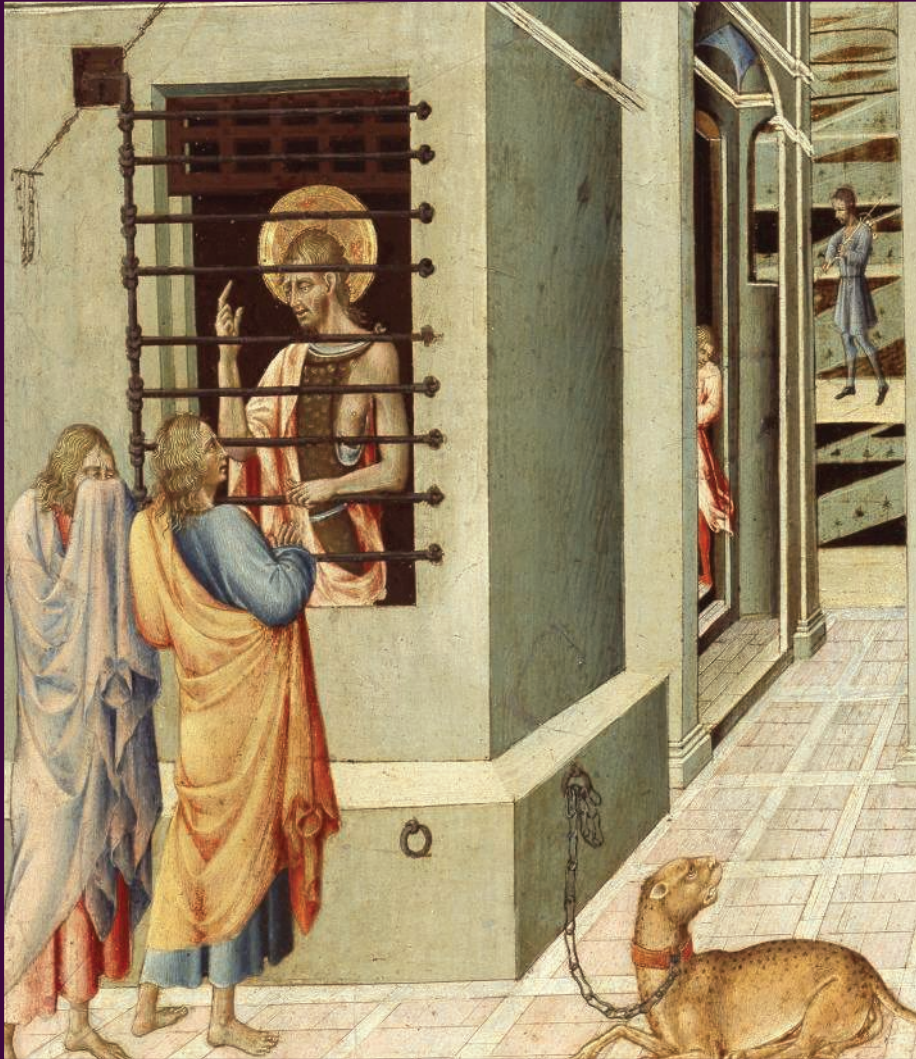




SAINT
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OF
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PARISH



The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

Matthew 11:5

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 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 14, 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.

PARISH STAFF

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sbertonazzi@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4pm

Friday: 9:00am - 3pm

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 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/](https://www.youtube.com/@saintteresaofcalcutta2622)

[@saintteresaofcalcutta2622](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 Holy Saviour church this week for Sean Campe at the request of the Campe Family. At St. John's church the candle burns for the intentions of the people of the Parish.



Thank you for your generous donations to the parish and to the special weekly collections. There are no more special collections this year.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

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 Migaletti,
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US Army	RN, SAF
Lt Margaret M. McKernan USN	Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW
	Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp

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.

