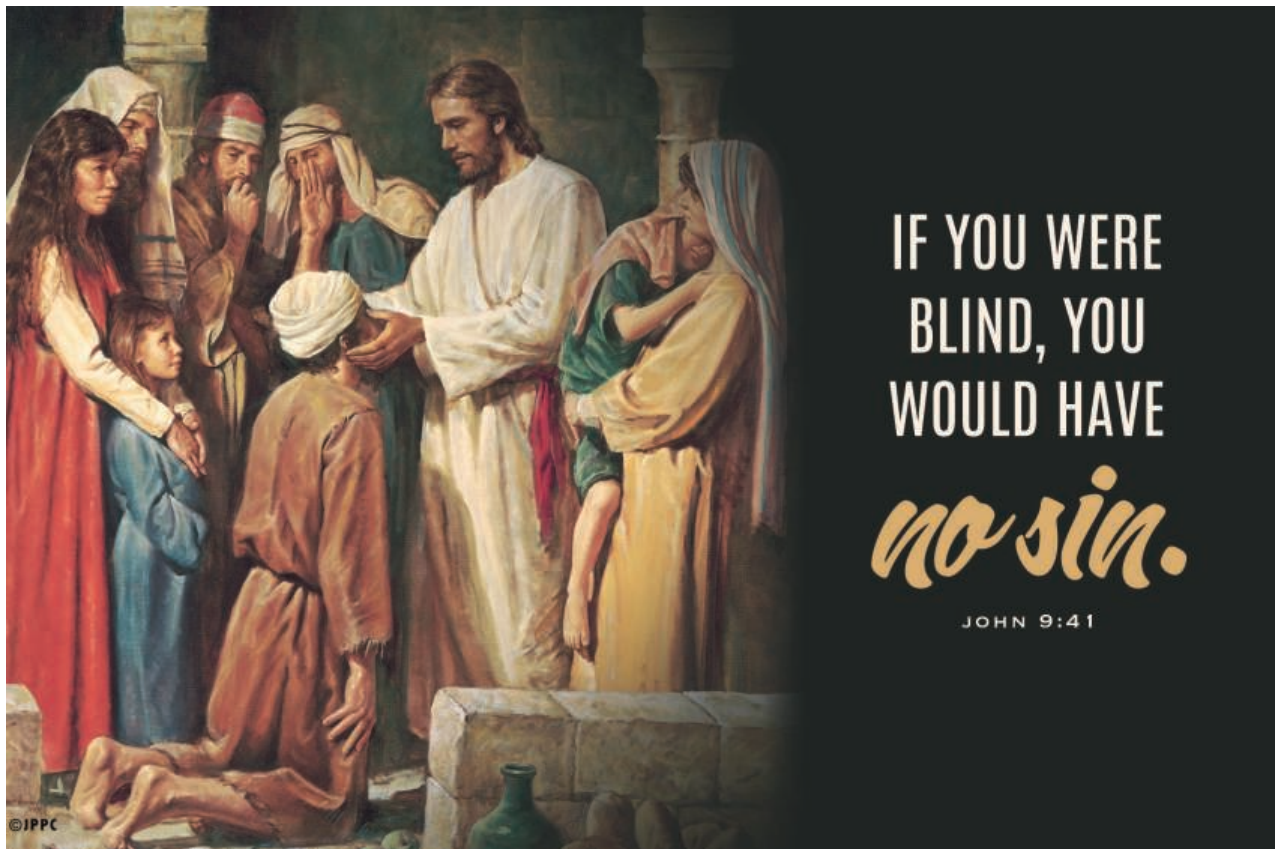




SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*

Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 19, 2023

Parish Information: March 19, 2023

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.

Parish Staff

Rev. Yvans Jazon, Pastor	fjazon@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org
Rev. Hugh Bradley	hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org
	Director of Deaf Ministry & Part-time Parochial Vicar
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
Tony Rey, Nick Tyrell	Maintenance

Parish Office

809 Park Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08108
856-858-0298

Emergency Number: 856-240-1132

Website: www.stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

Facebook Name: Teresa Calcutta

Faith Formation Office: 856-858-0298, Ext. 19

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 9:00AM—3PM

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

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.

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

Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri.: LENT ONLY 7:00AM: HS

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

See p. 7 for updated Lenten confession schedule.

BAPTISMS

Twice a month on Sundays: Call office to arrange.

Call the Parish Office to arrange.



