

### Operation New Socks for the Homeless



Warm their hearts by warming their feet!

### UPDATE

We are well on our way to meeting our goal with the collection of 671 pairs of socks as of Friday, January 28!

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

With the promise of more rain this 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?

### ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

With the Super Bowl near, now is the time to start thinking about the best ways to host a sustainable Super Bowl party. When purchasing food, try to make conscious decisions by choosing local produce and organic options. Having meatless options is also a great way to reduce the carbon footprint of the menu. Having clear messaging on whether an item is recyclable, compostable, or trash will help make the cleanup at the end of the event a success.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

If you'd like information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Hunt at (408) 840-3297 or [sf40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:sf40daysforlife@gmail.com). Visit our website to sign up for an hour per week of prayer on Valencia Street: [40daysforlife.com/sanfrancisco](http://40daysforlife.com/sanfrancisco).

### Planning Seminar Catholic Estate and End-of-Life

When it comes to end-of-life bioethical decisions and estate, funeral and burial planning, many people do not know where to begin. Because of this, a great number of people die without having had the opportunity to make funeral and estate plans. And when it comes to making ethical decisions about medical care, many people just don't know where to receive good advice.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco and Catholic Cemeteries are offering a seminar on these topics. St. Teresa of Avila will be hosting on Saturday, February 20th, from 10-11:30am. Please see the bulletin boards for more information.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES LENTEN ACTIVITIES

As the Season of Lent approaches, Catholic Charities is offering one-time volunteer activities for your parishioners. A copy of the Catholic Charities Lenten Activities flier has been attached. Feel free to make copies to put in the church bulletin, in the parish office, or in the back of the church.

A sampling of the opportunities is listed below:

Donate wooden eggs and paint for seniors at OMI Senior Center.

Take a tour of Adult Day Services San Mateo County or one of our other programs.

Sponsor a child for a Spring Recess Field Trip at Canal Family Support.

Donate tickets for cultural activities for clients at Derek Silva Community.

We hope these Lenten activities will offer a variety of ways to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly during this Year of Mercy. To learn more, contact Diana Contreras at 415.972.1297 or

[volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org); or visit our website at <http://catholiccharitiessf.org/all-opportunities/>

### POINSETTIAS

Thank you to our anonymous donor for all the beautiful plants. Parishioners are invited to take home one (or more) of these plants.

# WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

## JANUARY 31, 2016 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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, Jan 31 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall  
 Mon, Feb 1 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila  
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
 Tue, Feb 2 - SVdP Meeting  
 9:00am, Church Hall  
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Hall  
 - Green Team, 6:15 pm, Priory  
 Sat, Feb 6 - Lay Carmelite Meeting  
 10am, Avila  
 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall  
 Sun, Feb 7 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Saturday, January 30**  
 † Mary Morgan  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- Sunday, January 31**  
 8:30am The Sick of the Parish  
 10:00am The People of the Parish
- Tuesday, February 2**  
 8:30am For Peace in the World
- Friday, February 5**  
 8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
- Saturday, February 6**  
 4:15pm Tyler Murray (Spec. Int.)  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- Sunday, February 7**  
 8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am † Vincent Cocciolone

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### January 30 & 31

The second collection this week benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### February 6 & 7

The second collection next week will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

## WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

JANUARY 23 & 24

\$1,623

THANK YOU!

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.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week February 6 & 7

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>	
Lector:	R.M. Ostler	1 Lector:	M. Schelstrate
Bread:	J. Burns	2 Lector:	B. Doyle
Cup:	J. Daddio	1 Bread:	S. Miller
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread:	J. Warnock
		3 Bread:	K. Schelstrate
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	D. Canzoneri	2 Cup:	J. Schelstrate
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	J. Newman		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

## THE CARMELITES: BACKGROUND & CHARISM

Recently I was working with a couple on their marriage preparation, and in our discussion I discovered that the bride was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School. As our conversation unfolded, she talked about the impact of a "Jesuit Education" on her life, explaining that she would be forever sensitive to issues of social justice, thanks to the "Jesuit formation" received during her high school years.

I begin this week's column with the above story because it's a great example of a religious community's influence and charism. Jesuits, in addition to being known as great educators, are also identified with their commitment to social justice. But, as I look around the diocese, I can cite other religious communities and their influence and charism as well. The Franciscans are known for their commitment to the poor (think, St. Boniface & the Gubbio Project); while the Dominicans (the "Order of Preachers") have had a long and effective presence in San Francisco. The Paulists staff St. Mary's near Chinatown (they are an American order founded at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, focusing on media and communications), and the Mercy Sisters are identified by their commitment to education and hospital ministry.

Essentially, religious communities are linked to a particular *charism*, and the above two paragraphs serve as a rather elaborate introduction to a column about Carmelite Charism. As a Carmelite, it's not easy for me to "step outside myself" and articulate our "charism". I've been taught that Carmelites are "people of prayer", but my observation and experience teaches me that Carmelites are not "holy" or "prayerful" in a pious sense. As Carmelites, our experience of God is rooted in the experience of the Prophet Elijah (1 Kings 19:9-14). In this passage, Elijah does not experience God in the wind, earthquake, or fire. Rather, Elijah encounters God in a tiny, whispering sound (a "gentle breeze"). In Carmelite spirituality, God uses ordinary people in ordinary ways to put us in touch with the extraordinary.

This July, Fr. Mike Greenwell and I will have completed six years at the Parish. Looking around the church, there are several rather obvious Carmelite symbols that we've incorporated. The Carmelite Shield now graces the apex in the front of the building; the saints in the two windows in the vestibule (John of the Cross & Teresa of Avila) now sport Carmelite habits; and the white vestments we wear at Mass are complimented with stoles bearing the Carmelite Shield. Additionally, we hope that our "Carmelite charism and spirituality" are evident in our ministry. . . which brings us to the point of this week's column.

Recently, Carmelite Media published a 53-page pamphlet titled **Foundation Stones: A Primer in Carmelite History & Charism**, written by Glenn Snow, O. Carm. Glenn, a member of my province, is about ten years my junior. Ordained in 1989, his first assignment was to Carmel High School in Mundelein, IL, where I was also assigned. We taught together until 1994.

Glenn is a fascinating historian and teacher (he never simply gives you the facts, but gives you the story "behind the facts"), and his book is "intended for those who work alongside us in Carmelite ministries." It is a delightful, entertaining read. We have purchased about 200 copies of the book, and would like to make it available to members of the parish. Copies will be available after all the Masses this weekend; all that we ask is that you take only one copy per household. Of course, if we "run out" we'll be happy to order additional copies. Enjoy the book!

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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