



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the welcoming community of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
living our faith by endeavoring to follow her example
to see, share and be the light of Christ's love and compassion.*

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: DECEMBER 25, 2022

Parish Information: December 25, 2022

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a parish home we invite you to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.

Registration: We invite all parishioners to register with the Parish. Registration helps us to serve you when issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony, and for letters of reference. Kindly notify the office if your address changes.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age please call the parish office. For hospital cases, contact the hospital Chaplain.

Pastoral Care: Please call the parish office to have Communion brought to an ill or homebound family member.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This is the first step in planning their wedding and needs to be done one year before the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: To arrange a Baptism, contact the Parish Office at least two weeks before the desired date of Baptism to make arrangements. Parents are required to attend a preparation class before the Baptism. Classes will be held at 7PM (Date will be given when you call). Please call the office to register.

Parish Staff

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James Rocks	Permanent Deacon (retired)
Leo Howitz	Permanent Deacon
Patricia Lipperini PhD	Director of Faith Formation & Safe Environment
Kate Chmelko	Director of Music
Cheryl Venafr	Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Campbell	Administrative Assistant
Rosemary Fearon	Office Volunteer
MaryAnn Mercer	Office Volunteer
Anna Callaghan	Bookkeeper
Linda Roseboro-Brown	Bereavement Coordinator
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Parish Office

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM—3PM

The Office is closed from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.

Bulletin Submission Dates

Announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by Monday at 12 noon, 6 days prior to the publication of the bulletin. Holidays require earlier dates. Please call office to check.

Flyer **inserts** need to be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH

50 Emerald Ave., Westmont

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM— American Sign Language and Voice Interpreted for the hearing

ST. JOHN CHURCH

809 Park Ave., Collingswood

Sunday : Sept.-June 9:30 AM (**Live streamed**), 11 AM

Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 AM

Adoration: Thursdays: Holy Saviour: 10AM to 8PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 Holy Saviour Church

BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office to arrange.

RCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office

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Prayer Requests

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and those to whom they minister.

Those serving in the military:	Johnny A. Santiago, USA
Colin Bakey, USN	1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaledi, RN,
Eric Bakey, USA	USAF
Guardian Alex Coutinho, US	Ens. Patrick McKernan, USN
Space Force	Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US	Nathan Tiefertaler L. Corp
Army	
SSG Stephen J. Kozuhowshi, Army	
Special Forces	
Ensign Patrick J. McKernan, USN	



Those who are sick:	Ali Kite	Katherine Richmond
Hilda Amme	Flavia Lagnan	Jacob Rivera
Rowan Anderson	Noah Lagnan	Jaxson Rivera
Nancy Barone	David Leva	Dennis Siwak
Esther Benson	Cassidy Lovett	Constance
Bernadette Burke	Jay Mancini	Steinhagen
Jean Marie Chapman	Steve Mannix	John Tomik
Ed Charlton	Annie Martella	Vivienne Vesper
Theresa Charlton	Rick McAlexander	Steven VuiMermet
Declan Costello	Matthew McCann	Julie Wegryn
Anthony Corrado	Bernice Novicki	Art Yost
John Gray	Robert O'Malley	Margaret
Mike Gunning	Allison O'Malley	Zimmerman
David Hammond	Laura Paradisio	
Violet Harden	Judith Pattison	
Bill Hower	Elise Principato	
Teresa Jermyn	Christopher Pronio	
Marlene Keen	Christian Reynolds	
William Kinee	Lawrence Rich	



Adoration Schedule

- Thursdays at Holy Saviour Church 10AM - 8PM
- Silent Adoration 10AM –7PM
- Rosary & Benediction 7PM—8PM
- Come spend some quiet time with the Lord during the day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 24

4PM (SJ): Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
5PM (HS): Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta

Sunday, December 25

12 Midnight (SJ): Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
8:00 (HS) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
10:00 (SJ) Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta

Monday, December 26

9:00 Eleanor and Dan Collins r/b their Family
Frank Barbato r/b Rosemarie and Dennis Siwak
Russ Hannan r/b his Wife, Ellen

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 Celebration of the baptism of Charlotte Anne
Kateman r/b Fr. Yvans and STC Parish
Intentions of Vivian Tran and Family r/b Jasmin and Ralph Patulot

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 Patrick Cuning r/b the Cuning Family
Ann Marie Troutman r/b the Cuning Family

Thursday, December 29

9:00 Jean Tuman r/b the Lipperini Family

Friday, December 30

9:00 Kathy Caron r/b Jenny
Frank and Nick Barbato r/b the family

Saturday, December 31

4:00 James Cuning r/b the Cuning Family

Sunday, January 1

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
9:30 Mary VanNote r/b her Husband & Family
Pam Theis r/b Jenny
Esther Cooperman r/b Jenny
Barbara Watson r/b Jenny
11:00 David W. Pascal, Jr. r/b Beth Pascal
11:00 (HS) Jean Fritzner Loracle r/b the Deaf Community

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Lamp burns before the Blessed Sacrament 7 days a week, every week of the year in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion.

