



Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand!

MATTHEW 3:2

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

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.*

PARISH INFORMATION: December 7, 2025

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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4pm

Friday: 9:00am - 3pm

The office closes from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.

The Office will be closed Monday Dec. 8th

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 the end of day Monday of the week prior to the weekend bulletin issue requested.

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 (SJ): 809 Park Ave.,
Collingswood, NJ 08108

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH (HS): 50 Emerald Ave.,
Haddon Township, NJ 08108

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM—HS

Sunday: 8:00 AM—HS

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

Sunday: 11 AM - SJ

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

Youtube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/@saintteresaofcalcutta2622>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009626887681>

DAILY MASSES:

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

ADORATION: Thursdays: After 9:00am Mass—8pm (HS)

RECONCILIATION: **Saturday:** 3:00-3:45 Holy Saviour Church or **anytime by appointment.**

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

OCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

The 7 day Sanctuary candles burn at St. Johns church this week for Msgr. M. Joseph Mannion requested by the Lipperini family. At Holy Saviour church it burns for the people of the Parish.



This Sunday we will have a Special Collection for the Retired Religious. Thank you for your generous donations.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Arlene Barski	Sheila Kendall	Carolyn Olshan
Nancy Barone	Evan Kendendine	Elise Principato
James Beierschmitt	Louis Kenerly	Jim Rinier
Nancy Caruso	William Kinee	Catherine Rocks
Anthony Corado	Ali Kite	Eric Roseboro
Joseph DeShayes	Karen Kowal	Tracy Roseboro
Nola Durborow	Baby Violet Kozuhowski	Dean Russell
Walt Eife	Christian Legere	Mary Russell
Suzanne Ficara	David Leva	Joseph Sandone
Adam Forziati	Eliane Loumeau	Pat Schoenborn
Charlene French	Cassidy Lovett	Dennis Siwak
Rose Harden	Matthew McCann	Constance Steinhagen
Sarah Jacob	Sister Josefina Mendez	Lillian Skabla
	Allie Miller	John Tomik
	Erin DeVoe Moran	Dominick Venaфра
	Natalie Mullen	

Pray for Our Military and for Their Families

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



OFFICE IS CLOSED Monday Dec 8th for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the USA

"No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin." (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143)

Intentions for this week's Masses

Saturday, Dec 6

4pm(HS) Estelle Rago r/b Sandra Finio
Celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary for Elena & Luis Gongora
Anthony Venaфра r/b the Venaфра family

Sunday, Dec 7

8am(HS) G. William Hall r/b Terri & Bill Hall
930am(SJ) For the People of the Parish
11am(SJ) Rev. A.I. Cataudo, OP r/b the Kline Family
Eugene & Margaret Kernan r/b the Kernan Family
For the intentions of Cathy Kernan r/b Kernan Family
Celebration of the Baptism of Maxwell Edward Tamburini r/b Fr Bertonazzi & STC Parish
Msgr. M. Joseph Mannion r/b Pauline Montes & Ruiz Family
11am(HS) Jerome M. Sheehen r/b the Sheehan Family
Mass is celebrated in ASL & Voice Interpreted

Monday, Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

9am(SJ) For the People of the Parish
7pm(HS) Larry Kernan r/b the Kernan Family

Tuesday, Dec 9

9am(SJ) For the intentions of Brenda Kernan r/b the Kernan Family

Wednesday, Dec 10

9am(SJ) Msgr. Martin Joseph Mannion r/b the McCormick Family

Thursday, Dec 11

9am(SJ) Msgr. Martin Joseph Mannion r/b the Venaфра Family

Friday, Dec 12

9am(SJ) Intentions of Tom Milano & the Milano Family r/b Tom & Linda Smith

Saturday, Dec 13

4pm(HS) The Ollek & Page Families r/b the family
Alfreda Kruszynski r/b Brian & Maureen

Sunday, Dec 14

8am(HS) For the People of the Parish
930am(SJ) Mary Quinn r/b the Kline Family
The intentions for Mills family r/b Jasmin, R.J. & Ralph Patulot
Eugene Schiller r/b David & Karen Radcliffe
11am(SJ) Anne P Deeney r/b Patricia Smith
11am(HS) Ann E. Cain r/b her Daughter, Roseanne
Mass is celebrated in ASL & Voice Interpreted

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

After the 9am Mass, join with fellow parishioners to pray the Rosary.

