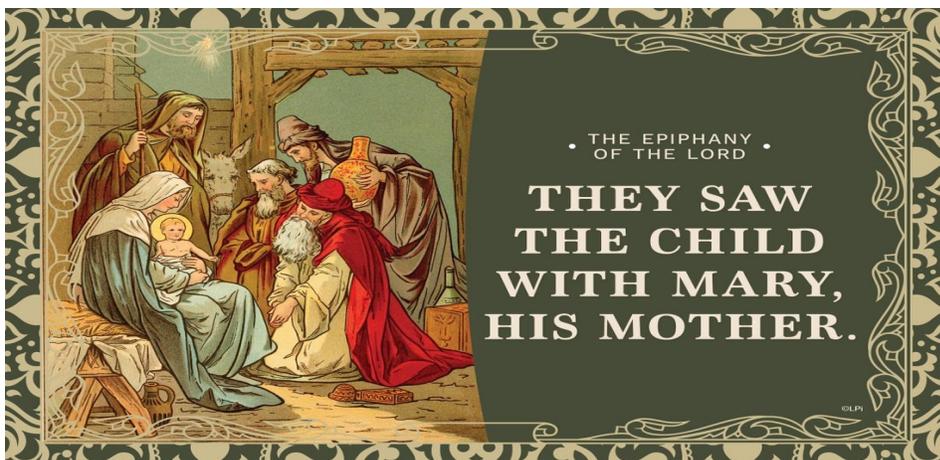
WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Designated Sundays at 1:30
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check dates and to meet with
a priest or deacon.

CONFESSIONS

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WEDDINGS

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priest to begin planning your
wedding

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4:00PM Josephine Simone 7:30AM All Souls Novena 9:00AM Mary and William O'Farrell 10:30AM Dr. Rocco DiAntonio 12:30PM Clare and James Murphy 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish		4:00PM Susan Marie Pearl 7:30AM For the People of Our Parish 9:00AM Brian A. Dellomo 10:30AM Mark Kennedy 12:30PM John McIntyre 5:00PM
MONDAY, JANUARY 5	TUESDAY, JANUARY 6	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7
8:30AM All Souls Novena	8:30AM Joseph Capobianco 12NOON All Souls Novena	8:30AM All Souls Novena 12NOON Mark Kennedy
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8	FRIDAY, JANUARY 9	SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
8:30AM Victoria Yashian 12:00NOON All Souls Novena	8:30AM Alan Labiner and Jean Pen- nino 12NOON All Souls Novena	8:30AM Jean Nealon

IT IS A DEVOUT AND LOVING PRACTICE TO COME TO MASS AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED.

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MR. EDWARD MORAND

Director of Music

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Your prayers are requested for all who are sick in our parish and community, especially: **Grace Agalo-os, Bethany Armstrong, Bernadette, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Rosemary Callenberg, Eileen Carroll, Libby Cugini, Carina DeGiulio, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Edward Gross, Elaine Guarlino, Ricky Gundacker, David Hall, Barbara Harris, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Josephine Linton, Lomando, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Janet Massa, Judy C. Mc., Marie McMillen, Christine Momole Susan Morris, Josephine Nastasi, Joseph Pastore, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomo, Gerry Pye, Edwin Rodriguez, Marty Rose, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, David Valle, Tita Valonzo, Michael Walsh, Jerry Yannaci Sr., Margaret White**

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Sergeant Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Fort Stewart, GA

Staff Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Camp Lejeune, NC

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

Monsignor Belford 4pm, 7:30am, 12:30pm

Father Kallattil 9am, 10:30am, Clove Lakes Home

Father Challman 5pm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

On this Epiphany Sunday, in the Year of Our Lord 2026, Father John Kallattil, Deacon Jonathan Reyes and I wish you a wonderful new year of grace and peace, with opportunities to come closer to Jesus and Mary, and for our families to enjoy good health and much happiness.

Christmas is a time for Thanksgiving. I want to thank our Parish Manager Mrs. Lisa Naughton, Religious Education Director Mrs. Lisa Rametta, Saint Teresa-Saint Rita STREAM Academy Principal Mrs. Nicole Fresca, Music Director Edward Morand, our cantors and choir, our teachers and catechists, basketball coaches, Holy Name Members, Scout leaders, Golden Agers, and so many volunteers who help us to have a vibrant parish.

And I thank all of you parishioners and visitors who have made a generous contribution this Christmas to financially support our important works of prayer, education, youth activities, charities, etc. Christmas Collections traditionally help parishes significantly with their annual expenses. If you were away or ill or snowbound, there is still time to make a Christmas donation to the Lord, and or to sign up for easy regular automatic giving via WESHARE. See the information at the top of page 4. Hundreds of us give this way already.

Before we begin to forget the pleasures of Christmas, there are things we may not have appreciated. So let me ask you to think about your favorite Christmas movies. And then try to answer this question: which of them seemed to you to be religious and inspiring?

My choice may surprise you. It is Home Alone. That is the one where a big family is going on vacation, is late for the plane, and one of them—young Kevin—gets left behind at home. Nothing religious takes place in the morning hubbub and mean tricks—and certainly not even beforehand. Here's looking at you, Buzz, the eldest brother who spoiled the school's religious pageant and Kevin's solo by holding candles behind his ears. There isn't anything overtly religious about that, or a strange unfriendly neighbor who never says hello.

Kevin copes pretty well with his sudden aloneness (while his mother panics when they all land in Paris, finds Kevin is missing, and does everything she can to get a flight home.) But how religious do you think Kevin is, when he sets traps and causes all kinds of pain to two creepy thieves who plan to rob the family house because they think no one is home? Clearly, Kevin does more than repel them; he shows them no mercy.