The Sanctuary Candle will be burned this week in memory of:

Holy Saviour: Sean Campe r/b the Campe Family
St. John: Mary Van Note r/b her Husband & Family

Feast of the Nativity of the Lord: December 25, 2022

Christmas, the feast of gifts! But how many know the reason for this custom? It is because God, the first reason, gave us a gift. Or rather, it is because God gave himself to us as a gift, a gift so precious, so unimaginable that we will never stop discovering its value, marveling at it... and living from it because what we celebrate every Christmas is not a story of the past. It is prodigiously current. Today God gives himself to us in Jesus. God offers himself to us as a little one, a poor one, an obscure newborn, to make us discover that he is really there, with us, in the fragility of our human existence, in the most intense joys, as in the most difficult circumstances of our lives.

I would like to meditate on three themes: “birth”, “knowledge” and “Incarnation”.

The birth that we celebrate concerns God in himself. Celebrating Christmas is thus celebrating God the Trinity who reveals himself to us. The revelation of the Triune God who gives all the depth to our Christmas celebration is the fruit of Jesus' journey from being born, teaching, dying, rising to life and giving his Spirit to the Church, which will thus be able to confess God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Celebrating Christmas is for us the call to follow Jesus from the crib to the Cross, as certain representations signify in depth by placing the instruments of the Passion in the hands of the newborn.

Speaking of birth, I have already touched on the second theme: knowing God who gives himself and reveals himself because God, in the mystery of Christmas, has given himself entirely to us. He told us everything through his Son. The birth of Jesus is the advent of a new knowledge of God, of a new relationship with him, of a new presence: the presence of a child, then of a man with unforgettable words and facts. From his death and his resurrection, He is always at work within us through the sacraments. To celebrate Christmas is therefore to believe that God has made himself known and, something basically unheard of, that we can say something about him.

The other precision is there: all knowledge of God is made in and through Jesus Christ, the only mediator who reveals to us the true face of God the father. Celebrating Christmas from year-to-year means advancing on this inexhaustible and sometimes exhausting path of knowing and unknowing, of luminous and obscure faith, of wonder and amazement in the face of the mystery of Jesus.

This knowledge commits us to believe and bear witness, to welcome divine childhood, to be monstrances and angels of God! In addition, the darkness did not stop him. In these uncertain, sometimes worrying times, it is also one of the strong and encouraging messages of Christmas. Nothing stops the course of the Word which allows us to be its receivers and transmitters.

Finally, to speak of Incarnation: “the Word made flesh”, which the meaning of Christmas is the authenticity of our life as God comes to us in the human form. Believing does not consist only in talking about him. It is to experience him in our fragility, encountering Him by having an experience of his peace, his gentleness and love.

To welcome the mystery of Christmas is thus to allow its secret and its irresistible joy to well up in our lives, joy that radiates, joy that expresses itself or joy that welcomes itself, inner joy, and joy that irrigates. May the mystery of Christmas be welcomed in all its forms given us to live and believe in the ever-new childhood of God! Merry Christmas to you all and your Families!

Rev. Yvans Jazon, Pastor



*Participate in Electronic Giving.
It's Simple ... Safe ... Convenient.*

- Log onto www.parishgiving.org.
- Click "SIGN UP NOW": follow the prompts.

