



***Wishing you all a very
“Peace Filled” season and the
Merriest Christmas Ever!***

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH 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 Advent December 22, 2024

PARISH INFORMATION: December 22nd, 2024

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

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

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Leo Howitz Permanent Deacon

Daniela Perez Director of Faith Formation

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Cheryl Venafrá Administrative Assistant

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

The Office closes 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 first step in planning your wedding is best begun 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

Submit announcements to be published in the bulletin to tbest@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org or to the Parish Office by Tuesday at 12pm of the week prior to the bulletin issue requested. **For weeks with a Holiday, we and the printer require submission a week earlier.**

Please submit **flyers** to be copied and inserted into the bulletins to the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

MASS & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

ST. JOHN CHURCH: 809 Park Ave., Collingswood

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH: 50 Emerald Ave.,
Haddon Township

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM—HS

Sunday: 8:00 AM—HS

Sunday: 9:30 AM - SJ **Live streamed (YouTube)**
11:00 AM—SJ

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

Daily Masses:

See page 6 for Christmas Mass Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 9:00 AM St. John Church
Thursday: 9AM Holy Saviour Church

Adoration: Thursdays: After 9:00am Mass until 8pm HS

RECONCILIATION:

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

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

OCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office

Office Closings—December 24 –Noon closing;

Dec 25 & 26 Closed; Dec 31- 12pm; Jan 1 Closed

AROUND THE PARISH

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The Sanctuary candle at Holy Saviour burns for **Sean Campe** requested by the Campe family. At St. John's the candle burns for **Mary VanNote** requested by her husband & family.

Contact the office if you would like to dedicate a Sanctuary Candle to illuminate the Tabernacle for a week

Advent is a perfect time to sit quietly contemplating the birth of Jesus and pray before the **Blessed Sacrament** during **Silent Adoration** on Thursday nights.

O COME LET US ADORE HIM!

ADORATION

Thursday at Holy Saviour Church 9:30am - 8pm
Silent Adoration 9:30am - 5pm
Rosary
Benediction 7PM — 8PM



Pray for Our Parishioners:

Lorraine Alexander	Violet Harden	Laz Orosze
Arline Barski	Steve Hardeki	Olive Osler
Nancy Barone	Sarah Jacob	Elise Principato
Charlie Bates	Teresa Jermyn	Eric Roseboro
Helen Berger	Evan Kendendine	Susan Ratajski
James Beierschmitt	William Kinee	Joseph Sandone
Michael Cavallo	Ali Kite	Pat Schoenborn
Nancy Caruso	Baby Violet	Richard Schoenborn
Ed Charlton, Sr.	Kozuhowski	Linda Simpkins
Anthony Corrado	Nina Lopes	Michael Skabla
Joseph DeShayes	Eliane Loumeau	Dennis Siwak
Walt Eife	John Macauley	Constance
Adam Forziati	Barbara Maddon	Steinhagen
Emma Grace	Annie Martella	Kathy Smith
Charlene French	Nicholas Matyas	John Tomik
Adam Frisoli	Michael McAdoo	Michael Travis
Heather Frisoli	Matthew McCann	Barbara Vollrath
	Erin DeVoe Moran	Craig Wilke
	Natale Mullen	Myra Worrell
	Julia Nigro Slater	Margaret Zimmerman

JOIN THE ROSARY GROUP TO PRAY THE ROSARY AFTER THE 9AM MASS DAILY TO PRAY FOR YOUR INTENTIONS AND TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Intentions for this week's Masses

Saturday, December 21

4:00 Thomasine J. Ciprietti r/b her Husband, Phillip Living & deceased Kernan family r/b the Family The Flyne family r/b the Kernan Family

Sunday, December 22

8:00 Antonietta Regina Gallo r/b Terrie & Bill Hall
9:30 For the People of the Parish
11:00(SJ) Lisa Wasiowicz r/b Fr. Bertonazzi & STC Parish

ATTENTION: No 11AM Mass at Holy Saviour. Please join the 11am Mass at St. John's Church on December 22.