ADORATION

Thursday at Holy Saviour Church 9:30am-8pm

Silent Adoration 9:30am-5pm
Rosary, Benediction 7pm to 8pm

Second Sunday of Advent

Reflection by Pat Lipperini

The season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas Day, is one of the great gifts of our liturgical year. Unlike our secular calendar, these four weeks are not given to us merely as a time to get our act together for Christmas Day. Advent, from the Latin word “coming” is a time to help us to prepare for the coming of the Lord. The readings throughout Advent point to three different ways the Lord comes: past, present, and future. We began Advent thinking about the future and the second coming of the Lord. We end Advent by contemplating the historical coming of the Lord over 2000 years ago. Throughout Advent, the underlying message is about the present: How are we making room for and welcoming the coming of the Lord in our hearts?

In last week’s gospel we heard warnings about the need to take our faith seriously. St. Paul tells us “it is the hour for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.” In the Gospel, Jesus pictures what his coming again will look like: “Two men will be out in the field, one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left. Therefore stay awake!”

In today’s gospel we can hear that same sense of gravity from John the Baptist. As he preaches repentance, he is full of scathing criticism for the Pharisees and Sadducees, questioning the sincerity of their faith. “You brood of vipers...produce good fruit as evident of your repentance.” His tone is harsh and non negotiable—the kingdom is at hand. There is a judgment waiting: “every tree that does not bear fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire”. Again, the question—Are we taking our faith seriously?

The warnings we hear in the first two weeks of Advent feel far away from the warmth, comfort, and light of the Christmas season. Why shouldn’t they, since Catholics are called to celebrate the Advent season first? But if this feels impossible in the frenzy of our world’s Christmas preparations, then perhaps celebrating Advent *simultaneously* with the Christmas season would be a help. In other words, as we decorate our homes and bake our cookies let us give the Advent wreath and Nativity Set a prominent place in our homes. And as we look at them, let us consider that most common phrase (Jesus is the reason for the season) and take it seriously. Advent tells us that the Lord is coming again and we need to prepare. But it also proclaims that the Lord is already here. And if we spend time with this truth in the midst of our busy preparations, it will change our season and our lives, giving us deeper warmth and comfort than the most spectacular Christmas tree. But how can we accomplish this when there is so much going on?

Our Catholic faith has a foundational belief that God is always with us—within us and around us, surrounding our being with love and care. God is always with us, but the sad truth is that we are not always with God. To help us perceive God, we have a rich prayer tradition called “practicing the presence of God.” By a discipline of looking for and calling on God’s presence, we can gradually grow more alert and come to see that God is with us and supporting us in every moment of every day. Moreover, by developing this sense of God’s presence, everything we do takes on deeper meaning, clarity, and color. The world looks and feels very different when we are with God.

Living with God, including God in all we do and say and think and feel, takes time and practice and that’s why the Advent season is such a gift. It is rich with reminders of God’s coming and God’s presence. If we take time to listen to the scripture readings and the beautiful songs at mass that remind us of God’s actions in the past, if we allow the warmth and fragrance of our homes to convince us of our blessings in the present, if we see the extra effort of good will in our communities and work places as proclamations of a just world to come, we could see our ordinary lives in a different light. Or more to the point, we could perceive that our ordinary is already overflowing with the divine. A guest is already here, just waiting to be welcomed and included. Then our hearts would make room for the One who is already there, the One waiting for us, the One whom St. Augustine says, “is closer to us than we are to ourselves.” If we could accept this truth a little more each day, it would transform our lives. No one would have to remind us to stay awake. It would be our natural state.

“Stewardship Corner”

Thank you for your financial support of our Parish. The Offertory Collection is the total amount which includes the combined “In Pew” and Electronic Giving totals.

Current Month: October 2025

Offertory: \$47,425

Surplus / Deficit** **-\$5,081**

Fiscal Year to Date *

Offertory: \$185,900

Surplus/Deficit** **-\$79,718**

* Fiscal year runs from July 1—June 30

** Indicates, compared to our expenses, whether the parish is ahead or behind of the total needed to sustain a thriving parish.