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Prayer Requests

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

Those serving in the military:

Ensign Patrick J. McKernan, USN	Colin Bakey, USN
Eric Bakey, USA	SPC Alex Coutinho, US Space Force
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US Army	SSG Stephen J. Kozuhowski, Army Special Forces
Sgt. Johnny A. Santiago, USA	1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaledi, RN, SAF
Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,	Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp

Those who are sick:

Nancy Barone	Ali Kite
Bernadette Burke	Liza Kopp
Ed Charlton	David Leva
Theresa Charlton	Andrew Leonard
Anna Cipolla	Cassidy Lovett
Anthony Corrado	Annie Martella
Sharon Crismong	Matthew McCann
Gina DiMarco	Natalie Mullen
Luca Di Marco	Elise Principato
Marianne Fanelle	Christopher Pronio
John (Jack) Fleming	Lawrence Rich
Mike Gunning	Jaxson Rivera
David Hammond	Constance Steinhagen
Violet Harden	John Wapenski
Bill Hower	Art Yost
William Kinee	Margaret Zimmerman

Sanctuary Candle



The sanctuary candle will be burned this week in memory of:

St. John: Mary Van Note r/b her Husband and Family

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, March 18

4:00 Tom Moran r/b Eileen Smart
Fuzer and Jack Smart
Francis Kernan r/b Rosa & Joe Tanzi
Robert Smith r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish
Eugene & Margaret Kernan r/b the Family

Sunday, March 19

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta
9:30 Jose' Marito Cambronero r/b Jasmin Patulot
11:00 Harry and Ann Shaw r/b Marge Carter and Family
Marty Moran r/b Jerry and Pat Tittermary
Nancy Hensler r/b the Wigginton Family
Lee White r/b Fr. Yvans Jazon
11:00 (HS) Robert Smith r/b Fr. Hugh Bradley and the Deaf Community

Monday, March 20

7:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Tuesday, March 21

7:00 Bernadette Kernan r/b the Family
9:00 Delia Cambronero r/b Jasmin Patulot

Wednesday, March 22

7:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 Intentions of Larry Rich r/b Margaret Way

Thursday, March 23

7:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Friday, March 24

7:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 Gary and Keith Campbell r/b the Hannan Family
6:30 PM Lenten Retreat & Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 25

4:00 Marilyn Trainor r/b Ruth Malloy & Family
Harry Watts r/b Edna Lombardi (having triple by-pass surgery)
Katherine Richmond r/b Mary Adams

Sunday, March 26

8:00 Francis Kernan r/b Jack & Anna Callaghan
9:30 Mary Van Note r/b her Husband & Family
Martin Moran r/b Paul and Carolyn
Danuta Waskiel r/b The Chomiczewski Family
Katherine Richmond r/b Richard & Patrice McShane
11:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 19, 2023

Dear friends,

In the first reading of the book of Samuel, we are told of the election of David as king of the Jewish people. It is God who searches the hearts, who chooses whom he wants and when he wants. David's choice was a surprise. Nobody expected it.

We judge ourselves by appearances; God sees the heart. The heart is the foundation of human intellectual faculties, feelings and will, as well as the place where decisions are made. It is through the heart that human beings enter relationships with each other and with God. This is why God's choices are beyond ours. David, despite his young age, was anointed and the Spirit of the Lord was upon him from that day on. This first reading challenges our behavior toward our brothers and sisters. Saint Paul gives us friendly advice, "Let us be lucid enough to recognize what is capable of pleasing God. Let us live as children of light because light produces what is good, just, and true."

As we are journeying in this Lenten season, as a parish, making efforts to remain closer to the Lord, it is not impossible to encounter some challenges. We try our best to keep calling upon the Lord like the blind men to receive blessings and to experience Him in our lives. Through this Lenten journey, we may see through the healing of the blind man that the road to salvation is very demanding. It requires our efforts and our willingness to manifest the desire to see the Lord. The healing of the one born blind illustrates the words of Jesus, "I am the light of the world." Jesus is the Savior, the Healer. He gives life. The man born blind walked in darkness throughout his life. Now in meeting Jesus, his life is enlightened. This is the reason we approach the sacrament of Baptism as the sacrament of enlightenment.

In the gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent with the story of the blind man who approaches Jesus with faith and a great desire to see, we can recognize how his wish was granted by Jesus because he does exactly what the Lord told him to do.

We saw last Sunday the Samaritan woman gradually discovered the identity of Jesus. Today we see a similar situation but in a true four-session trial. Jesus is judged by the blind beggar's neighbors, by the Pharisees, then by the parents of the blind man. Ultimately, it is the healed blind man who defends Jesus because he is not only the witness but the recipient of God's goodness.

