

We will kick-off the 2014 Archbishop's Annual Appeal the weekend of February 8th & 9th. This year our assessment from the Archdiocese is \$20,500. Fr. Mike G says

"Bring your checkbooks"



SAVE THE DATE

Lenten Talks:

March 19th & 26th, 7:00pm

Praying with St. Teresa of Avila

by Fr. David Simpson, O. Carm

2013 AAA

We have been advised by the Archdiocese that tax statements for 2013 AAA donations were mailed out January 31st. If you do not receive a statement from them and need one for your taxes, please contact the Parish Office.

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of parishioner Mary Morgan, the sister/in-law of Lupita & Epic Perea.

A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. Teresa's on Monday, February 3rd at 11:00am, with a viewing at 10:am.

There are still 2 Tuesdays remaining in the Archdiocesan speaker series **FORWARD IN FAITH: The Theology of Pope Francis**. The series is at **St. Mary's Cathedral**, and will run through the week of February 11. The topics for the rest of the series are:

Feb 4 **The Spirituality of Pope Francis**

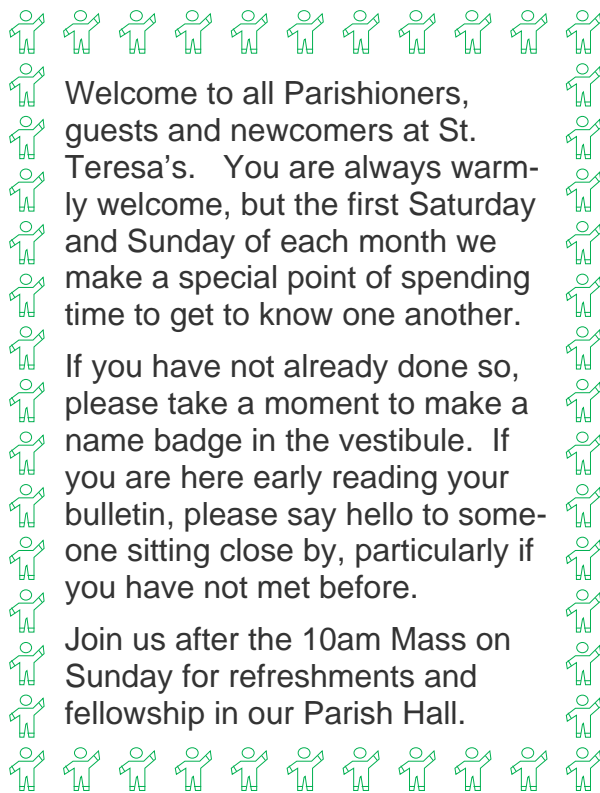
Feb 11 **A Church for the Poor**

Sr. Mary Roberta Connors, FSE

Lorraine Moriarty &

Angela Pollock

Fr. Greenwell and Fr. Kwiecien along with a group of more than 10 parishioners have attended the first 3 presentations. You are invited to join them for any or all of the remaining talks. If you are interested, please contact either Fr. Greenwell or Fr. Kwiecien. Scholarships are available.



Welcome to all Parishioners, guests and newcomers at St. Teresa's. You are always warmly welcome, but the first Saturday and Sunday of each month we make a special point of spending time to get to know one another.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to make a name badge in the vestibule. If you are here early reading your bulletin, please say hello to someone sitting close by, particularly if you have not met before.

Join us after the 10am Mass on Sunday for refreshments and fellowship in our Parish Hall.

When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple, they offered a sacrificial gift "in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord." An offering of a specific size or kind is not "dictated" when we bring our gifts to the altar at Mass. Is my gift reflective of the many blessings I have received?

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

FEBRUARY 2, 2014 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



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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.

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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.

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Feb 2 - Religious Education
9:00am, Parish Hall
- Mon, Feb 3 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Tue, Feb 4 - SVdP Meeting
9:00am, Sammon
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon Hall
- Thur, Feb 6 - Finance Council
7:00pm, Priory
- Sat, Feb 8 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
10:00am, Avila
- AA Meeting
7:00pm, Sammon
- Sun, Feb 9 - Religious Education
9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, Feb 1

4:15pm + Frances & Bill Perac
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Feb 2

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone

Tuesday, Feb 4

8:30am + Billy Kennedy

Friday, Feb 7

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, Feb 8

4:15pm + Mary Morgan
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Feb 9

8:30am + Michele Foss & Ray Cooke
10:00am The People of the Parish

SECOND COLLECTION

February 1 & 2

The second collection this weekend benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

February 8 & 9

There will be no second collection next week-end.

The Mass Intention book for 2014 has Masses available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

January 25 & 26

\$1,408

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week February 8 & 9

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: M. Schurr		1 Lector: J. Alber
Bread: F. Patt		2 Lector: E. Koh
Cup: J. Daddio		1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: J. Warnock
		3 Bread: K. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: T. Lang		2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Bread: Volunteer		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Lang		
Hosp: J. Propster		

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: THE REST OF THE STORY

This year February 2nd falls on a Sunday, which means that the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* takes precedence over the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our Gospel on this day is taken from the end of Luke's infancy narrative, and we learn how Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem where he was presented to the Lord. This was done in order to be in compliance with the ritual and practice demanded by Jewish Law.

At that time there lived in Jerusalem a man named Simeon, to whom it was revealed that he "would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord." When Simeon sees the infant Jesus, he takes the child in his arms and blesses God with the *Canticle of Simeon*, the hymn which concludes today's Gospel reading.

That's a simple, on-the-surface summary of what this Feast is about. However, as the feast found itself established on the liturgical calendar, it evolved over the centuries with a change and metamorphosis that is not only curious but is also complicated and fascinating.

To start with, February 2nd is forty days after Christmas, and as we all know there is a biblical fascination with the number "40". Originally the Christmas season lasted forty days, from December 25th until February 2nd. During this season, the readings – as a group – might be characterized as "manifestations of the Lord": angels in the sky proclaim his birth; wise men and shepherds do him homage; a star rises in the East to announce his presence; a voice booms from heaven to offer its approval; and Simeon bursts into song in today's Gospel reading. The 40-day Christmas Season remained in effect until the Second Vatican Council; after the Council, the reformed liturgical calendar moved the Baptism of the Lord to the First Sunday of Ordinary Time, bringing the Christmas Season to an end with the Lord's Baptism in the Jordan.

During the 11th century the Feast takes an unusual turn. Simeon's Canticle contains the phrase, "a revealing light to the Gentiles", and a custom developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and the *Canticle of Simeon* was sung while a procession took place through the darkened church. Because of this, the Feast also became known as *Candlemas Day*. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often performed in the United States today, *Candlemas* is still an important feast in many European countries.

An interesting "twist" regarding this day surrounds the dual purpose of the original Jewish celebration. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and, for this reason, the parents had to "buy him back" on the 40th day after his birth. This was accomplished through the sacrificial offering of "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons" (thus the "presentation" of the child). On that same day, the mother would be "ritually purified". Jewish Law demanded this purification because childbirth rendered a woman ritually unclean. Christianity picked up on this Jewish notion and, for a time, this Feast was also known as the *Purification of the Virgin*. In some cultures, this ritual purification following childbirth became known as "churching," and it is unfortunate that both Judaism and Christianity attached such negative connotations towards the act of giving birth. Fortunately, such associations are not made today, yet they remain as a historical embarrassment in our shared, collective history.

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: _____

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