This information is provided by the Parish Finance Committee

PARISH INFORMATION

Volunteers Needed to Assist the Men's Club to Assemble the Altar Christmas Trees & Creches

Join the Men's Club on Saturday, December 13, 9am, to help assemble the Altar Christmas trees with white lights at **St. John's** church. We welcome others to join us. Help us set up the outdoor Creche too! On Saturday **Dec. 20 at 9am**, please join us to assemble the trees and outdoor creche at **Holy Saviour church**. **It's a great opportunity for Faith Formation students.** For questions: **Josh Weiner** stteresamensclub@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed To Decorate Both Churches for Christmas

The Decorating, Art and Environment Ministry is looking for volunteers to assist in decorating for Christmas. No experience is necessary, just the willingness to help enhance the beauty and prayerful environment of our churches.

Decorating at St. John will take place on Friday December 19 following the 9am mass and at Holy Saviour on Saturday December 20 at 9am. For more information, please contact Ann Rowland at (856)858-2467 or email: annrowland24@gmail.com.

Christmas Reconciliation Schedule

Tuesday, December 16 at St. John's Church 4- 5pm & 7-8pm

Christmas Eve Masses-December 24

4pm—St. John

5pm— Holy Saviour

Midnight— St. John

Christmas Day Masses—Thursday Dec 25

8am—Holy Saviour

10am— St. John

11am—Holy Saviour—in ASL & Voice interpreted

New Year's Eve

7pm—St. John

New Year's Day—January 1, 2026

9am—St. John

11am—Holy Saviour—in ASL & Voice interpreted

CAN TABS & STAMP COLLECTIONS

The Knights appreciate your dropping your can tabs and stamps at our Council Hall (front or back doors] or **in the box at church**.

Receiving regular mail with real stamps is not as common place now with emails and online services, so we appreciate you cutting out the stamps for this good cause. Next drop off at Ronald's House is **Dec. 8th**.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

For help in times of emergency use this parish number **856-858-1444**.



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

Volunteers—Normally discussion meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month in McDaid meeting room. Sandwich Collection will be held on the third Monday of the month at the Good Shepherd parking lot; 6:30-7:30pm

Please help. There is a **huge increase** in the **Food Pantry's** clients, so **the inventory is being depleted**. **Whatever you can donate** from the following list will be a **blessing** for those to whom we provide food:

Specific items needed:

Pasta and pasta sauce

Canned: corn, soup, fruit, spam, tuna,

Chef Boyardee Ravioli, coffee.

Cookies, Pancake mix and Syrup

Peanut butter and jelly

A donation of a gift card for Aldi's helps significantly.



Online Giving Tree

To give online, visit stteresaoalcuttan.org

Parish Giving

Parish Giving offers secure flexible Online Giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Online Giving helps the church save money and plan the budget.

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. Call Michele Santiago at: 609-598-1787 or grandmarose73@yahoo.com.

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. Contact Ed Charlton by text 215-284-1365 or echarlto53@gmail.com.

PARISH INFORMATION

Next Weekend's Minister Schedule-Dec 13-14

MASS	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4pm HS	N/A Remetz	D Barry- Preach	A/N Remetz
8am HS	L Franck	Deacon Rocks, Deacon Barry-Preach	S Campbell
9:30am SJ	B Pascal	Deacon Leo-Preach	MA Mercer
11amSJ	J Ely	Deacon Leo-Preach	T Howitz

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

3RD ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

with the
Tri-County
Symphonic Band

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00PM

ST. JOHN CHURCH
809 Park Avenue
Collingswood, NJ

TICKET PURCHASE

- \$15 per person; kids under 12 free
- Purchase after Masses starting weekend after Thanksgiving or call parish office (856) 858-0298
- Doors open at 6:15 PM

STEPHEN MINISTRY Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?



Stephen Ministry is a group of highly trained lay ministers throughout the Diocese of Camden ready to provide care to those in need. They 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@stteresaoofcaltuttan.org

For those out of the area, for more information and to find a Stephen Ministry near you, please visit <https://vitality.camdendiocese.org/stephen-ministry/> or contact Sebastian Salas at 1-856-583-6123.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a season of waiting, preparation, and penance. What are the names of the Advent candles? Each candle has a name and a specific meaning.