The blind man becomes the disciple of Jesus. He becomes his representative in the unbelieving world which questions him. In all of this, we also notice that it is not the person concerned who defines himself as a Christian, it is the others who designate him as such: "You are the disciple of this man." Most of the time our brothers and sisters trust in the Lord because of what He has done in our lives.

Brothers and Sisters, the Gospel shows us that it is not enough to call oneself a disciple of Jesus. We must live it, by our life of charity, our behavior, our respect for one another, our seriousness. Do non-believers judge us as Christians? Can it be seen in certain behaviors, certain words, certain concrete actions that we take? The blind man is for us an example of a man who discovered Jesus and that is why he responded to the multiple attacks against Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord our God that our lives may be a light for others.

Rev. Yvans Jazon
Pastor



Lenten Days of Fast & Abstinence

Days of Fast

Catholics between the ages of 18-59 are bound to the mandate to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting entails eating one "normal" meal and two smaller meals.

Days of Abstinence

Catholics ages 14 and up are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday & all Fridays during Lent.



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

- Log onto www.parishgiving.org.
- Click "SIGN UP NOW: follow the prompts.
March 5: \$8327.00 March 12: \$7,765.00
Electronic Givers— February: \$17,115.00
from 141 givers



Upcoming Special Collections

Upcoming special collections are as follows:

- March 19: Catholic Relief Services
- March 26: Rice Bowl
- April 7 : Good Friday: Holy Land. Collection

A Pastor in the Holy Land told Bp. Sullivan that 80% of the funding for his parish comes from this collection.

March 25-26

MASS	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4:00	M/J Steinitz	M/J Steinitz	P. Moran
8:00	B. Summerhayes	Deacon Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	B. Pascal	Deacon Leo	M. Mercer
11:00	P. Hensler	B. Hensler	T. Howitz



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL 2023:

FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

Thank you to everyone who has responded so generously. As of this week we have received **\$33,085.00** from **73 families** towards our South Jersey Catholic Ministry Appeal **goal of \$149,700.00**. This is **22.1%** of our goal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help support the vital programs in our parish and diocese to assist and bring hope to those in need. If you have not responded yet, please prayerfully consider making a donation to help us reach our parish goal. There are donation forms at the back of both churches or donations can also be made online as noted below through the South Jersey Catholic Ministry Appeal website or the Online Giving Platform.

- South Jersey Catholic Ministry Appeal website: www.Camdendiocese.org/SJCMA

South Jersey Catholic Ministry Appeal Online Giving

- Platform: <https://16042.thankyou4caring.org>

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the South Jersey Catholic Ministry Appeal Campaign

Fr. Yvans Jazon, Pastor

Congratulations

The Diocese of Camden is pleased to announce that Bishop Sullivan conferred the Rite of Candidacy for the diaconate to 15 men during Mass at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Haddon Heights, on March 4. Please pray for them and for all men discerning a call to diaconate service.

We at St. Teresa of Calcutta are proud that our Parishioner, Barry Steele is part of this group.

The **Office of the Diaconate** is holding a meeting to provide information and answer questions concerning the life and ministry of a permanent deacon. If you, or someone you know, believe that Christ is calling you to serve the Church as a deacon please attend this meeting:

When: March 30th from 7-8:30PM
Where: The Diaconate Center (15 N. East Avenue, Vineland)
Who: Any man ages 30 – 55

Please confirm your attendance by calling the Diaconate Office (856-583-2858) or emailing Linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org.

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

March 19, 26, April 2, 16, 23

Tuesday 3:30-4:45

Grades 1-7

March 21, 28, April 4, 18, 25

Confirmation Prep (8th gr)

Sunday March 19, 6:30-8PM

First Eucharist Parent Prep Meetings

Pick one to attend

Tuesday March 21 or

Wednesday March 22

Both meetings at 7PM in McLaughlin Hall

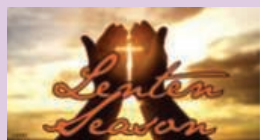
Living Stations

We are so proud of the children in our Faith Formation Program who presented the Living Stations last week.

It was an especially moving and reverent presentation. We thank all the parents who made sure that their children attended the practices.

Reflection Questions for Fourth Sunday of Lent

- How much effort did I put into making Mass meaningful to me today?
- Do I believe that during Mass bread and wine are truly changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus, though under different appearances?



Knights Scholarship for Local Catholic High School

Do you have an 8th grader planning to attend a local Catholic High School? Santa Maria Council #1443 has a scholarship for you. It covers a portion of tuition for 4 years.

