

Operation New Socks for the Homeless



Warm their hearts by warming their feet!

Throughout the month of January, there will be baskets throughout the church and hall awaiting your donations of new, white athletic socks.

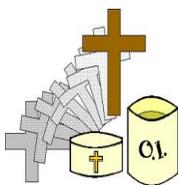
With the promise of a wet winter, a pair of new socks can make a huge impact on the lives of those without resources.

Won't you please help us meet or exceed our goal of 1,200 pairs before the end of January?

AID FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

If you have not yet made your donation to this cause, there is still time. Please make your donation by January 10. All funds received will go to the refugees c/o Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR). All donations are tax-deductible.

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Sacrament of Anointing

Penelope May Baron, the daughter of Nicole & Tyler Baron. Penelope will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10 am Mass.

YEAREND TAX REPORTING

Letters acknowledging donations for 2015 will be sent out during the month of January to all Envelope & Monthly donors who contributed more than \$200. If you donated by checks in the basket and would like a tax letter, please email Stephani.

Welcome to all Parishioners, Guests and Newcomers at St. Teresa's.

You are always warmly welcomed, but on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month we make a special point of spending time to get to know one another.

If you are visiting our church today, know that we are honored by your presence. Our parish serves the needs of the community in many different ways. We offer preparation for sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick and to those who mourn a loss. If we can be of service to you, do not hesitate to call on us.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to make a name tag in the vestibule. If you are here early reading your bulletin, 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 Hall.



ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Is there room for the environment on your New Year's resolution list? Whether it is recycling, composting, meatless meals, taking the bus, turning down the thermostat, carrying your own shopping bags, or washing clothes in cold water (modern detergents are designed for this), **repetition** of simple actions throughout the new year will add up.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



JANUARY 3, 2016 THE EPIPHANY 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 &

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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, Jan 3 - No Faith Formation
 Mon, Jan 4 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Jan 5 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Hall
 - Green Team Meeting
 6:00pm, Priory
 Sat, Jan 9 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, Jan 10 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- 4:15pm **Saturday, January 2**
Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, January 3**
 The Deceased of the Parish
 10:00am The People of the Parish
- 8:30am **Tuesday, January 5**
 † Gregory Lewis
- 9:00am **Friday, January 8**
 The Sick of the Parish
- 4:15pm **Saturday, January 9**
Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, January 10**
 The Deceased of the Parish
 10:00am † Patty Griffin & Dan Sullivan

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 2 & 3

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

January 9 & 10

There will be no second collection next week.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

DECEMBER 19 & 20

\$1,738

DECEMBER 24 & 25

\$6,262

DECEMBER 26 & 27

\$1,379

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 9 & 10

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: A. Rose	1 Lector: B. Doyle
Bread: F. Patt	2 Lector: G. Femec
Cup: J. Burns	1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp: L. Lechich	2 Bread: M. Suisala
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey	2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: J. Newman	Hosp: L. Mastrangelo
Cup: R. Kingman	
Hosp: T. Lando	

Christmas as Epiphany

A person has an epiphany when he or she experiences a sudden and striking realization. In secular terms, epiphany is often used to describe a scientific breakthrough, a religious or philosophical discovery, or any circumstance in which a problem or situation is understood from a new or deeper perspective.

In theological terms, an epiphany refers to the "shining forth" or "revelation" of God to the human race in the person of Jesus Christ. In this sense, the entire Christmas season is a season of Epiphany:

- In the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Mary visited her kinswoman Elizabeth. John the Baptist kicked in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of the yet unborn Christ Child.
- In the Christmas story, angels appeared to shepherds to announce Jesus' birth.
- Again, in the Christmas story, the star hovered over the place where Jesus was born.
- Last Sunday's Gospel described the 12-year old Jesus teaching in the Temple, and how the elders were amazed.
- In today's Gospel, we hear how the Wise Men (Magi) followed the star and found the newborn king, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- Next Sunday, at the Baptism of Jesus, the skies open and a voice booms out, "This is my beloved Son"
- Finally, on February 2nd (40 days after Christmas), the infant Jesus is presented in the temple where the aged Simeon recognizes him as the Christ.

In each of these examples, someone experiences an "epiphany moment" in which Jesus shines forth, is revealed, or is understood in a new and different way.

For most of the Church's history, the Feast of the Epiphany was assigned to January 6th – the Twelfth Day of Christmas (there are twelve days between December 25th and January 6th). The original Epiphany celebrated three things: 1) the visit of the Wise Men; 2) the Baptism of Jesus; and 3) the Wedding Feast at Cana (where Jesus changed water in to wine).

The Liturgical Reforms of the Second Vatican Council changed all that. Now, the Epiphany (with the visit of the Wise Men) is celebrated on the Sunday¹ following January 1st. The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, and the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time draws upon John for its Gospel readings, again with manifestation stories: in Year A, we have the Johanne account of Jesus' Baptism; Year B has John pointing out Jesus as the "Lamb of God", and this year, in Cycle C, we have the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana.

By moving the Feast of the Epiphany from January 6th to the Sunday following January 1st, the Church ensures that the "Three Kings" are celebrated virtually every year. Also, by moving the Baptism of the Lord and the Wedding Feast at Cana to Sundays, the Church further emphasizes the "epiphany" dimension of the entire Christmas season.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

¹ when January 1st is a Sunday, the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th

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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