- ◇ **First Advent Candle:** Prophet's candle, referring to the prophecies about the birth of Jesus. It is the candle of **HOPE**.
- ◇ **Second Advent Candle:** Bethlehem candle, recalling the city where He was born. It is the candle of Salvation or the candle of **PEACE**.
- ◇ **Third Advent Candle:** Shepherds' candle, remembering those who first adored Jesus. It is the candle of **JOY**.
- ◇ **Fourth Advent Candle:** Angel candle, celebrating the messengers who brought the new of the miraculous birth to the world. It is the candle of **LOVE**.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O Mary, our Immaculate Mother, on your feast day I come to you, and I come not alone: I bring with me all those with whom your Son entrusted to me, in this city of Rome and in the entire world, that you may bless them and preserve them from harm. I bring to you, Mother, children, especially those who are alone, abandoned, and for this reason are tricked and exploited. I bring to you, Mother, families, who carry forward life and society with their daily and hidden efforts; in a special way the families who struggle the most for their many internal and external problems. I bring to you, Mother, all workers, both men and women, and I entrust to you especially those who, out of need, are forced to work in an unworthy profession and those who have lost work or are unable to find it. We are in need of your immaculate gaze, to rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things with respect and awareness, without egotistical or hypocritical interests. We are in need of your immaculate heart, to love freely, without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other, with simplicity and sincerity, renouncing masks and tricks. We are in need of your immaculate hands, to caress with tenderness, to touch the flesh of Jesus in our poor, sick, or despised brethren, to raise up those who have fallen and support those who waver. We are in need of your immaculate feet, to go toward those who know not how to make the first step, to walk on the paths of those who are lost, to find those who feel alone. We thank you, O Mother, because in showing yourself to us, you free us of all stain of sin; you remind us that what comes first is the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us, the strength of the Holy Spirit which renews all things. Let us not give in to discouragement, but, trusting in your constant help, let us engage ourselves fully in renewal of self, of this city and of the entire world.

Pray for us, Holy Mother of God!

PARISH, COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATES or SEE THE FLYERS in Vestibule for more information:

- Return of 1st Way Baby Bottles - **due now**
- Solemnity of **Immaculate Conception**—**Dec 8th, Holy Day Masses 9am & 7pm**
- **Assemble Altar Trees**—Dec 13, 9am
- **Tri-County Symphonic Band Christmas Concert at SJ**— 12/14, 7pm
- **Decorate the Churches** —(SJ) Dec 19, after 9am Mass and (HS) Dec 20, after 9am Mass

SEASONAL EVENTS AROUND US

- ◇ **Cinema Divina Lectio In Motion**—12/12, 4pm, Villa Maria
- ◇ **Follow the Star**—12/13 & 12/14, Millville
- ◇ **Lector Training**—1/13 & 1/21 or 22.

If you would like a flyer emailed to you, email Trish.

Volunteer Request—Rosary & Benediction

We would like to begin recording the Rosary and Benediction on Thursday nights at Holy Saviour church and we are seeking a volunteer to work the camera and connect it to Facebook and Youtube. The time needed is between 7:30 and 8:05pm for each Thursday that we have Adoration and Benediction. Anthony Casale will show you how to work the camera and connect it to Facebook and Youtube. If interested, contact: Deacon Leo Howitz: lhowitz@verizon.net.

1ST WAY BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

1st Way of Collingswood Baby-Bottle drive is completed. We ask now for the **return of any and ALL bottles not yet returned with or without a donation.** Thank you for your generosity to 1st Way Pregnancy Center.

PICKUP PHOTOS OF YOUR LOVED ONES

The **photos of your loved ones** which were displayed on the altar are in the **Sacristy at St. John's church ready to be picked up.** Please stop by after Mass or contact the parish office during the week to pickup your photo.

Let us continue to pray for our deceased loved ones.

Men's Club Corner

The Men's Club will reconvene to discuss another year of service to our parish and greater community at our next meeting on **Monday, December 15 at 8pm at McLaughlin Hall.** All parish **men** 21 years or over in age are welcome to join us.

We are always open for new members.

Please reach out to stteresamensclub@yahoo.com or Josh Wiener at 609-502-3539 with any questions.



CASSEROLES FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Justice and Life committee continues to collect and distribute **casseroles made by parishioners and the meals are given to St. Joseph's House to support the homeless guests.** The prepared casseroles may be dropped off at the Parish office.

FRUITFUL STEWARDSHIP

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our Stewardship time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Christmas Giving Tree

Please return all gifts on or before Sunday, December 14th. Tags must be securely attached to all gifts. Some gifts will be returned wrapped and some unwrapped as directed below.

