



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.*

Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 26, 2023

Parish Information: March 26, 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
Sgt. Johnny A. Santiago, USA	Eric Bakey, USA
1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaleddi, RN, SAF	SPC Alex Coutinho, US Space Force
Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,	Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US Army
Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp	SSG Stephen J. Kozuhowski, Army Special Forces

Those who are sick:

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

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 25

4:00 Marilyn Trainor r/b Ruth Malloy & Family
Harry Watts r/b Edna Lombardi (having triple bypass 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

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

7:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 Robert Smith r/b Betty and Jim O'Brien

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

7:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 Robert Smith r/b Pat Lipperini

Friday, March 31

7:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
6:30 PM (SJ) Lenten Retreat & Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1

4:00 Nancy Geonie r/b Fr. Yvans and STC Parish
Katherine Richmond r/b Fr. Yvans & STC Parish

Sunday, April 2

8:00 Wallace and Joseph Families r/b the Family
9:30 Mary VanNote r/b her Husband and Family
11:00 Jean and Jerry Tuman r/b the Family

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 26, 2023

My brothers and sisters:

The journey of these past three Sundays of Lent leads us to better experience Jesus Christ our Savior. To the woman of Samaria, Jesus revealed himself as the Messiah of God and the one who could give her living water. To the inhabitants of his village, he manifested himself as the Savior of the world. To the man born blind, Jesus showed that he is the Light of the world. He presented himself as the Son of Man so that those to whom he had given sight could believe in him. Today, in this scene of raising Lazarus to life, Jesus manifests himself as the one who is the Resurrection and the life. He reveals himself as the Son of God to his disciples, to Martha and Mary, and to the many Jews who came to surround them with their affection.

By raising Lazarus from the tomb, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Ezekiel that we have heard: "I will open your tombs and bring you out of them, and you will know that I am the Lord.... I will put my Spirit within you, and you will live. I have said it and I will do it" (Ez 37, 12-14). Jesus exercises this divine power as the Son of God: to give life to humanity. But by hearing the dialogues of Jesus with his disciples then with Martha and with Mary, we can understand that Jesus is going to bring Lazarus back to life.

In some instance in our lives, we find ourselves responding explicitly like the two sisters: "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died" (Jn 11, 21; 32). But this question prepares us to hear the abusive words launched at Jesus during the crucifixion as reported to us by the Passion of Saint Matthew that we will hear next Sunday: "If you are truly the Son of God, come down from the cross." "He put his trust in God, may God deliver him" (Mt 27, 40 and 43).

The way in which Jesus reacts to the announcement of the death of Lazarus corresponds to the way in which he will assume the condemnation that will be brought against him. Jesus does not try to escape death, but he knows that his death will contribute to the glory of God. The acceptance of Lazarus' death was God's plan in his Son's life to teach us about Jesus' passion during His agony in Gethsemane as He said to His Father, "Let this cup pass away from me. However, not what I want but what you want" (Mt 26:39), Jesus places Himself totally in obedience to the will of the Father and does not seek to escape from it. Likewise, he believes that the death of Lazarus is not an insignificant accident but an event that will contribute to the manifestation of the glory of God: "This illness," he says, "does not lead to death but is for the glory of God, that through it, the Son of God may be glorified" (Jn 11:4).

Thus, the raising of Lazarus is more than a signal that Jesus is the Messiah. It is the ultimate revelation that Jesus is sent by God, the Messiah promised to Israel, the Son of God Himself, the one who is the Resurrection and Life for all who believe in Him. This is the meaning of Jesus' prayer: "I give you thanks because you have heard me, I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here, I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." (Jn 11:42).

This gospel challenges us with the perspective of our own experience of death. Like the disciples, Martha and Mary of Bethany, we always hope that death will not take us, now or later. Christ reveals to us that death is not the end of everything. "Anyone who lives and believes in me will never die...He who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. I am the resurrection and the life": this means that death in the sense of separation from God no longer exists; it is overcome in the Resurrection of Christ. With Paul and his followers, we can say "Death, where is your victory?" No, nothing now will separate us from the love of Christ, not even death.

May God continue to increase our faith in Him. May He bless each one of us as we reach the end of our Lenten journey. God is Good!

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 26: \$ 7363.00; Cath. Relief: \$1668.00

**Electronic Givers— February: \$17,115.00
from 141 givers**



Upcoming Special Collections

Upcoming special collections are as follows:

- March 26: Rice Bowl
- April 7 : Good Friday: Holy Land Collection

When Bp. Sullivan was in the Holy Land, a pastor there told him that 80% of the funding for his parish comes from this collection.

April 1-2

MASS	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4:00	N Remetz A. Remetz	P. Moran	S. Campbell
8:00	Deacon Rocks T. Qualli	Deacon Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	Deacon Leo J. Wiener	Deacon Leo	M. Mercer
11:00	R. Coutinho L. R-Brown	M. Santiago	L. R-Brown



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 **\$39,310.00** from **87 families** towards our South Jersey Catholic Ministry Appeal **goal of \$149,700.00**. This is **26.3%** 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 26, April 2, 16, 23

Tuesday 3:30-4:45

March is a busy month
for Faith Formation.
Our 7th graders recently attended
a Confirmation Prep retreat.

Our 8th graders gathered with
their sponsors to work on
their confirmation banners.



Reflection Questions for Fifth Sunday of Lent

- What is God moving me to do for Him in my life?
- How do I spend the reflection time after receiving the Eucharist?



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, April 17 at 7PM***. Someone will be there to accept your donation.

