

### Operation New Socks for the Homeless



Warm their hearts by warming their feet!

Starting January 1st and continuing through the month of January, there will be baskets throughout the church and hall awaiting your donations of new, white athletic socks.

A pair of new socks can make a huge impact on the lives of those without resources. Won't you please help us meet or exceed our goal of 2,000 pairs of socks?

Your Pastors, Rev. Michael A. Greenwell, O. Carm and Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm., along with the Pastoral staff, Anarose, Laura, Stephani, Drew, and Deacons Chuck & Marty, want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy, Prosperous & Blessed New Year!

### AAA 2018

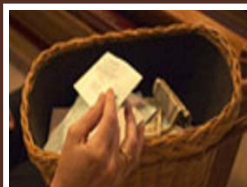
We have recently been notified that our goal for 2018 is **\$28,224**. We will kick-off the campaign February 3 & 4. More information to follow.

### ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

To get rid of your Christmas tree, please place clean, unflocked trees next to your bins on your regular service day between January 2-January 12, 2018. Be sure to remove all tinsel, decorations, plastic bags, stands, and lights. If your tree measures more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half before putting it on the curb.



On Monday, January 1st, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God With Mass at 9:00am



The Pastor, along with the Finance Council, has declared January 2018 a

**"Second Collection Free"** month.

### SAVE THE DATE



for Deacon Chuck  
Sunday, January 28  
Following 10:00am Mass



ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS

to Bob and Audrey Rose

### 2018 DONATION ENVELOPES . . .

are available in the back of the church. To be added to our Envelope Donor program, please contact the Parish Office.

If you would like the convenience of writing just one check per month, please contact the Parish Office to enroll in the Monthly Donor Program.

## We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites



### DECEMBER 31, 2017 THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm  
Sunday 8:30 &  
10:00 am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8:30 am  
Friday 8:30 am

#### MARRIAGE

Please call six months in advance.

#### BAPTISM &

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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#### ST. TERESA'S MISSION STATEMENT

As members of St. Teresa's Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world. We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons, and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society. The community of St. Teresa's finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm **Saturday, December 30**  
† Steven Marquart  
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, December 31**  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am Cecelia Greenwell

9:00am **Monday, January 1**  
† Mike Comaich

8:30am **Tuesday, January 2**  
The Sick of the Parish

8:30am **Friday, January 5**  
Those suffering homelessness

4:15pm **Saturday, January 6**  
Joseph L. Greenwell, Sr.  
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, January 7**  
The Sick of the Parish  
10:00am The People of the Parish

**Parish Calendar**

Sun, Dec 31 - NO Faith Formation  
Mon, Jan 1 - Parish Office Closed  
- Solemnity of Mary Mass  
9:00am  
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm  
Tue, Jan 2 - NO SVdP Grocery Distribution  
- Green Team Virtual Meeting  
6:00 pm  
Sat, Jan 6 - Lay Carmelite Meeting  
10:00am, Avila  
- AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila  
Sun, Jan 7 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**December 30 & 31**  
This week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**January 6 & 7**  
There will be no second collection next week.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)  
**DECEMBER 23 & 24**  
**TO BE REPORTED NEXT WEEK**  
**THANK YOU!**



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 1  
(will re-open 10am on January 2)

Due to the holidays, the Ministers' Schedule for January & February will not be sent out until the first week in January.

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week**  
**January 6 & 7**

	<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector:	C. Groepper	1 Lector:	L. Jacklevich
Bread:	R. Goepper	2 Lector:	D. Churton
Cup:	E. Perea	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread:	A. Schelstrate
		3 Bread:	K. McMahan
		1 Cup:	C. Allen
<b>8:30 AM</b>		2 Cup:	R. Labuguen
Lector:	T. Lang	Hosp:	E. Gries
Bread:	R. Kingman		M. Gries
Cup:	S. Lang		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

**THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

Because I am not married and have no children, I am especially qualified to spoil my nieces rotten. They're adults now, but when they were younger I would spend most of the year buying them unique, unusual, and off-the-wall Christmas presents. I bought each of them twelve gifts, and they were allowed to open one gift on each the Twelve Days of Christmas.

The Twelve Days of Christmas are the days between Christmas and Epiphany. The First Day of Christmas is December 25<sup>th</sup>, and – if you count the days – you'll discover that the "Twelfth Night" is the evening of January 5<sup>th</sup> . . . which begins the Feast of the Epiphany.

My nieces both hated and loved the Twelve Days. They hated it because they could open only one present per day (if it was up to them they would have ripped open all twelve gifts on Christmas morning!). They loved it because it "extended Christmas" for almost two weeks.

There's a song about the Twelve Days of Christmas, and it has been suggested that the song was created to teach British Catholic children the catechism in a coded way because their religion was controversial in 18<sup>th</sup> century England. In this understanding, God is the "true love" (" . . . *my true love gives to me . . .*"), and my "true love" (God) gives the following things:

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree: Jesus Christ*
- Two Turtle Doves: The Old and New Testaments*
- Three French Hens: The Three Theological Virtues*
- Four Calling Birds: The Four Evangelists*
- Five Gold Rings: The Five Books of the Pentateuch*
- Six Geese A-laying: The Six Days of Creation*
- Seven Swans A-swimming: The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit*
- Eight Maids A-milking: The Eight Beatitudes*
- Nine Ladies Dancing: The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit*
- Ten Lords A-leaping: The Ten Commandments*
- Eleven Pipers Piping: The Eleven Faithful Apostles*
- Twelve Drummers Drumming: The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostles' Creed*

As intriguing as this "coded meaning" of the song might be, there was absolutely no reason why any Catholic would have to hide his knowledge of any of the concepts supposedly symbolized in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas. Why? because these were basic articles of faith common to all denominations of Christianity. For this reason it is extremely unlikely that the Twelve Days of Christmas were ever used to teach these points of doctrine.

Nevertheless, as a catechetical device the Twelve Days of Christmas did work with my nieces. Spreading Christmas over twelve days caused them to shift their focus from a single day to an entire season. When asked at school, "What did you get for Christmas?" they said, "We're still getting gifts!" . . . and then they explained the Twelve Days of Christmas. Whether they knew it or not, giving them twelve gifts over twelve days caused them to develop an awareness, not only of the Christmas Season, but also of the wonder and mystery of the Incarnation.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

**Welcome to St. Teresa's Parish Community**

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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