Catholic Charities—provides assistance to families and individuals throughout the Diocese.

Gifts are collected for individuals from infants to age 18 years old.

Return gifts unwrapped with tag attached.

1st Way of Collingswood—provides counseling and referral services for young mothers.

General gifts are needed for infants as well as layette items.

Return gifts unwrapped with tag attached.

Angel Tree—provides Christmas gifts for children of prisoners.

Gifts are coded for specific items for children requested by families.

Return gifts wrapped with tag attached.

- For those who would like to donate but are not currently attending church, please see the bulletin notice.
- Thank you for your assistance in helping those in need during this Advent/Christmas Season.



TRAINING— Lectors

For Lector training: **January 13, zoom, 6:30-8:30pm and in person either Jan. 21 or 22, 6:30 to 8:30pm.** The church covers the registration cost. As an (EM) Extraordinary Minister of Communion you may choose to serve at Masses or to serve the homebound or those in hospitals.

To register, either stop in the office or contact tbest@stteresaoftcalcuttanj.org for the forms for both trainings.

NEXT K of C HOAGIE SALE IS **DEC 20**

Friends of Santa Maria Council 1443 - Knights of Columbus Fall Hoagie Sales! Santa Maria Hall 350 Crystal Lake Ave., Haddon Twp, **Saturday, Dec 20.** Cost is still \$5. Ready by 06:30(back door) 8am (street). The proceeds are used to help our community.

THANK YOU for our success; it's not possible without you!

Life-Long Faith Formation

Register for Faith Formation!



CALCUTTA CREW

The new youth group at St. Teresa of Calcutta. All meetings held in McLaughlin Hall. All students in Grades 6-12 are welcome!

5:30PM to 7PM on:
12/14

Contact James Bardo
(jbardo@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org) with
questions



OCIA

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
CATHOLIC FAITH?**

**REGISTRATION IS ONGOING. CLASSES
ARE ON SUNDAYS AT 12:15PM IN THE
PARISH OFFICE**

Contact

**Jim Ely at jsely56@gmail.com
or call (856)858-0298**

Sandwich Making

Dates:
December 15
February 16
March 16

Time and Place: 6:30-7:30PM in the cafeteria

All are invited!

Join us in making sandwiches and placemats!

Please bring:

- Sliced bread (white or wheat)
- Sliced turkey or beef bologna (no pork)
- Cheese



Coffee & Faith Sharing

Co-led by Deacon Barry Steele & James Bardo



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 to attend!
**No Faith Sharing on the first Wednesdays
of the month**

Questions? Contact
jbardo@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

Taize Prayer Service

**Tuesday, December 9th at 7PM in St.
John's Church**



contact jbardo@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY WITH THE DEAF AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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.



All Saints Parish and the
Knights of Columbus Millville Council 1778
invite you to their annual
“Follow the Star” experience.

Sat. Dec. 13 – 12 to 6 pm • Sun. Dec. 14 – 9 am to 3 pm
All Saints Parish Hall, 621 Dock Street in Millville
FREE ADMISSION

*Surround yourself with the beauty and splendor
of over 500 Nativity sets on display from artists around the world.
Bring your family and friends to find the true Spirit of Christmas.*

*“In the Parish of All Saints in Millville... Nativity sets from around the world were on display ...
Hopefully, that will be repeated, as a family visit to view them is such a fine Christmas activity,
especially for the children.” — Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan, December 22, 2023, The Catholic Star Herald*

*Sponsored by the Office of Life & Justice Ministries of the Diocese of Camden
and the Knights of Columbus Millville Council 1778*

Consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

In June 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to download the prayer of consecration and join the bishops in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart in June. *Pray the prayer below:*

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!



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Call to Worship



Entrance Hymn: "The Advent of Our King" Breaking Bread #73

THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)