Monday, December 23

9:00 In Thanksgiving for All God's Blessings

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4pm SJ— For the People of the Parish
5pm HS— For the People of the Parish
12midnight—SJ— For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS

8am HS— For the People of the Parish
10am SJ— For the People of the Parish
11am HS— Deceased Parishioners of the Deaf Ministry

Thursday, December 26

9:00 (HS) Mary Van Note r/b her husband & family

Friday, December 27

9:00 All the deceased members of the D'Souza Family

Saturday, December 28

4:00 Patrick Cuning r/b the Cuning Family
Deceased members of Santa Maria Council #143—the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, December 29

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Timothy Willson r/b Frank & MaryAnne DeAngelis
11:00(HS) John Francis Coffey r/b Fr. Hugh Bradley
12:30pm HS Special Needs Mass

Pray for Our Military

SGT Alex Coutinho, US Space Force	1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaletti, RN, SAF
Michael Gregg, USMC	Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW,
Ensign Alex Licorish, RN, USN	Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US Army	
Ensign Margaret McKernan USN	
LT Patrick J. McKernan, USN	
Johnny A. Santiago, Sgt. 1st Class	

Pray also for the Families of our Military who will not have their loved ones

Reflection for December 22, 2024 – Fourth week of Advent

The First Christmas

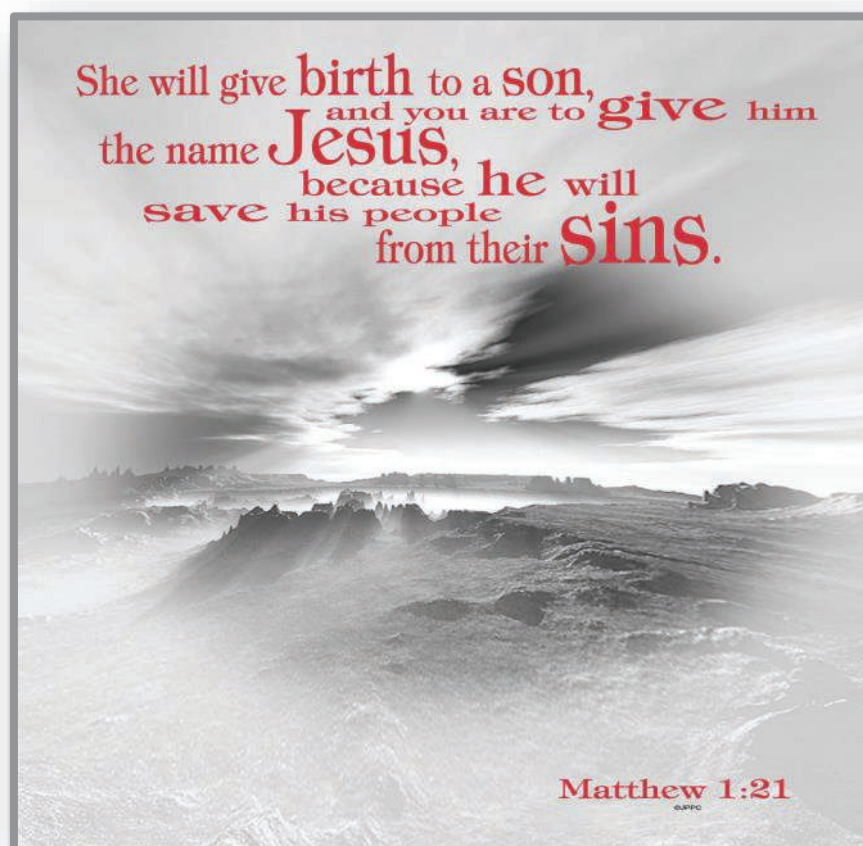
This being my “First Christmas” here at St Teresa of Calcutta Parish, it reminds me of baby Jesus’s infancy. I am in my infancy here at the parish, experiencing new things every day, growing, and learning. I am joyful for the responsibility that the Bishop has given me to shepherd this parish and thankful for the staff and volunteers who assist me.

As the year comes to a close and we celebrate the joy of Christ’s birth, may we be open to the new possibilities that He has for our lives. God is ever new and can create a new heart in us, changing our lives. Jesus being the joy of Mary’s heart is the joy of our hearts. As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, may we prepare our hearts to receive the new blessings that Christ wants to bring to us at Christmas and throughout this new year.

“Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas—not in the cold manger of our heart but in a heart full of love and humanity, a heart warm with love for one another.” St. Teresa of Calcutta

Fr. Hugh and I wish you and your family a blessed and joy filled Christmas!

