

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?

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of Jim Allio, who died Tuesday, December 26th. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Teresa's on Saturday, January 13th at 11:00 am, with a reception in the hall immediately following.

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.

If you have not yet picked up your envelopes for 2018, they are in the back of the church.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Most water heaters are set to 140 degrees - lower yours to 120 to reduce your water heating costs by up to 5-10%. Or, consider installing a timer that turns off your electric water heater at night or times when you don't use it. You could also use it to turn off the water heater during your utility's peak demand times.



The Pastor, along with the Finance Council, has declared January 2018 a "Second Collection Free" month.

SAVE THE DATE

Retirement Luncheon

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

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2018

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 27, 2018. There will be Mass at 9:30am, celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30pm. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

YEAREND TAX REPORTING

Letters acknowledging donations for 2017 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.

We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
Served by the Carmelites




JANUARY 7, 2018
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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.

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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.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Most Christians are surprised to learn that the feast of Christmas wasn't officially celebrated until the fourth century. Initially, it was the Eastern (Orthodox) Churches that celebrated the birth of Christ, and they did so on January 6th. This feast was called Epiphany.

The word *epiphany* means manifestation, and the Orthodox celebration focused, not only on the manifestation of God in the birth of Jesus, but also on the other "manifestations" as well. In the Gospel of Matthew, the night of Christ's birth featured the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem; in Luke, the Star is replaced by angels announcing to shepherds the event of Christ's birth. Later in Luke, Simeon bursts into song when Jesus is presented in the temple (the *Canticle of Simeon*), and, when Jesus was twelve, he astonished the temple elders with his understanding and answers. Of course, the most celebrated manifestation is the one we celebrate today: the appearance of the "astrologers from the East" who arrive in Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King. The Orthodox Church collectively celebrated these "epiphanies" on January 6th.

By the end of the fourth century, the Western (Latin) Church established December 25th as the date for celebrating the birth of Christ. In many cultures, December 25th was reserved as a religious feast, whereas January 6th took on an additional secular flavor. Over time, Epiphany narrowed its focus to the visit by the Magi, and gift-giving evolved as a custom which paralleled the Wise Men's gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The story of the Magi appears only in the Gospel of Matthew, and the evangelist neither provides the names of these exotic visitors nor tells us how many there were. Throughout history we have assumed that, because the Magi presented Jesus with three gifts, there must have been three magi, but this may not have been the case. In early Christian art we have examples of two, three, four, eight, or even *twelve* magi, and the names of Balthasar, Melchior, and Gaspar date from the seventh century. The names and number of magi may perk our curiosity, but there are more important questions. Who are these "wise men"? Where did they come from? And why do they appear in the Gospel of Matthew?

For Matthew, the magi symbolically represent what happened with respect both to Jesus and to the early Church. Jesus' own people – in particular, the Jewish leadership – rejected Jesus and put him to death; later, the early missionaries were neither favorably received nor welcomed by synagogues in the Mediterranean. The Magi – exotic figures from the East – were non-Jews (gentiles) who recognized Jesus as the Messiah. Whereas the (Jewish) religious authorities rejected Jesus and put him to death, the "wise men from the east" (gentiles) recognized Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. This story in Matthew's Gospel mirrors the early Church when Greek-speaking Jews in the diaspora rejected the Christian message while non-Jews (gentiles) embraced this new religion.

In the Orthodox Churches, January 6th – the Feast of the Epiphany – is a Holy Day of Obligation. In the Roman Catholic Church, the revised liturgical calendar moves the Feast of the Epiphany to the Sunday following the New Year. Following Epiphany we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which brings to an end the Christmas season.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 6 & 7

There will be no second collection this week.

January 13 & 14

There will be no second collection next week.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

DECEMBER 23 & 24

\$1,483

CHRISTMAS

\$4,937

DECEMBER 30 & 31

\$1,503

THANK YOU!

Unfortunately, the Ministers' Schedule for January & February will not be sent out until next week. The Ministers scheduled for January 13 & 14 are noted below.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week **January 13 & 14**

4:15 PM

Lector: A. Rose
Bread: J. Daddio
Cup: J. Burns
Hosp: J. Marasco

10:00 AM

Lector: B. Doyle
2 Lector: V. Flores
1 Bread: R. Labuguen
2 Bread: J. Warnock

8:30 AM

Lector: Sr. Lucia
Bread: S. Siebel
Cup: P. English
Hosp: T. Lando

1 Cup: C. Allen
2 Cup: S. Miller
Hosp: J. Warnock

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

Saturday, January 6

4:15pm † Joseph L. Greenwell, Sr.
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, January 7

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Jose Navarro

Tuesday, January 9

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Friday, January 12

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, January 13

4:15pm Audrey Rose (Spec. Int.)
† William J. Burns
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, January 14

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
10:00am † Patty Griffin & Dan Sullivan

Parish Calendar

Sun, Jan 7 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
Mon, Jan 8 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
Tue, Jan 9 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
- Pastoral Council
7:00 pm, Avila
Sat, Jan 13 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Jan 14 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

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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