December 11 \$9616.00

Retired Religious Collection: \$2538.00

**Electronic Givers— September \$17,065.00
from 136 givers**

December 31—January 1

MASS	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4:00	S. Loumeau	P. Moran	P. Moran
8:00	L. Franck	Deacon Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	B. Pascal	J. Wills	M. Mercer
11:00	L. Roseboro- Brown	Deacon Leo	L. Roseboro- Brown

SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season in our
Mausoleum Chapels

**Masses will be held at 10AM at the following dates
and locations.**

12/27 All Saints Cemetery, Newfield
12/27 New St. Mary Cemetery, Bellmawr
12/28 Sacred Heart Cemetery, Vineland
1/04 Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill



*We would like to welcome the following
new members to our parish family:*

*Janel Brannigan
Colin Marsh
Craig & Jennifer Spanek*



Weekly Tip: Caring for Our Common Home

Engage in forthright and honest discussions
about environmental problems and policies,
understanding that issues cannot be dealt with once and
for all. Ongoing discussion will allow issues to be continually
reframed and enriched with a variety of valid viewpoints
and possible solutions

Scheduled Mass Intention Changes

In order to comply with Diocesan policy, the
following changes for scheduling announced
Masses will take effect as of January 1, 2023.

Only 1 Mass intention will be allowed for per
Mass except for multiple intention Masses.

There will be 2 multiple intention Masses per
week as follows:

Holy Saviour Saturday 4:00 PM

St. John's Sunday – will be alternated be-
tween the 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses

No one will be allowed to schedule more than
6 Masses per year. This will provide availabil-
ity for everyone in the parish to request Mass
intentions for specific Masses.

Mass intentions for the Parishioners of the
Parish are to be celebrated at 1 Mass every
Sunday, on Holy Days of Obligation, Easter
and Christmas. No other intentions will be
scheduled on these specific days.

Bereavement Support Group

A seven-week bereavement support group will
begin on Monday, January 2 at 7PM. Please call
the Parish Office for the location as well as for ad-
ditional information.

Thank You



The Knights are grateful for your support of their various activities, especially their hoagie sales. March for Life will be Jan. 20. More info. will follow,

Thanks to the Faith in Action group and the Hospitality Committee for all their efforts that made our second annual Christmas Prayer and Tree Lightings such a meaningful and prayerful experience. Thank s, also, to those who were able to attend.

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New 2023 Missals

We placed the 2023 Missals in the pews at both churches Thanksgiving weekend. **The missals are to be left in church and not taken home.** This way the missals will be available for everyone at all the Masses.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Office of Ministry with the Deaf and Disabilities

We believe that every child of God is uniquely created and inherently worthy of love, and so as we love him we also love all others. (John 13:34-35)

Special Needs Mass

Holy Savior Church in Westmont (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish) celebrates a separate Sunday afternoon Special Needs Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month, especially for families with special needs children and adults.

This particular mass is sensory-friendly, a loving and open environment of acceptance and understanding allowing special needs families the opportunity to attend mass together.

4th Sunday each month, 12:30PM (subject to change...Please call to confirm)

Holy Savior Church
50 Emerald Avenue
Westmont, NJ 08108
(GPS: use Haddon Township)

Masses of Welcome and Inclusion Schedule

Every Sunday

11:00AM Mass at Holy Savior Church
(St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish)
50 Emerald Avenue
Westmont, NJ (GPS: use Haddon Township).

The Mass is signed in American Sign Language (ASL) for Deaf Members of the Church and voiced for hearing members of the Church.

2nd Weekend of the Month

St. Andrew the Apostle
27 Kresson-Gibbsboro Road
Gibbsboro, NJ
Mainstream Mass Saturday, 4:30pm Mass

Holy Eucharist Parish
344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ
Mainstream Mass Sunday (Oct. - Apr.) 9:45AM

For more information, please contact Fr/ Hugh Bradley at hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.

NO SANDWICH COLLECTION IN JANUARY

Cathedral Kitchen has requested that we cancel our Sandwich Collection for January 16, 2023 (MLK Day of Service). They are typically inundated with unscheduled sandwich drop offs and need to control the number of donations to avoid waste.

December Sandwich Collection: Monday, Dec. 19

February Sandwich Collection: Monday, Feb. 20



Basketball Foul Shooting Contest

The Annual Basketball Foul Shooting Contest, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will take place **Saturday, January 7th from 12 noon to 2pm.**

More Info.: Contact Coach/AD Bob Hensler at 856-858-1170 (w) or 609-519-0198 (c).



It's *Not* Too Late!

Please participate in our Special Intention Christmas Tree. The tree-lighting ceremonies were not the end of our support of each other's intentions in prayer; they were the **beginning**. Not everyone could attend. That's why, at the back of each church, you will find ornaments with hooks inside, slips of paper, and pens.