Fr. Steven Bertonazzi, Administrator



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to the following people who recently registered in our parish:

Perry & Lexi Wilson
Megan Monahan
Amanda Barr
David & Kathleen Nelson
Frank & Elizabeth Martino
Shaun McGarrigle
Anthony & Lauren Nacito

If you would like to become a member of our parish, please call the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATES or SEE THE FLYERS in the Vestibules for more information:

- Enjoy your Christmas gatherings!
- K of C—Next Drop of Can Tabs— 12-28
- K of C Foul Shooting Contest—1/4/2025
- Men's Club Meeting—Jan. 13, 2025
- Hygiene Kit Drive—Jan 23, 2025
- Coffee & Faith Sharing—Wednesdays 10am
- Vitality Calls of Joy available anytime—see Flyer

Stewards Grow

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the **babe in my womb leaped for joy.**” (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, **do you “leap for joy?”** If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. **What are you doing as a Christian Steward** to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? **As the Body of Christ, we are called** to be **active participants**, not just passive observers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—CAN TABS:

We continue to support the **Ronald McDonald House** with the collecting of soda and beer tabs as well as Campbell soup lids/tabs and cat can lids/tabs. Our **Next drop will be Dec 28th.** Drop your "collections" at our Council Hall (front or back door[s]) or in the box at church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STAMP COLLECTION PROJECT

Parishioners and their families are requested by the Knights of Columbus to **collect used stamps, especially vintage stamps, for the Alliance Stamp Ministry.** The stamps can be dropped off at our Council Hall or at 5 Brittin Ave Audubon, NJ 08106-1953. The resale of these stamps supports the work of missions and children in South America.

1st Way Baby Bottle Collection Results

As of this week we have received \$4,405.66 in donations from the 1st Way Baby Bottle Collection. We thank everyone for their generosity in supporting 1st Way of Collingswood.

EVENTS AROUND US

- * Saint Joseph's Wafer Luncheon- 1/5 12noon
- * Joe Conklin Comedy Show—2/8, 7pm (below)

NEW PARISH NEWSLETTER

As part of an ongoing mission to inform parishioners of events and special occasions that have occurred at St. Teresa of Calcutta we issued a Parish newsletter. Copies of this newsletter can be found in the back of both churches, as well as through the QR



Joe Conklin Comedy Show with Dennis Horan & Vince Valentine

Saturday, Feb. 8, 7pm showtime. \$50 tickets available online: JoeConklin.com. BYOB. Catholic Church of St. Mary, 2001 Springdale Rd, Cherry Hill.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

For help in times of emergency on our parish number **856-858-1444.**

Food Pantry: Hours: Mon.— Wed. 10AM – 12 noon

Volunteers –discussion meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month in McDauid meeting room. Join our sandwich making on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Thank you for your donations of food for the homeless!

PARISH NEWS AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

For the Homebound—Live Streaming Masses

If you find yourself unable to get to our Parish Masses, we remind you that the Mass is Streamed on Youtube.

Other livestreamed Masses may be found on the Diocesan website: www.camdendiocese.org/livestreammass/. Please use this resource in lieu of attending Mass at church only if you are unable to attend Mass.

Knights of Columbus Foul Shooting Contest

The annual Knights of Columbus **Foul Shooting contest** will occur on **Saturday, January 4th**. The contest is open to all boys & girls ages 8-14. Copies of birth certificates as proof of age are required. Registration will take place that morning between 11:45am-12:15pm. Contest will be from approximately 12:15-1:45 pm. The contest will be held at the **Good Shepherd Gym** (Lees & Atlantic Aves., Collingswood, 2d floor). **Trophies & Certificates will be awarded** in each age & gender category. Winners advance in this statewide competition. For more information, contact varsity boys coach Bob Hensler (856)858-1170 (w); (609)519-0198 (c).

Employment at South Jersey Catholic Schools

South Jersey **Catholic Schools** are an **outstanding place to work**. We offer a safe, welcoming environment and shared values that promote discipline, structure, academic excellence, and religious and spiritual formation. Teachers have freedom to choose the instructional approaches they know best deliver the curriculum to the students.

The **25 elementary schools and 5 high schools** throughout Southern New Jersey are always looking to welcome **new teachers and staff** to our community. Throughout the year, employment opportunities become available at the schools in various areas including teaching, administration, office support, buildings, and more. See the current openings below to find the right fit for you.