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

Intentions for this week's Masses

Saturday, Dec 13

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

Sunday, Dec 14

8am(HS) For the People of the Parish
930am(SI) 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
For the intentions of Paul Milano r/b his Father
Laura Capelli r/b Matthew Rogers
11am(SI) Anne P Deeney r/b Patricia Smith
11am(HS) Ann E. Cain r/b her Daughter, Roseanne
Mass is celebrated in ASL & Voice Interpreted

Monday, Dec 15

9am(SI) Msgr. M. Joseph Mannion r/b Tom & Loretta Hauber

Tuesday, Dec 16

9am(SI) Intentions of Frank & Nancy Barone r/b Tom & Linda Smith

Wednesday, Dec 17

9am(SI) Karen Allen r/b John LaBletta

Thursday, Dec 18

9am(SI) Msgr. Eugene Kernan r/b the Kernan Family

Friday, Dec 19

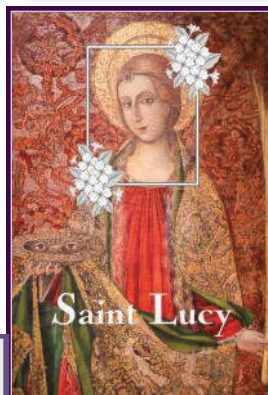
9am(SI) Joanne Brady r/b her family

Saturday, Dec 20

4pm(HS) Peter Pascuzzo r/b Fr. Steven Bertonazzi & STC Parish
Joseph Napoleon r/b the Yoder family

Sunday, Dec 21

8am(HS) Sister Lillian Needham r/b Jack & Anna Callaghan
930am(SI) For the People of the Parish
11am(SI) The intentions for the Barker Family r/b Jasmin, RJ, & Ralph Patulot
Mary Christine Hill r/b Judy Primus
Anne P. Deeney r/b Barbara Lecky
11am(HS) The intentions of the Deaf Community



December 13 Feast day of Saint Lucy

St. Lucy was a young Christian martyr who lived in **Syracuse, Sicily**, during the **Diocletian persecution** in the early 4th century. Known for her **purity and deep devotion to Christ**, Lucy vowed to remain a virgin and dedicate her life to God.

When she refused to marry a pagan suitor, he reported her as a Christian. Despite torture and threats, Lucy remained steadfast in her faith. According to tradition, her eyes were gouged out during her persecution, but God miraculously **restored her sight**. Because of this, she is especially venerated as the **patroness of the blind and those with eye ailments**. The meaning of her name ("light" or "lucid") led to her patronage with eyes; **the blind, eye trouble, and other eye ailments**. Pray a Novena to Saint Lucy:

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-lucy-novena>

Third Sunday of Advent

Reflection by Deacon Leo Howitz

This week's reflection is on the second reading from the Book of James. This book was written by James the half brother of Jesus not the apostle James, most people do not know this. James the apostle was beheaded and was one of the first martyrs of Christianity. James also called James the Just, was Jesus' half-brother and he has a very interesting story. James was an older brother of Jesus, a son of Joseph. James did not believe Jesus was the Messiah. To him Jesus was just his brother, how could he be the Son of God? Remember the story in Mark Chapter 6, when Jesus returned to Nazareth? They were very skeptical and just saw Jesus as the son of Mary and Joseph, the carpenter's son, and Jesus could not do great things in Nazareth because of their lack of faith.

Is he not the carpenter, * the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

After the crucifixion Jesus appeared to his brother, his living heir. Think of the joy James must have had. I think James probably believed his brother was crazy and did not even like the fact that he was even related to him because of embarrassment. All this talk about love and forgiveness made no sense, the Jewish people believed the Messiah would be a political and warrior leader who would bring back the Kingdom of Israel. We find in Paul's Letter to the Corinthians that the risen Jesus appeared to James before the apostles. I believe the conversion was immediate, and Jesus gave him the Holy Spirit, telling him he was to lead the Church of Jerusalem. The relief James must have felt, his brother was not crazy, the Kingdom Jesus was talking about was a Heavenly Kingdom. He now understood and believed this heavenly kingdom was going to be a reality very soon. What better person for the church in Jerusalem! Do you know why? Who acted as his mother when he was growing up? Mary.

James went on to be cornerstone of the early Church. He lived out the faith and by the Holy Spirit he became a great leader of the Church of Jerusalem, mainly of Jewish believers and later Gentile believers. He was the writer of the Book of James. To me James stressed the most important aspect of faith in Jesus and that is to imitate Him in all that we do. Believing that Jesus is the Son of God is enough for salvation, this is true, but what must follow? The way you live your life.

