

WEEKLY BULLETIN



Saint Theresa Parish

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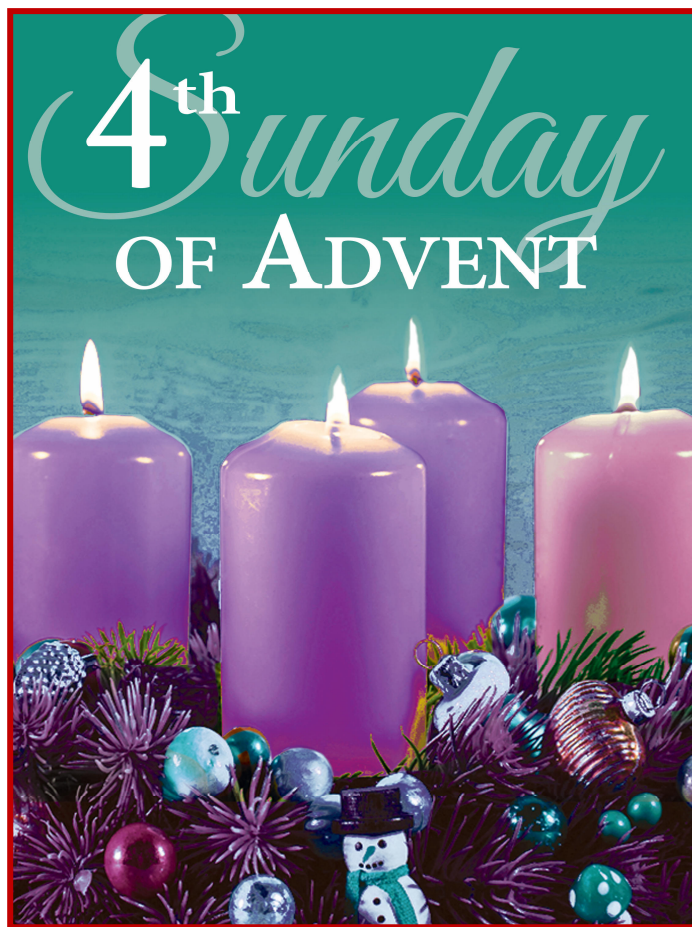
**Fourth Sunday
of
Advent**

Mt 1:18-24

The Birth of Jesus

“... The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,’ which means ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his Home.”



WELCOME TO ONE AND ALL

If you have moved to this area and wish to join our Parish Community, we invite you to become actively involved in our life and to support our efforts to be witnesses to Christ by sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Roman Catholic parish of Saint Theresa of Lisieux is a community of believers that places the sacredness of the Eucharist at the center of our lives. Our mission is to inform, inspire, invite and involve people in the ongoing life of the Church. Our field of ministry includes residents of the greater South Hadley area including the catholic community of Mount Holyoke College and residents of the Wingate Skilled Nursing Facility. It is our desire to engage all who wish to join our community in the celebration of the life of Christ.

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St. Theresa's Parish



WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 10-11: \$5,995.08



Online Giving

Please consider making
your contributions through
online giving.
Call 532- 3228 for more
information.

Liturgical Celebrations

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES - CHAPEL

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

(Day of Obligation) . . 8:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

Sacramental Information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

ADORATION

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please arrange one year in advance.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please let us know if a parishioner is ill.

Counseling & Support Services

PREGNANCY COUNSELING SERVICES

Bethlehem House of Easthampton
(413) 527-2861

TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF CHURCH RELATED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Confidential Hotline
(800) 842-9055

Patricia Finn McManamy
(413) 452-0624
(Victim Advocate)

DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY

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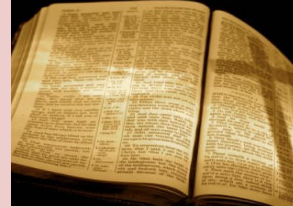
(Parish Pastoral Team meets monthly with one representative from each ministry team)

SCHEDULED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday | (12/17) | 4:00p.m. | Elvita Mello by the Mello Family |
| Sunday | (12/18) | 8:00 a.m. | Genevieve Topor by Carolyn & Joseph Topor |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Thomas Bellerose by Alice Bellerose |
| Monday | (12/19) | 8:00 a.m. | Jeannine Boucher by Jerry Boucher & Family |
| Tuesday | (12/20) | 8:00 a.m. | Jeanne Parszk by Ellie Klepacki & Karolyn Ryan |
| Wednesday | (12/21) | 8:00 a.m. | Lillian Alvaro by Patricia Kraske |
| Thursday | (12/22) | 8:00 a.m. | Wayne Walton by Ann Jubinville |
| Friday | (12/23) | 8:00 a.m. | Jeanne Parszk by Ellie Klepacki & Karolyn Ryan |
| Saturday | (12/24) | 4:00 p.m. | James Kelly by his friends |
| | | 10:00 p.m. | Candle Light Mass of the Nativity |
| Sunday | (12/25) | 8:00 a.m. | Tom Harty & Joann Fisher by David, Amy & Grace Williams |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Philip Lizotte by his Family |

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25 |
| Tuesday | Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Wednesday | Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45 |
| Thursday | 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56 |
| Friday | Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66 |
| Saturday | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79 |
| Sunday | Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 |



PRAYER LINE

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Marlene King
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Lin Pickle
Juliette Quenneville
Amy Rose
Doug Scytkowski
Joseph Tetreault
Matthew Yakubik



ADORATION NOTES



At Guadalupe, Our Lady told Juan Diego that she requested a church be built so that Jesus Her Eucharistic Son could be known, received, loved and adored by her children. A church was built and nine million people were converted. Will you heed Her request to receive, love and adore Her Son by visiting Him at Eucharistic Adoration?