Southjerseycatholicschools.org/employment/

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Council

Parish Pastoral Councils provide a way for pastors to consult their people. Simply put, members of the Parish Council are the “eyes and ears” of the parish. This is essential in pastoral planning. In developing the parish’s **future goals and strategies**, few considerations are more important than who we are, what we are doing, and to what we aspire. In 1983, the Church placed renewed emphasis on Parish Pastoral Councils to assist pastors in their service to parishes and parishioners. (It also distinguished them from the similarly **vital role of Parish Finance Councils**, which assist the pastor with **expertise in finance, law and business practices**.) Specifically, Council members:

- a) **examine** – identify any issue that involves the pastor serving the parish;
- b) **consider** – carefully and prayerfully ponder the information gathered; and
- c) **recommend** – propose solutions or steps to be taken in the best interests of the parish.

Members of your Parish Council serve to enhance two-way communication. We consider the Parish Mission Statement far more than just a slogan. Please help us to help you enhance our welcoming community through vibrant ministries and faith-based action.

Our Parish Council members are:

John Chomiczewski (President), Loretta Hauber (Vice-President), Nicole Riley (Secretary) Ken Bos-song, Jack Callaghan, Brian Cardillo, Marie Ely, Nicholas McGill-Gardner, Nelson Remetz, Connie Stuhlemmer, Rob Tyrrell

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES (POST CANA) Fall Event Schedule

If you’re a young married couple, we’d love to see you at our upcoming events this fall/winter! If you have kids, they are welcome to all events:

- Monday, Jan. 6, 6 pm: **Epiphany party**
- Sunday, Jan. 26, after the 9:30 Mass: **Coffee & donuts social** in McLaughlin Hall

Use the QR Code to join our email list. We host some events at home, so we’ll share address information with those who join the email list.



Host: Post Cana Young Married Couples

PARISH AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 Christmas Eve Masses

4pm—St John's Church (Children's Mass)

5pm—Holy Saviour Church

12am—Midnight St. John's Church

December 25

8am—Holy Saviour Church

10am—St. John's Church

11am—Holy Saviour Church in ASL & Voice Interpreted

December 31

7pm—St. John's Church

January 1

9am—St. John's Church

11am—Holy Saviour- ASL & Voice Interpreted

Christmas Schedule— Dec 24-25

MASS Time	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4:00SJ	N. Remetz	F. Pauciello	A Remetz
5:00HS	M. Steinitz	J. Steinitz	S. Campbell
12amSJ	R. Coutinho	M. Santiago	B. Steele
8amHS	J. Reed	Deacon Leo	To be assigned
10:00SJ	P. Lipperini	K. Perrone	MA Mercer



MINISTRY SCHEDULE— DEC 28-29

MASS Time	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4:00	M. Steinitz	B. Steele	B. Steele
8:00	S. Campbell	J. Steinitz	To be assigned
9:30	N. Bernardo	Deacon Leo	MA Mercer
11:00	K. Perrone	B. Hensler	T. Howitz



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are available to assist parishioners through difficult times. Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and those to whom they minister. You may either contact the office for an appointment or for more information email Jack Callaghan or Pat O'Connor:

stephenministry@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

If you know of someone struggling through the holidays, suggest they contact a Stephen Minister to have someone to talk about it.

We are never alone!

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. For assistance, please call Michele Santiago at: 609-598-1787 or grandmarose73@yahoo.com

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Join us for the next Men's Club meeting on **Monday, January 13th at 8 pm** at McLaughlin Hall. We invite the men of the parish to join us. For more information, please reach out to stteresamensclub@yahoo.com or call/text Josh Wiener at 609-502-3539.

SENIOR'S MINISTRY

This is a Parish outreach program to assist people who are **shut-in either at home or in a nursing home**. Our Mission is to assist the parish's senior citizens who need companionship and support. We contact family members of shut-ins, visit nursing homes and private residences to see where we can be of assistance.

If you are interested, please contact Ed Charlton by text at 215-284-1365 or by email at echarlto53@gmail.com

LECTOR TRAINING

The Diocese is offering training for everyone interested in becoming a Lector. Get a Registration form from the Parish office. Both the Zoom meeting and one in-person session is required for certification.