Take a moment to jot down your intention, place the paper inside an ornament, snap it together, and hang it on the tree. While you're at it, pray for everyone else's intentions. (If you notice supplies running low, please call Nancy and Ken at (856) 858-7071.)

Let's keep this going until after Christmas Day. What better way is there to prepare to celebrate Our Lord's coming than to care for each other? Day or night, when we pass by these trees, we can think of the intentions of all in our parish community, and make them our own.

Faith In Action

St. Vincent de Paul Society



One of the primary missions of our St. Vincent DePaul Society is to assist people in times of emergency. We respond to calls for help on our parish number [856-858-1444](tel:856-858-1444). Often people are reluctant to ask for help, but should you know of anyone in our community in need of urgent assistance, please refer them to our number and let them know we are there to help.



Sandwich Making

Make at home and drop off only until further notice.

Please bring your already made sandwiches to Good Shepherd cafeteria on **Monday, December 19 at 7PM**. Someone will be there to accept your donation.

Sandwiches made in November: 1,110

Also received 8 bags of fruit, 1 carton water

PLEASE MAKE ONLY TURKEY or BEEF BOLONGA SANDWICHES.

Please put cheese on all sandwiches

***The Discussion Meeting will take place as scheduled:
3rd Tuesday, December 20 at 7PM in the Faith Formation Center.***

Thank you for continuing to help the needy.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS:

**Mon. & Wed.:
10AM to 12 PM**

Staples put into each bag:

Breakfast:

Oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, condensed milk, cereal boxes

Lunch:

PB and jelly, tuna, mac & cheese, spam, chunky/regular soups

Dinner:

Pasta sauce, pasta, vegetables & beef stew, instant rice/potatoes, canned fruit

Gift cards from food stores, especially Aldi, are also appreciated.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

**The Pantry now has a freezer.
We can now accept frozen items during our regular hours.**



Dinners to Doorsteps

We provide meals for people or families who are ill, disabled, living alone, parents of new babies, etc. We also provide meals for individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. **If you need help, please call Michelle.** Everything is strictly confidential. **More Info.:**

Contact Michele Santiago at : 609-598-1787 or email her at grandma-rose73@yahoo.com.

Christmas Mass and Confession Schedule

Confessions during Advent:

Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17: 3:00—3:45 Holy Saviour
Dec. 24: 3:00—3:45: Holy Saviour and St. John's



Christmas Masses, Dec. 24-25:

(Dec. 24): **4 PM**—St. John; **5 PM**—Holy Saviour; **12 Midnight**—St. John
(Dec. 25): **8 AM**—Holy Saviour, **10 AM**— St. John
(Dec. 25): **11 AM**: Deaf Community— Holy Saviour

New Years Mass, December 31-January 1: Regular Weekend Schedule:

(Dec. 31): **4 PM**— Holy Saviour
(Jan. 1): **8 AM**— Holy Saviour
9:30 AM —St. John **11AM** - St. John
11AM—Deaf Community— Holy Saviour

Feast of the Epiphany, January 8:

Kate Chmelko's musicians will play at the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses.



Parish Office Schedule Christmas/New Years

Friday, December 23: 9:00—12 Noon
Sat.-Sun., December 24-25: Office Closed
Monday, December 26: Office Closed
Tues., Wed., Thurs. Dec. 27-29: 9:00—4:00
Friday, December 30: 9:00—12 Noon
Sat. -Sun. , Dec. 31 -Jan. 1: Office Closed
Monday, January 2: Office Closed
Tuesday, January 3: Open at 9:00 AM



A Christmas Blessing for Our Parish Family

*May you be filled with ...
The wonder of Mary,
The obedience of Joseph,
The joy of the angels,
The eagerness of the shepherds,
The determination of the magi
And the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Bless you now and forever.*

*Happy and blessed Christmas from
Fr. Yvans, Fr. Hugh and all the Parish
Staff!*

LIFE-LONG FAITH FORMATION

Growing in Faith At Every Age

I want a laity, ... who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity — I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each other, what are the bases and principles of Catholicism... **Cardinal John Henry Newman**

Faith Formation Schedule

Classes held in Good Shepherd School

Sunday 9:30-10:45

Grades K-7

January 8, 15, 22

Tuesday 3:30-4:45

Grades 1-7

January 10, 17, 24

Confirmation Prep (8th gr)

Sunday 6:30-8PM

January 8

First Reconciliation Parent Preparation Meeting:

