

## St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School

On Saturday, February 27, St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School will host a Feb Fest dinner and auction, "Give 'em a Hand." Enjoy a great meal of chicken parmesan, pasta, salad and dessert. Bid for treasures galore in the silent and live auctions. Support their students and have an evening out. Dinner tickets are \$45. To reserve tickets or a table contact the school office at 415-648-2008 or email Constance Dalton [cdalton@saicsf.org](mailto:cdalton@saicsf.org)

## KNITTING PARTY

A group will be getting together to knit for charity in the hall following the 10 am Mass on February 28th. Crocheters welcome too, and all levels of ability (we can help teach you!)

If you're interested, please contact Briony Doyle:

[Briony.doyle@gmail.com](mailto:Briony.doyle@gmail.com)



From Margaret Rice, who is very appreciative for all the prayers and Get Well wishes sent to her.

We have been approached by a parishioner for assistance in finding, short or long-term, either an inexpensive room in a house or an inexpensive studio. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2016

We will kick off the Appeal the weekend of March 5 & 6. Due to factors such as a change in the formula, our assessment this year is \$26,520.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

### Tuesdays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

### Fridays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Stations of the Cross, 9:00am

### PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil, March 19: 4:15pm

Palm Sunday, March 20: 8:30 & 10am

### EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 24: 7:30pm

Good Friday, March 25: 12:15pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil,  
March 26: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday,  
March 27: 8:30 & 10:00am

## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

On February 9th, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a "stay" which halts the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to address climate change through the Clean Power Plan (CPP) until court cases that consider the CPP are resolved. The timing of the Supreme Court is disappointing, as it delays implementation of a national carbon standard which is an important step in reducing harmful carbon emissions in the United States. As Catholics, we understand the perils of greenhouse gas pollution and its contribution to climate change which is already impacting the globe and threatening future generations and God's beautiful creation. We believe we all have a moral obligation to lower carbon pollution, to protect people from climate impacts and to safeguard human health from toxic emissions. Each of us must act to reduce harmful emissions. Your voice matters so we urge you to write to your Senators and urge them to support a national standard to reduce carbon emissions from the electricity sector. Congress must show leadership on this critical issue.

## WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



## FEBRUARY 21, 2016 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm  
1:00pm to 4:30pm

Website: [stteresasf.org](http://stteresasf.org)

### 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

Jim Schelstrate Steve Miller  
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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 21 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall  
 Mon, Feb 22 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm  
 Tue, Feb 23 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Hall  
 Sat, Feb 27 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall  
 Sun, Feb 28 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### February 20 & 21

There will be no second collection.

### February 27 & 28

There second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**The Mass Intention book for 2016** is filling up quickly, particularly the weekend Masses. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

## WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 13 & 14  
 \$1,355  
 THANK YOU!

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week February 27 & 28

<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: T. Jackson	1 Lector: T. Labuguen
Bread: A. Rose	2 Lector: R. Pitts
Cup: J. Daddio	1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: R. Jones	2 Bread: J. Warnock
	3 Bread: M.K. Law
<b>8:30 AM</b>	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey	2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: J. Newman	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman	
Hosp: T. Lando	

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Saturday, February 20**  
 4:15pm The People of the Parish  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

**Sunday, February 21**  
 8:30am The Sick of the Parish  
 10:00am † Vincent Cociolone

**Tuesday, February 23**  
 8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

**Friday, February 26**  
 8:30am † Alois Vanicek

**Saturday, February 27**  
 4:15pm Janet Tan (Spec. Int.)  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

**Sunday, February 28**  
 8:30am The Sick of the Parish  
 10:00am The People of the Parish

## THE TRANSFIGURATION: AN EXAMPLE OF A THEOPHANY

The Feast of the Transfiguration is August 6<sup>th</sup>, but each year we also read the account of the Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent. In today's homily I'll go into greater detail as to why the Church has us read this text on this Sunday, but in today's column I'd like to write about the Transfiguration in the broader context of *theophany*.

*Theophany* is a Greek word which refers to the appearance of a deity to a human being. In today's Gospel, Jesus is *transfigured*, and Peter, James, and John see the radiant figures of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. "Modern" examples of theophany would be Jesus' appearance to Margaret Mary Alacoque (the Sacred Heart), or any Marian apparition (such as Lourdes or Fatima).

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, *theophany* takes on a more nuanced and refined meaning. In both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, theophany often refers to the manifestation of God through an extraordinary sign, usually involving nature. A few Old Testament examples along these lines would include:

- The *burning bush* where God revealed himself to Moses (Ex 3:1ff)
- The *pillar of cloud by day and fire by night* which guided the Israelites on the Exodus through the Sinai desert (Ex13:21-22)
- The *thunder and lightning on Mount Sinai* that occurred when Yahweh gave Moses the Ten Commandments (Ex 19:16-25)

The common element in these examples is that each describes an extraordinary event in nature which is interpreted as a manifestation of God. This concept of theophany is carried over from the Hebrew Scriptures to the New Testament. Here are several examples:

- A *star* announced the Birth of Jesus and directed the Magi to Bethlehem (Mt 2:2)
- Jesus' mysterious *calming of the sea*, which prompted the Apostles to ask, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?" (Mt 8:23-27)
- The *earthquake* and the *tearing of the sanctuary veil in two*, events that took place at the moment of Jesus' death (Mt 27:51)
- A *voice from heaven* proclaimed, at the Baptism of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him." (Mt 3:17)
- In today's Gospel, the *Transfiguration*: Peter, James, and John see the radiant figures of Jesus, Elijah, and Moses

In the modern world, things formerly understood as *theophany* might now be regarded as *coincidence*, as there is a modern tendency to dismiss theophanies as a something belonging to a more primitive and unsophisticated age. Yet there is another way to look at these phenomenon: theophanies challenge our scientific, rational approach to the world. They challenge us to look at the world "with different eyes", with eyes that are open to wonder and mystery. Wonder and mystery properly belong to the realm of faith, and – through the eyes of faith – synchronous events are not "coincidence" but instead are understood as "signs" from God.

Then there are events such as the *burning bush* or the *Transfiguration*. These events are "outside" the boundaries of science, history, and reason. Such extraordinary phenomenon can only be interpreted and understood from the perspective of faith.

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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