Wednesday January 8, 2025; Zoom, 6:30-8:30pm

In-Person Sessions (Choose One)

Tuesday January 14, 2025, 6:30-8:30pm, Saint Katharine Drexel Parish 6077 West Jersey Avenue Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Or Thursday January 16, 2025, 6:30-8:30pm, Holy Eucharist Parish 344 Kresson Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Life-Long Faith Formation

Faith Formation

Daniela Perez
856-858-0298

dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

Coffee & Faith Sharing

Co-led by Barry Steele & Daniela Perez



Wednesdays at 10AM in McLaughlin Hall

Join fellow Parishioners for a meaningful morning of faith, fellowship, and sharing on the Gospel

All ages are welcome

Bibles are not required

No Faith Sharing on the first Wednesdays of the month

St. Teresa of Calcutta Young Adult Group (18-39)

Faith & Fellowship Night

New Year, New Opportunities to Grow in Faith

January 8 | 8:15-9:15 PM

McLaughlin Hall

744 Atlantic Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108



Hygiene Kit Drive

The Sisters of Saint Joseph Refugee Housing Project and Neighborhood Center are in need of hygiene kits.

There are adult & children hygiene kits that are needed.

Please consider donating the any of the following items:

Adult Hygiene Kits:

- Individually wrapped toothbrush
- toothpaste
- deodorant
- bars of soap
- razors
- bottles of shampoo
- comb or brush
- menstrual pads



Child Hygiene Kits:

- Individually wrapped kids' sized toothbrush
- kid friendly toothpaste
- floss
- kid-friendly shampoo
- kid-friendly body wash
- comb or brush
- band-aids (preferably with color/pattern)

Hygiene kits will be made on Thursday, January 23

at 7 PM in the School Cafeteria

All are welcome to attend.

Items can be dropped off or amazon delivered to the parish office, dropped off during Faith Formation, or brought on 1/23

If you have any questions please contact dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

STC YOUTH GROUP
9TH-12TH GRADES



SCHEDULE

01/29 8PM-9PM
MCLAUGHLIN HALL

02/19 8PM-9PM
MCLAUGHLIN HALL

03/12 8PM-9PM
MCLAUGHLIN HALL

04/09 8-9PM
MCLAUGHLIN HALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
DPEREZ@STTERESAOFALCUTTANJ.ORG

Family Mass:

- January 26— 4th Grade Family Mass
- February 9— 5th Grade Family Mass
- March 9— 6th Grade Family Mass
- April 13— 8th Grade Family Mass

All Family Masses are held at the 11 AM at St. John's

Join us for fellowship and refreshments after Mass in the cafeteria.

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The Christmas Pageant that Almost Wasn't

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Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



Masses of Welcome and Inclusion

Every Sunday The Mass is signed in American Sign Language (ASL) for Deaf Members of the Church and voiced for hearing members of the Church. **11:00AM Mass at Holy Saviour Church**, (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish), 50 Emerald Avenue, Westmont, NJ (GPS: use Haddon Township).

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: hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.

New Audiobooks For the Blind from Xavier Society for the Blind and those with Significant Vision Impairment

Here's a listing of all that's new in audio (full descriptions and previews in the *Hot off the Press* section!):

- **Rediscover Advent** by Matthew Kelly (DBX0923)
 - **Welcoming the Christ Child: Advent Reflections** by Pope Francis and Henri J.M. Nouwen (DBX1125)
 - **The Shroud of Turin: The Most Up-To-Date Analysis of All the Facts Regarding the Church's Controversial Relic** by C. Bernard Ruffin (DBX1105)
 - **Behold Your Mother: A Biblical and Historical Defense of the Marian Doctrines** by Tim Staples (DBX1100)*
 - **A Treatise to the True Devotion of Mary** by Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort (DBX1001)*
 - **Story of a Soul** by St. Thérèse of Lisieux (DBX9039)
- ◇ Also available in **braille**
- ◇ Register at the office to receive audiobooks and other resources from Xavier Society for the Blind.

TURKEY DINNER DONATION RESULTS

The Society of **St. Vincent dePaul** was able to provide **24 families** in our community with **complete turkey dinners** to celebrate Thanksgiving this year. This **could not** have been **achieved** without the **extreme generosity** of the **parish family of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish** and the following organizations which provided both food and monetary donations to our effort:

The Jetsetters Club of STOC, Collingswood Rotary, Thriven Design, ACME Markets

The members of the St. Teresa of Calcutta Conference of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul graciously **thank all who participated in our food drive this year, and welcome anyone who would like to assist us in our efforts to help the poor among us.**

"To serve the poor is to go to God" St. Vincent dePaul

Special Intention Trees: It's Not Too Late!