If you believe in Jesus and do not show it by how you live, do you really believe? Maybe, but how? I must go with James, Peter, Paul, the apostles and the millions of people before us. They all lived the faith, lived it boldly, they professed what they believed by their lives. They never backed down; Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. They died professing this and we are called to do the same.

Alright, so we now know about the brother of Jesus. So, what is he saying in the second reading? Patience! All the faithful believed Jesus was going to be coming to save them very soon, after all what did Jesus tell them, the Kingdom of God is at hand! So, it is now about 20 years after Jesus died and was resurrected, so where is Jesus? Time is ticking away. What is so important in the second reading, is that the Greek word James used for patience. It is the same Greek word Paul used when talked about agape love, 'love is patient, love is kind...' from Corinthians. The definition of this word is to 'remain tranquil while awaiting an outcome.' Why is this so important? Because impatience leads to grumbling and it brings out the nasty pride we can have within us. It also brings out complaining against God, and that is extremely dangerous.

Think of the Israelites in the desert on one occasion when they complained against God. God sent fiery snakes that would bite and kill them. Remember that? Moses had to erect a bronze snake on a rod, and they would be saved if they look at it. Then James reminds them of the prophets and how they did not complain, and it must have been hard for them. Think of Nathan, he prophesied the Messiah for Israel would come from the lineage of David, but this did not come in his lifetime but about 1000 years later. Think of Isaiah, he never saw the Messiah either and to make matters worse he was sawed in half while still alive. Jeremiah same thing, stoned to death by his own people. And there are still others.

The message for this third Sunday in Advent is 'joy.' God will come in time, don't doubt that, but on His own time. Always be patient, obedient to the Will of God, trust in Him in all that you do. In the meantime, Jesus is just as present in the Eucharist, we live in Jesus and Jesus lives in us, all things are possible. You are connected to Him in a very real way.

"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 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

INCREASED OFFERTORY APPEAL PROGRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

As our APPEAL draws to a close, 150 families have increased their weekly offertory contribution representing a combined weekly increase of \$2,090. Our average weekly increase is \$12.59 per family. What a blessing for our parish and our parish family. May God bless all of you!

"Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

SANDWICH MAKING EVENT

Monday, December 15, 2025, 6:30-7:30 pm
Good Shepherd Cafeteria

Bring your meat (turkey or beef boloney), cheese, and bread to make sandwiches that will be donated to Cathedral Kitchen and Joseph's House. Donations of bottled water, fresh fruit, or individually packaged snacks are greatly appreciated, as well. Sandwiches may also be pre-made and dropped off **between 6:30 and 7:30 on December 15th.**

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
stteresafcalcuttan.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 20-21

MASS	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4pm HS	J Steinitz	D Barry	S Campbell
8am HS	M Blake	Deacon Rocks	R Fearon
9:30am SJ	L Roseboro-Brown	Deacon Leo	L Roseboro-
11amSJ	B Summerhayes	Deacon Leo	M Warrington



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

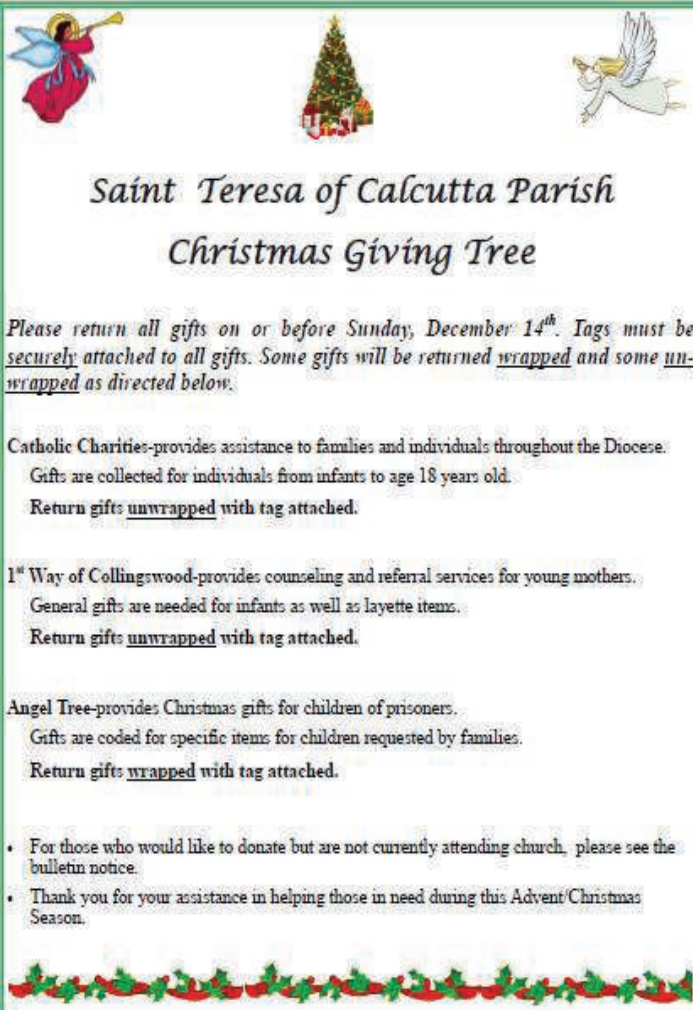
STEPHEN MINISTRY Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?