Maybe you got turned off by that, or distracted— or kept imagining what other horrible things you would do if you were in Kevin's shoes that night. But on his way home from a grocery store, after lying to a clerk, he passes a friendly-looking church with the lights on and the doors open. Inside, a children's choir practice is going on. Kevin shows suitable reverence, and seems at home. And the camera pans around the church from statue to statue, showing Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus.

But then we see the only other person in church, sitting across from Kevin: that scary-looking neighbor who never said anything to anyone. But that night he says hello to Kevin. And says that he knows people talk about him, but Kevin does not have to be afraid of him. Then he says why he was there: to listen to his granddaughter sing in the choir. But he says he is not going to come to the concert. Why not? Kevin asks. And he hears the old man's confession. (Everybody needs a good confession. The best thing you can do is just listen.)

It seems that the old man and his son—the father of the young girl singer—had had a huge argument and said very bad things to one another. They swore that they never wanted to talk to one another again.

But of course the father really did want to talk to his son again. With youthful wisdom Kevin asks why the father doesn't just pick up the phone and call his son. Because, the father said, he was afraid. And then he left the church. And Kevin, quite refreshed and peaceful after this very religious experience, went back to his house—to set more traps for those terribly incompetent thieves! But later there comes the last scene, when the whole family comes back home to see Kevin—and Kevin sees the family of the old man coming to visit him.



We thank and appreciate Mr. Edward Morand, our Director of Music, and all the choir members and cantors who led us in sacred hymns this Christmas Season.

Special thanks to donors to our Christmas Flower collection, whose names are on our bulletin boards, and to all who helped decorate St. Teresa Church and St. Nicholas Chapel with poinsettias and wreaths, making them look very beautiful.

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

Thanks again to all the members of our **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** for their great work on our Christmas Tree display.

The trees will be up for one more week for everyone to enjoy. They will be taken down on Saturday January 10.

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN LISTEN TO YOU?

Christmas can be difficult. If you can benefit from a conversation with a professional counselor who shares our Catholic perspective, our priests can make a connection for you with the Archdiocese of New York's

PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK

Our parishioners can make an appointment to meet with a professional counselor on Staten Island, for up to six meetings, with only a \$10 co-pay per session.

This can be arranged very easily. Tell one of our priests that you want to talk with a counselor. He will contact the **PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK** on your behalf. Then you call and arrange your first visit with someone who really knows how to listen to you.

Thank you for your faithful weekly donations to God for our Parish Support.

Because this bulletin goes to the printer on December 23, the December 25 collection amount will be in our January 11 bulletin.

THIS JANUARY COULD BE A GOOD TIME TO MAKE YOUR CHURCH CONTRIBUTION AUTOMATIC, EASY, AND DEPENDABLE

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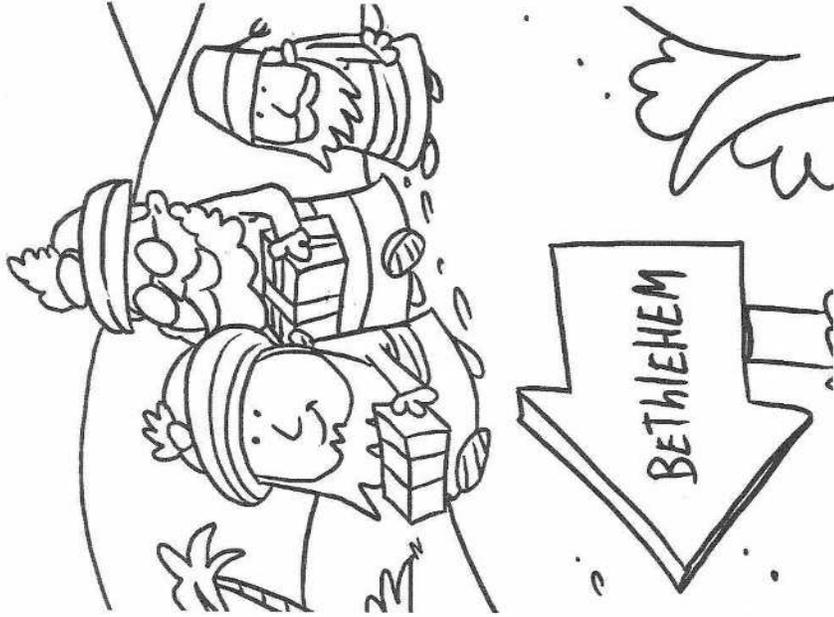
GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

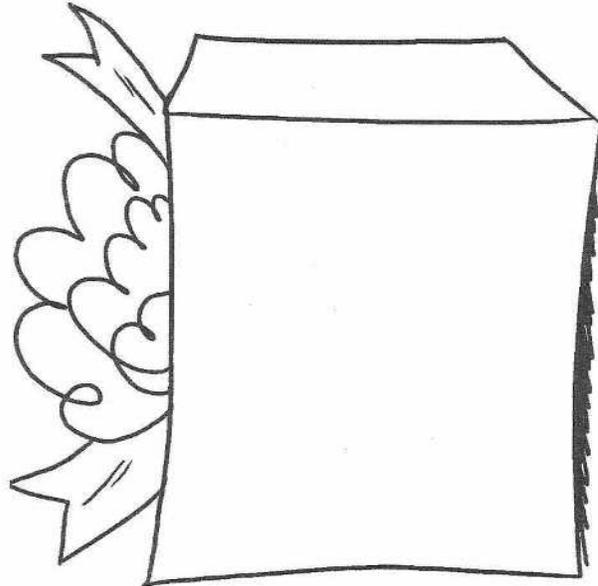


Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12



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