For more information, please contact Scholarship Coordinator Rolland Coutinho:

- Email: rcc1266@yahoo.com or
- Cell: 856-220-9989

The deadline to submit an application is Friday, April 21, 2023.

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, March 20 at 7PM**. Someone will be there to accept your donation.

PLEASE MAKE ONLY TURKEY or BEEF BOLONGA SANDWICHES.
Please put cheese on all sandwiches

***The Discussion Meeting will take place as scheduled:
3rd Tuesday, March 21 at 7PM in the McDaid Hall meeting room.***

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 has a freezer & 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.



Tickets for Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Saturday, March 25
Freedom Mortgage Pavilion
1 Harbour Blvd., Camden
9AM—3PM: Doors open at 8AM.

Flyers are in the back of church with instructions for ordering tickets. Tickets can be obtained only through the Parish Office. You will be contacted when your tickets are available for pickup.

Invitation to Daily Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent:

7AM: Monday—Friday: Holy Saviour Church
Morning Prayer: Mon.-Friday: 8:45AM, St. John
9AM: Monday—Friday: St. John Church



Decorating Committee

Do you have a creative streak that you would like to put to good use?

Would you enjoy being part of a group to decorate our churches for the seasons and for special times?

If so, please consider joining our new decorating committee. For more information or to sign up, please contact the parish office.



Confessions

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: 6PM—7PM
ALL WEDNESDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE
AT ST. JOHN CHURCH:
 March 22, April 5

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: 3:00-3:45 HOLY SAVIOUR

No confessions Saturday, April 8

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Communal Penance Service

Monday, March 27, 7PM, St. John

Our priests as well as some visiting priests will be available for individual confessions.

Mini Retreats: “The Cross & the Eucharist”

- **Fridays: February 24—March 31**
Reflection & Stations of the Cross
6:30 PM, St. John Church
- **Good Friday, April 7, 2:00 PM**
Outdoor stations, weather permitting—St. John

Date/Time

Speaker

March 24, 6:30 PM

Fr. Matthew Weber

March 31, 6:30 PM

Fr. Vince Guest

April 7, 2:00 PM

Fr. Yvans Jazon

Diaper Drive: March 5-19

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Knights of Columbus Good Friday Fish Dinner

Date: Friday, April 7, 5PM—7PM
Eat-in or to-go

Place: Council Home, 350 Crystal Lake Ave.
Menu: Baked flounder, macaroni and cheese, vegetables and cole slaw.

Cost: \$10.00; \$8.00 for children 12 and under

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, April 6

Email: mvkiernan@aol.com or call 856-854-9845
 Please tell us whether you plan to eat-in or to-go.

Happy Feast of St. Joseph to the Sisters of Saint Joseph who live in our convent and are present in our parish!

SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you gave us the true bread from heaven in your son who gave his flesh for the life of the world. Since we have life and hope through you, inspire and enable us to help those in need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns One God forever and ever. Amen.



Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sales

Santa Maria Hall, KofC,
350 Crystal Lake Ave. Haddon Twp.
(next to the ball-fields)

COST STILL \$5. Ready by 7AM. Stop by early.

2023 Dates: MAR. 25
APR. 1, 15, & 29
MAY 6 & 20
JUNE 3 & 24



Donations to Joseph's House

Our parishioners have donated the following items in support of the homeless at Joseph's House:

Casseroles: 13, Socks: 7 pair, Men's underwear: 3, Tooth Brushes: 17, Toothpaste travel tubes 4, Snack Packs: 96, Hot Sauce: 3 bottles, Sugar: 10 lbs, Powdered Creamer: 7 lbs, and 2 loaves of cranberry bread.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds, hide me.
Separated from you, let me never be.
From the evil one, protect me.
At the hour of my death, call me.
And close to you, bid me.
That with your saints, I may be,
Praising you, forever and ever.
Amen.



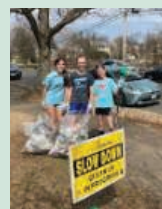
Project Rachel: Peace Starts Here New Start Date: Monday, March 20

Project Rachel is a post-abortion hope and healing ministry of the Diocese of Camden. They are offering a 9-week support group which will explore the spiritual and emotional impact of abortion in a judgment-free and confidential environment.

Start Date: Mon., March 20, Place: Galloway, NJ

More Info. or to Register:

Contact Sylvia Loumeau at 856-342-4164 or email Sylvia.Loumeau@camdendiocese.org



Spring Cleanup

Please join in on a Newton Lake Cleanup on Saturday, April 1 from 9AM to 12 noon.