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@stteresaofcalcuttanj.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.



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.



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**.

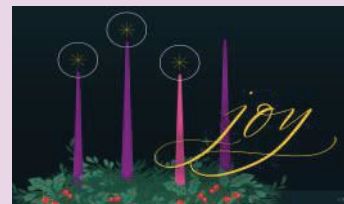
Receiving regular mail with real stamps is not as common place now with emails and online services, so we appreciate you cutting out the stamps for this good cause.



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.

- ◇ **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.



PARISH, COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN INFORMATION

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

- **Tri-County Symphonic Band Christmas Concert at SJ**—12/14, 7pm
- **Men's Club Meeting**—Dec 15, 8pm
- **Decorate the Churches**—(SJ) Dec 19, after 9am Mass and (HS) Dec 20, after 9am Mass

SEASONAL EVENTS AROUND US

- ◇ **Lector Training**—1/13 & 1/21 or 22.
- ◇ **Cemetery Masses**—12/15 & 12/16, 10am
- ◇ **Retrouvaille Weekend**—2/6-8/2026

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. Someone 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.

The members of the St. Teresa of Calcutta Conference of the **Society of St. Vincent dePaul** would like to express our thanks for the overwhelming parish response to both **our Thanksgiving Basket Collection** and our requests for additional help in the face of a sharp increase in visitors to our Food Pantry. In addition to the individual donations of food and grocery gift cards from our generous parishioners we also received abundant support from:

The Men's Club	Thriven Design (Collingswood)
The Jetsetters	The Collingswood Rotary
ACME Markets	Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate (Cherry Hill)

We were happy to prepare forty baskets for our neighbors in need, which would not have been possible without your support.

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another" St. Vincent dePaul

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.

PREPARED CASSEROLES ARE NEEDED

The Justice & Life Committee invites parishioners to prepare casseroles to be given to St. Joseph's House to support the homeless guests and drop them off at the office.

Patience Stewardship

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. Stewards are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our

SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES



Join Us for Our Advent Masses

Masses will be held at 10 a.m. in our Chapel Mausoleums

Monday, December 15th

All Saints Cemetery – Newfield
Holy Cross Cemetery – Mays Landing
Sacred Heart Cemetery – Vineland

Tuesday, December 16th

Calvary Cemetery – Cherry Hill
New St. Mary Cemetery – Bellmawr

For directions or addresses, please visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org.

Preparing God's home for Christmas

Plan to join us on **Monday, December 15** to deep clean and prepare St. John and Holy Saviour for Christ's birthday.

We will start at **10 AM at St. John**, and then go to Holy Saviour. Contact Loretta Hauber at 856-669-8494.

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@stteresaoofcalcuttanj.org for the forms for both trainings.



Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley has a new website and will no longer have an 800 phone #. The new website is Marriage-HelpDelVal.org. The local phone # is still the same: 215-766-3944. The next weekend will be held **February 6-8, 2026.**

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



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

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



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.

ST. Teresa's CHRISTMAS TREE INTENTIONS It's Not Too Late!

Please participate in our **Special Intention Christmas Tree**. The tree-lighting ceremonies were not the end of our support of each other's special 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**. What better way is there to prepare to celebrate Our Lord's coming than to care for each other? Day or night, when we pass by these trees, we can think of the intentions of all in our parish community, and make them our own.