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. Let's keep this going until after Christmas Day. After that, the written intentions will be placed in a little box on the altar. What better way is there to celebrate Our Lord's coming than to care for each other?



Call to Worship



Fourth Week in Advent : December 22, 2024

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Emmanuel" Breaking Bread: 58

EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano

Refrain



Come, come, Em - man - u - el! Son of God, ap - pear. Heav - en and



earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near.

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
5. Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



(to Refrain)

1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
And be for us the King of Peace.
5. shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el. (Fine)

Text: Refrain, Steve Angrisano; verses based on Advent 'O' Antiphons.
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MASS READINGS—December 22, 2024

FIRST READING :

[Mi 5:1-4a](#)

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. [Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19](#)

SECOND READING:

[Heb 10:5-10](#)

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL:

[Lk 1:39-45](#)

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



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.

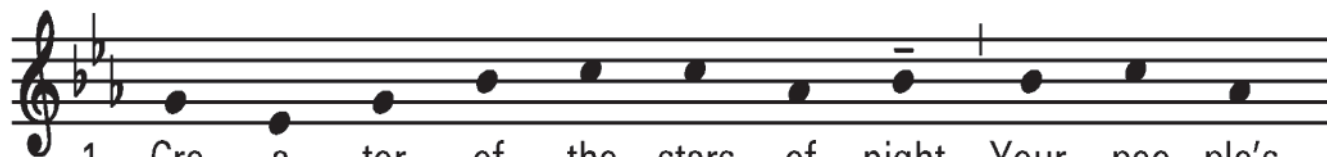
At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man", all bow.

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

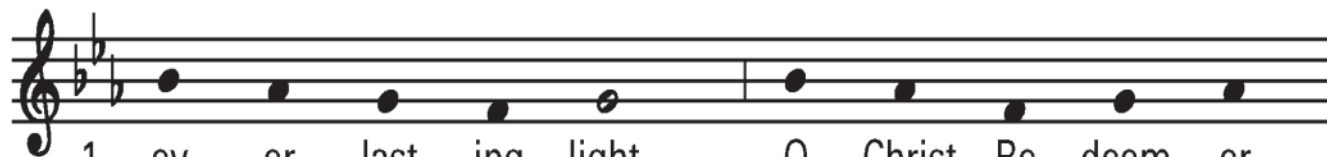
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom 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.

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

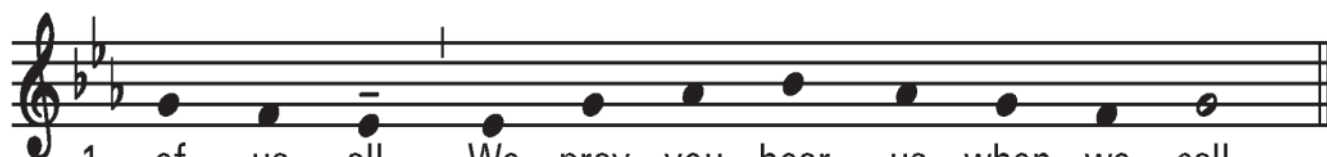
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should doom to
3. When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All knees must
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re - deem us
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the



1. ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er
2. death a u - ni - verse, You came, O Sav - ior,
3. not in splen - dor bright, Not as a mon - arch,
4. bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with
5. for e - ter - nal day; De - fend us while we
6. Spir - it, Three - in - One, Praise, hon - or, might, and



1. of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.
2. to set free Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
3. but the child Of Ma - ry, blame - less moth - er mild.
4. one ac - cord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
5. dwell be - low From all as - saults of our dread foe.
6. glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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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.

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SOON AND VERY SOON

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| 1. Soon and ver - y soon, | We are going to see the King; |
| 2. No more cry-ing there, | We are going to see the King; |
| 3. No more dy-ing there, | We are going to see the King; |



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| 1. Soon and ver - y soon, | We are going to see the King; |
| 2. No more cry-ing there, | We are going to see the King; |
| 3. No more dy-ing there, | We are going to see the King; |



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| 1. Soon and ver - y soon, | We are going to see the King; | } Hal-le- |
| 2. No more cry-ing there, | We are going to see the King; | |
| 3. No more dy-ing there, | We are going to see the King; | |



- 1-3. lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

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