- Meet at Lees Ave. bridge.
- Gloves, trash bags and grabbers will be provided.
- Any amount of time volunteered is appreciated.
- Service hours can be earned, so please bring paperwork to be signed.

Parish, Diocesan and Community Information

Office of Ministry

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)

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

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.

Parish Basketball Teams

Congratulations to the St. Teresa Parish boys' varsity basketball team for going all the way to the championship game in their league for the second straight season. This time, they were narrowly defeated in the Finals by the very close score of 67-63. The championship game was held at Holy Cross High School in Delran, NJ before a large crowd. The other team was St. Charles Borromeo School/parish, of Cinnaminson, NJ. Many of the St. Teresa players will be going on to play at the high school level next year. Special congratulations to the following eighth graders who have been selected for all star teams:

- **Holden Cranston: All County Team**
- ♦ **Sean Crawford: All County Team**
- ♦ **Aidan Sayles: All County Team**
- ♦ **Justin Rudio: League All Star**
- ♦ **Vinnie Consenza: League All Star**

Also, for the first time this season, St. Teresa Parish fielded a team of 3d graders, who competed in the "Sophomore" Division of the league. They are a young, talented group, and they competed well all season, often against teams with significantly older players. Most importantly, they learned a lot about basketball and had fun! Thanks to all of the parents and coaches who helped with the basketball teams this season!



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

Gerard & Valerie Brannigan

Patrick & Diana Murphy

Joseph & Christa Varga

Santo & Nancy Caruso

David Greenfield & Gabriella Tremoglie

- Are you new to our Parish and would like to register? We would love to have you!
- Please contact the Parish Office weekdays 9AM to 4 PM (Fridays 3PM) at 856-858-0298



Call to Worship

Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 19, 2023

Entrance Hymn: "You Are the Healing" *Breaking Bread* #525

Jesus, you are the healing, you came to make us whole again.
Jesus, you are the healing, come show us how to live.
Jesus, you are the healing, Jesus, you are the healing,
Jesus, you are the healing, come show us how to live.

Jesus, you are the freedom, you break the chains that bind us.
Jesus, you are the freedom, come show us how to live.
Jesus, you are the freedom, Jesus, you are the freedom,
Jesus, you are the freedom, come show us how to live.

Jesus, you are the power, you triumph over sin and death
Jesus, you are the power, come show us how to live.
Jesus, you are the power, Jesus, you are the power.
Jesus, you are the power, come show us how to live.

Jesus, the resurrection, you raise us to eternal life
Jesus, the resurrection, come show us how to live.
Jesus, the resurrection, Jesus, the resurrection,
Jesus, the resurrection, come show us how to live.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

GOSPEL: John 9: 1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

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.

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: “You Are the Light” *Breaking Bread # 602*

Sarah Hart



1. You are the light that stands a - lone in depth of night and eye of
2. You are the word that's writ - ten deep with - in the hearts of all who
3. O you are God who spoke the dawn; the sav - ior son who came in



1. storm. Where shad - ows fall, you en - ter in; ig - nite with
2. long for end - less days be - yond the skies, for peace on
3. flesh to be a lamp for wan - d'ring hearts, to steal our



1. hope what dark has dimmed. And though our eyes may fail to
2. earth, a king - dom come. We sing the name that heals our
3. dark - ness by your death. And as you rose, you gave us



1. see, it is the heart that's giv - en sight through night and
2. souls, and share the way, the truth, the life. For hearts that
3. peace, your Spir - it - gift to kind - ly lead. Sweet mys - ter -



1. storm, to trust in you. Up - on our path you are the light.
2. long, both lost and found, we speak the word: you are the light.
3. y, how true you guide. We look to you; you are the light.

COMMUNION HYMN: “Behold the Lamb” *Breaking Bread* #340

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Martin Willett

Verses



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
 2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
 3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
 4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from

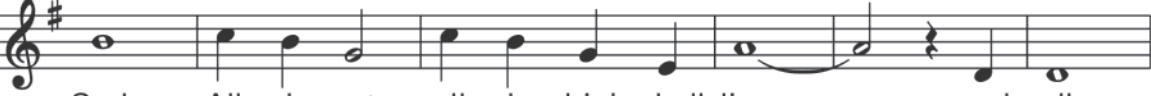


1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
 2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
 3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
 4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that

Refrain



1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
 2. word and the love we share.
 3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
 4. blow; cra - dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,



all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

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