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What is Advent?

Sunday, Nov. 30 -Wednesday, Dec 24, 2025

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of **Christmas**.

The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, **from December 17 to December 24**, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the **"O" Antiphons are sung** during this period and have been by the Church **since at least the eighth century**. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well. Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.



Call to Worship



Entrance Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Breaking Bread #39

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
 6. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.
 4. o'er the grave.
 5. mis - er - y.
 6. put to flight.
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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 Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.



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Third Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING:

[Isaiah 35:1-6a,10](#)

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, come and save us.

[Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.](#)

SECOND READING:

[James 5:7-10](#)

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL:

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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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.

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.

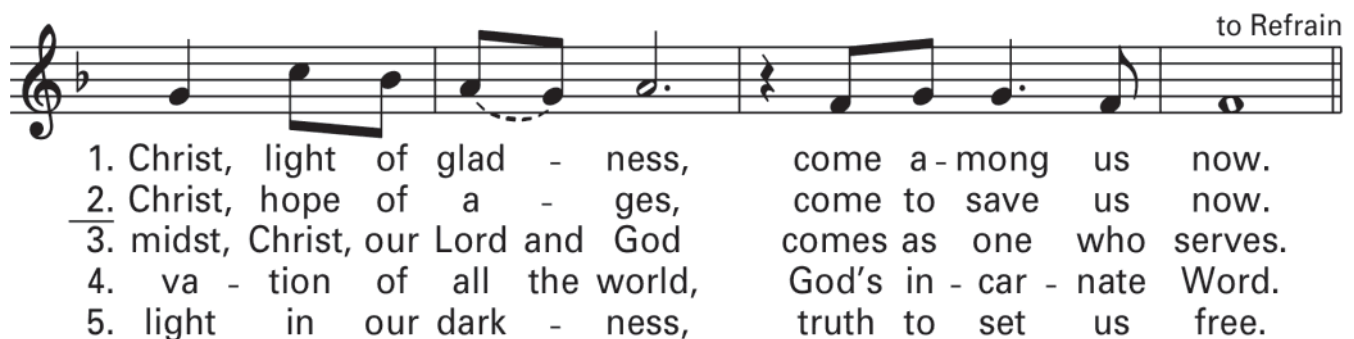
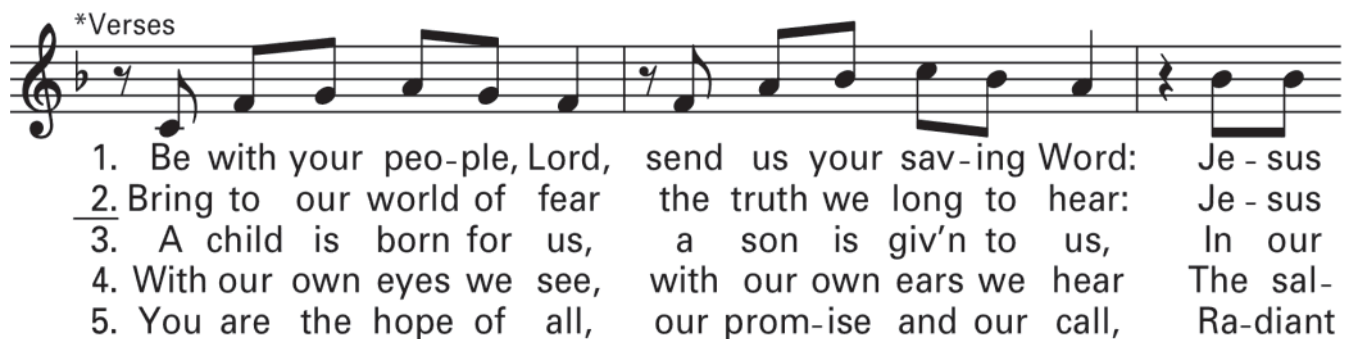
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BREAD OF LIFE (ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SETTING)

Bernadette Farrell



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PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

BESANÇON



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad, though earth is bare. One more
3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim. One more
4. An - gels, an - nounce on this great feast: Him who



1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is plant - ed there; Give up your strength the seed to
3. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
4. com - eth from the East. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble. Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
3. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
4. hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



1. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. East, and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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