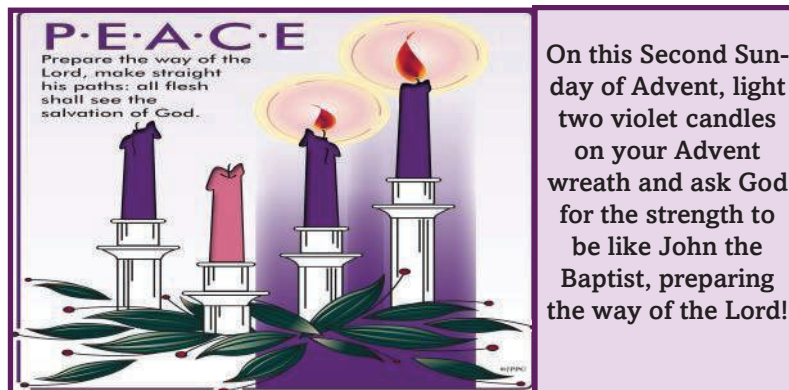


1. The ad-vent of our King Our thoughts must _ now em - ploy;
2. The co - e - ter - nal Son A maid - en's _ off - spring see;
3. Daugh - ter of Si - on rise To greet thine _ in - fant King;
4. In glo - ry from his throne A - gain will _ Christ de - scend,
5. Let deeds of dark - ness fly Be - fore the ap - proach - ing morn,
6. Our joy - ful prais - es sing To Christ, who _ set us free;



1. Then let us meet him on the road With songs of ho - ly joy.
2. A ser - vant's form Christ put - teth on, To set his peo - ple free.
3. Nor let thy stub - born heart de - spise The par - don he doth bring.
4. And sum - mon all who are his own To joys that nev - er end.
5. For un - to sin 'tis ours to die And serve the Vir - gin - born.
6. Like trib - ute to the Fa - ther bring, And Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

Text: SM; Charles Coffin, fr. *Paris Breviary*, 1736; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: *New Universal Psalmist*, 1770; Aaron Williams, 1731–1776.



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Second Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING:

[Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

[Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17](#)

SECOND READING:

[Romans 15:4-9](#)

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

GOSPEL:

[Matthew 3:1-12](#)

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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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.

CHRIST, CIRCLE ROUND US

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. Come, O Ra-diant Dawn, splen-dor of the morn-ing light.
 2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho - ly branch of Jes - se's tree.
 3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know-ledge from on high.
 4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho - ly door of heav-en's throne.
 5. Come, O Might-y Lord, mas - ter of the stars of night.
 6. Come, Em-man - u - el, cher-ished hope of Is - ra - el.
 7. Come, Lord Je - sus Christ, long a - wait - ed Prince of Peace.



1. Come, Sun of Jus - tice, turn a - way the pow'r of night.
 2. Come, Bough of Bless-ing, bloom for all the world to see.
 3. Come, Ho - ly Wis-dom, be our faith - ful friend and guide.
 4. Come, Key of Da - vid, o - pen wide the path-way home.
 5. Come, Strength of Pil-grims, keep us in your lov - ing sight.
 6. Come, live a-mong us, ev - er in our hearts to dwell.
 7. Come, Hope of Na-tions, ev - er make our love in - crease.

Refrain



Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur -
 round us. Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts
 with great thanks - giv - ing.

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"When we sing, we experience God's presence in a new way,"

Communion Hymn: "Bread for the World" in Breaking Bread #329

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain: All

Bread for the world: a world of hun - ger. Wine for all
 peo - ples: peo - ple who thirst. May we who eat
 be bread for oth - ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

Verses: Cantor

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro - ken to
 2. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the

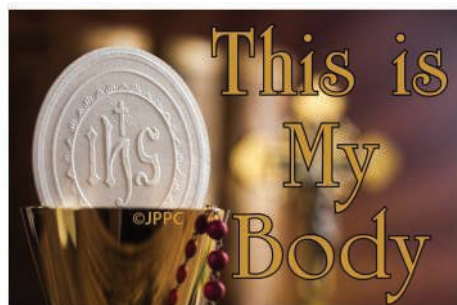
1. reach and heal the wounds of hu - man pain. Where we di -
 2. hearts once bro - ken and where dry - ness sleeps. Where we are
 3. rich and pow'r - ful have be - come the least. Where we sur -

1. vide your peo - ple, you are wait - ing there
 2. tired and wea - ry, you are wait - ing there
 3. vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed,

to Refrain

1. on bend - ed knee to wash our feet with end - less care.
 2. to be the way which beck - ons us be - yond de - spair.
 3. you walk a - mong us beg - ging for your ev - 'ry need.