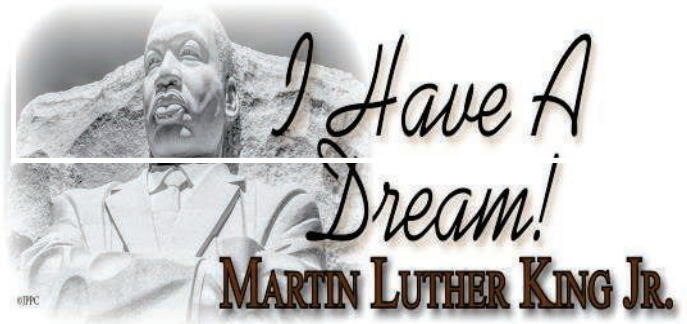
Tuesday January 24, 7PM OR

Wednesday January 25, 7PM (Both in

McLaughlin Hall)

Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be Sunday January 15 at 11AM. We invite our 5th graders to participate as readers, singers, ushers, greeters. Coffee and Donuts and Service Project after the mass in the school caf.



Faith Formation Service Project

St. Teresa's Faith Formation families will be collecting items for CARE Packages which will be given to Joseph House to help their clients. We invite all parishioners to add to our collection.

Items we'd like to collect:

Socks
Lotion
Toothpaste

Deodorant
Sunscreen
Wet Wipes

Chapstick
Tissues
Band-aids

Shampoo
Toothbrush
Hand Sanitizers

Or any other item you think might be helpful

Please place them in the vestibule of either church and mark FF. The more we collect, the more CARE packages we can make.

Items due by Sunday January 8 or Tuesday January 10.

We will make the CARE packages after the Family Mass on Jan 15.





Call to Worship

Feast of the Nativity of the Lord: December 25, 2022

Entrance Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful" *Breaking Bread* #93

Verses

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, †
3. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, †
4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, láe - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -

1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
3. Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;
4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.

1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
4. Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord! } O come, let us a -
ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num. }

dore him! O come, yes come, let us a - dore him!

GLORIA: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

Readings for Christmas Masses:

4 PM Vigil: Breaking Bread pp. 44-46

5 PM Vigil: Breaking Bread pp. 44-46

12 Midnight: Breaking Bread pp. 47-49

8 AM and 10 AM: Use readings below.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1: 1-6

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: *You are my son; this day I have begotten you?* Or again: *I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?* And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

GOSPEL: John 11: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

CREED: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven.

(Continued from p. 10)

At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man”, all bow.

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Away in a Manger” *Breaking Bread* #92

AWAY IN A MANGER

MUELLER

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky ____ looked down where he lay, The
2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885;
verse 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Night of Silence" Breeding Bread #78
 "Silent Night" Breaking Bread #79

Night of Silence

1. Cold are the peo - ple, win - ter of life, We
 2. Voice in the dis - tance, call in the night, On
 3. Spir - it a - mong us, shine like the star, Your

trem - ble in shad - ows this cold end - less night,
 wind you en - fold us, you speak of the light,
 light that guides shep - herds and kings from a - far,

Fro - zen in the snow lie ros - es sleep - ing,
 Gen - tle on the ear you whis - per soft - ly,
 Shim - mer in the sky so emp - ty, lone - ly,

Flow - ers that will ech - o the sun - rise,
 Ru - mors of a dawn so em - brac - ing,
 Ris - ing in the warmth of your Son's love,

Fire of hope is our on - ly warmth,
 Breath - less love a - waits dark - ened souls,
 Star un - know - ing of night and day,

Wea - ry, its flame will be dy - ing soon.
 Soon will we know of the morn - ing.
 Spir - it we wait for your lov - ing Son.

Text: Daniel Kantor, b.1960
 Tune: Daniel Kantor, b.1960
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1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. fest the ground; He comes to make his bless - ings
4. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -



1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing
3. flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
4. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
3. found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats: based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1764–1748, alt.
 Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759;
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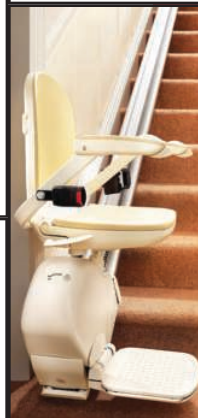
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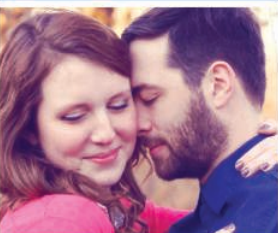
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