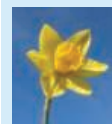
PLEASE MAKE ONLY TURKEY or BEEF BOLONGA SANDWICHES.

Please put cheese on all sandwiches

670 sandwiches were made in March. .

150 for Joseph's House; 520 to Cathedral Litchen.

***The Discussion Meeting will take place as scheduled:
3rd Tuesday, April 18 at 7PM in the McDaid Hall meeting room.***



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.

Invitation to Chrism Mass

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at Saint Agnes Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish) in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

Mini Retreats: "The Cross & the Eucharist"

- Fridays: Now through 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

March 31, 6:30 PM

Speaker

Fr. Vince Guest

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!



Confessions

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: 6PM—7PM
ALL WEDNESDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE
AT ST. JOHN CHURCH: 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.



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.



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.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish
Lent 2023
“The Cross and the Eucharist”

**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: APR. 1, 15, & 29
 MAY 6 & 20
 JUNE 3 & 24



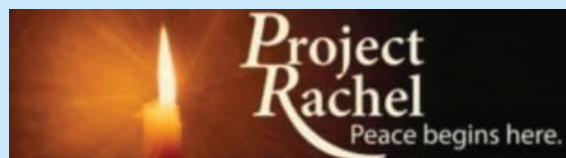
**Donations to
 Joseph's House**

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.

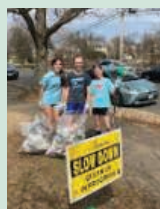


Project Rachel: Peace Starts Here
New Start Date: Monday, March 20

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.

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.

Around the Diocese

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, April 4, 3:30PM
St. Agnes Church, Blackwood

Holy Week Masses: South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries

April 4, Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill, 10:30 AM
April 5, New St. Mary Cemetery, Bellmawr, 10:30AM

Unbound Conference: Healing & Deliverance

Saturday, April 15, St. Michael Church, Atlantic City
More Info.: Unboundnewburgh.eventbrite.com

Nazareth Academy High School Meet & Greet

Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 PM (for 7th graders)
More info.: 215-268-1026

Afternoon of Jazz, Plus

Sunday, April 23, 2PM—7PM, Auletto Caterers
Cooper St., Almonesson
More Info.: iscottcoley.is@gmail.com

Mass of Remembrance and Healing for those who have suffered the loss of a child.

Wednesday, April 26 at 7PM
Christ the King Church, Haddonfield
More Info.: religioused@ctkhaddonfield.org

South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries

Saddle Floral Program for Monument Headstones
More Info.: 800-594-4980

iRace4Vocations

Sunday, April 30: 1PM Mass followed by 5K run and 1 mile family walk. Day will end with picnic.
More Info. and to Register: Visit the site: Camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations.

Merion Mercy Acad. High School Spring Show

James and the Giant Peach: March 24-25
Tickets: <https://www.showtix4U.com/event-details/69936>; **More Info.:** 510-664-6655

Merion Mercy Acad. High School Summer Programs

Variety of academic, enrichment & athletic offerings for boys and girls
More Info.: 610-664-6655 Ext. 128



Call to Worship

Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 26, 2023

Entrance Hymn: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" *Breaking Bread* #137

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, And did the vic - t'ry
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra-cious
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas-sion-
5. A - bid with us that when this life Of suf - fer - ing is



1. pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
2. win, O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con-quer sin.
3. Lord, To die to self, and al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.
4. tide, For - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.
5. past, An Ea-ster of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Text: CM; Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898, alt. Music: *The Whole Psalmes in Foure Partes*, 1563, alt.

FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 37:12-14**

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

SECOND READING: **Romans 8: 8-11**

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died."

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in 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.

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: “Cry of the Poor” *Breaking Bread* # 626

THE CRY OF THE POOR
Psalm 34
John Foley, S.J.

Refrain



The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Bless-ed be the Lord.

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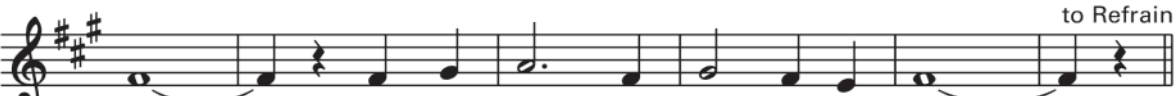


1. I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise
2. Let the low - ly hear and be glad: the Lord
3. Ev - 'ry spir - it crushed, God will save; will be
4. We pro - claim your great - ness, O God, your praise



1. ev - er in my mouth. Let my soul glo - ry in the
2. lis - tens to their pleas; and to hearts bro - ken, God is
3. ran - som for their lives; will be safe shel - ter for their
4. ev - er in our mouth; ev - 'ry face bright-ened in your

to Refrain



1. Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor.
2. near, who will hear the cry of the poor.
3. fears, and will hear the cry of the poor.
4. light, for you hear the cry of the poor.

Text: Based on Psalm 34:2-3, 18-19a, 19b-20, 4.
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COMMUNION HYMN: "I Am the Bread of Life" *Breaking Bread* # 329

Verse 1

I am the bread of life
He who comes to me shall not hunger
He who believes in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me unless the Father
draw him

Refrain

**And I will raise him up
And I will raise him up
And I will raise him up on the last day.**

Verse 2

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world
And he who eats of this bread
He shall live forever
He shall live forever .

Refrain



Verse 3

Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood
and drink of his blood
You shall not have life within you.

Refrain

Verse 4

I am the Resurrection
I am the Life.
If you believe in me,
Even though you die
You shall live forever

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Verse 5

Yes, Lord, I believe
That you are the Christ
The Son of God,
Who has come
Into the world.

Refrain

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