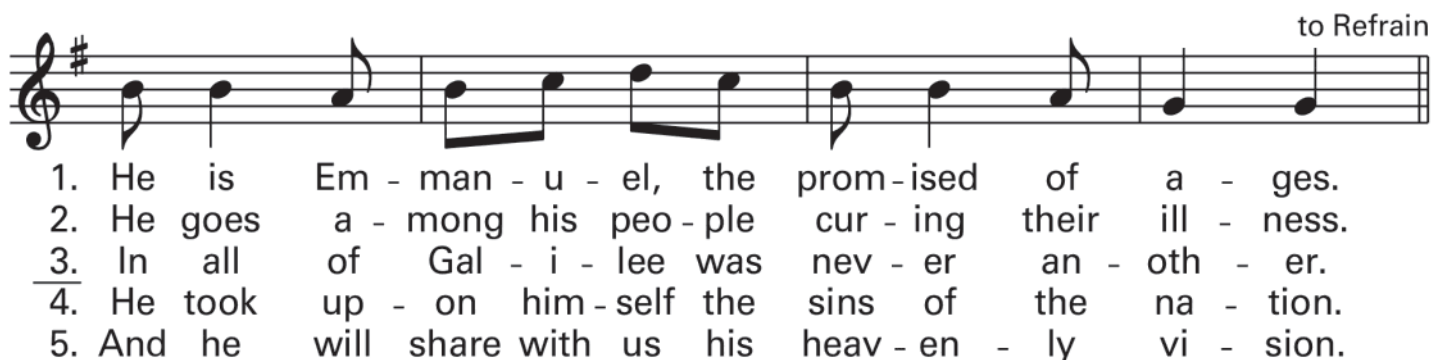
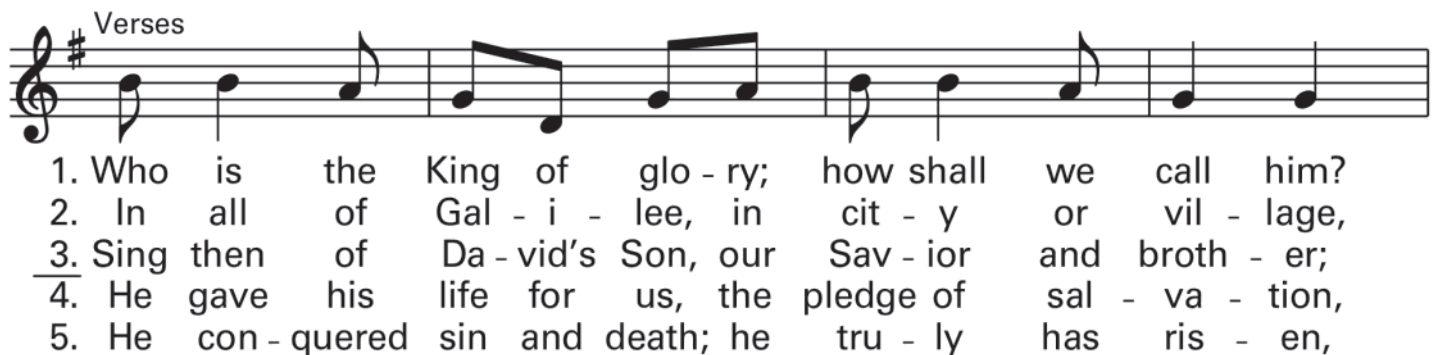
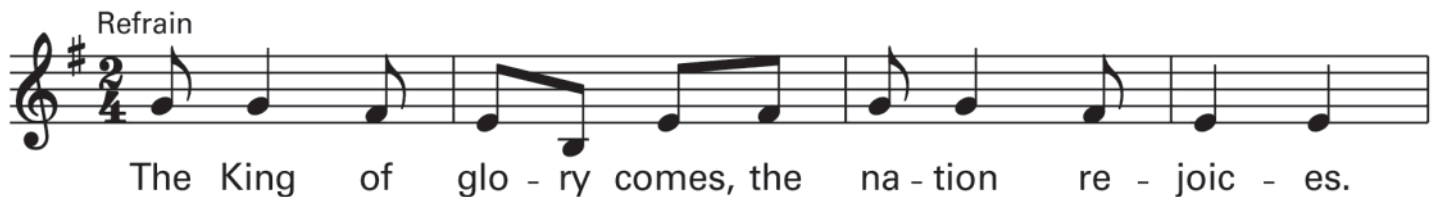
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RECESSIONAL HYMN: "The King of Glory" Breaking Bread #725

THE KING OF GLORY

KING OF GLORY



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