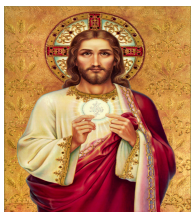
Visit Jesus in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration which is held in the **Chapel** each **Friday** from **8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
Jesus waits for you at Eucharistic Adoration.

Peace and Justice... Catholic Relief Services: You Did It for Me...

It is the season of giving! In Nigeria, Catholic Relief Services is working with partners to help give the gift of education to women in The Feed the Future project. The project helps family farmers improve their

crops. It also helps them by teaching life skills like reading and writing. The 5-year program will help 42,000 families boosting their crops, incomes and improving nutrition.

Learn more at: crs.org/you-did-it-for-me



If you or someone you know from our parish is unable to attend Mass on Sunday due to illness or disability and would like to receive communion,

Please call **George Wilson** at
533-8710
prior to 8:00 a.m. on that Sunday morning.



WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Leo Robert**, who was recently commended to the Lord. May he and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Ministry Schedule Weekend of December 24-25

| The Nativity Of The Lord | Altar Server(s) | Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist | Usher/ Greeter | Lector |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------|
| Saturday 4:00 p.m. | Eliza Cormier Sara Cormier Adaline Woods | Jill Gagne Joseph Gagne Dottie McKenna Kelly Woods | Gary Gagnon Nancy Gagnon Richard McKenna Gail Olesiak | Mark Cormier |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. | None Available | John Kras Janet Theroux | Richard Normandin William Watt | Howard Reznik |
| Sunday 10:30 a.m. | Quinn (If available) | Stanley Bohall Daniel Gladu John Murray Carolyn Topor | Daniel Connor Mia Hathaway Michael Hathaway Emile Premont Joseph Topor | Eric Girard |

Monday, Dec. 19th

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Gym

Tuesday, Dec. 20th

5:00 p.m. St. Francis CYO-Gym

Wednesday, Dec. 21st

4:00 p.m. St. Patrick's CYO - Gym

Thursday, Dec. 22nd

5:00 p.m. St. Francis CYO-Gym

Friday, Dec. 23rd

8:30 a.m. Adoration -Chapel

5:00 p.m. St. Patrick's CYO-Gym

Saturday, Dec. 24th

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Mass of the Nativity

Sunday, Dec. 25th

8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

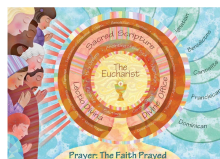


Mandatory Safety Meeting

If you were not able to attend the Mandatory Safety Meeting on November 28, it is imperative that you **contact Patti Monroe** at **532-3228** to arrange an appointment to complete the safety training as required by both the Diocese of Springfield and State of Massachusetts. **All volunteer personnel at Saint Theresa's must be certified as a safe volunteer. All training must be completed before Christmas.**

Arise Faith Formation . . .

We are looking for gently used furniture for our 8th and 9th grade class room. If you have a couch, easy chairs and 3' tall stools that you no longer use, please consider donating them to Saint Theresa's. Please call the **Parish Office** at **532-3228** to donate items.



Peace & Justice



"Once again the Peace and Justice group will do a Christmas fundraiser to benefit needy children in our area. Details to follow."

Any questions please call **Irene** at **532-3406** for more information.



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Sunday, January 15th Breakfast Buffet

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Center

Multipurpose room.

Saturday & Sunday, February 3rd-4th, St. Theresa Parish Tag Sale.

Friday - Sunday, February 24-26th, Men's Annual Retreat - Holy Family Retreat Center, W. Hartford, CT

The 2017 theme for the weekend is **The Light of Simplicity.**

The men attending the retreat will carpool on **Friday,**

February 24th, leaving the church parking lot at **5:00 PM.**

More details will be coming.

A Very Special Thank You . . .



The **Spiritual Life Team** would like to extend a very special thank you to all parishioners and volunteers, from St. Patrick's, Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Theresa parishes, who attended and helped with our very successful Lessons & Carols event last Sunday afternoon. It was the largest attendance we have had for this event. There were 202 in attendance. It was a joyful event and we look forward to the continued growth in attendance at this annual event.

Christmas Caroling at Wingate Nursing Home thank you to all of our parishioners, families and friends that made this special event successful. We brought peace and joy to those individuals residing at the nursing home this Christmas season. The smiles shared and the singing of carols is a gift the residents look forward to participating in with us.

The Nativity of the Lord

Take a moment to contemplate the **symbols of the season.**

The **crèche** tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Magi who signify that God's salvation extends to all. The **angels** stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from our sins. The **tree** stands as a symbol of life, its green branches unfading even in the winter cold, just as God's life remains in us even though our human form should die. The **wreath** made of evergreens reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end. The **candles** recall the birth of him who is forever the Light of the world. Today, we celebrate the fact that God came to earth as a beautiful, innocent infant who rejects no one. We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! And tonight, we remember that Jesus Christ came into this world quietly, humbly, and gracefully, an example of how we should live our lives.



Diocese of Springfield

*Seminarian
Christmas
Gift Card 2016*

Select an envelope from the tree in the Atrium!

*Thank you for making this Christmas brighter for our Diocesan
Seminarians.*



Joy to the World

*Father Michael Twohig
and the
Staff of Saint Theresa's Parish
Wishes you and Your Family a
Blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year*

