



## Saint Theresa of Lisieux Parish

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**December 26, 2021**

**4th Sunday in Advent**

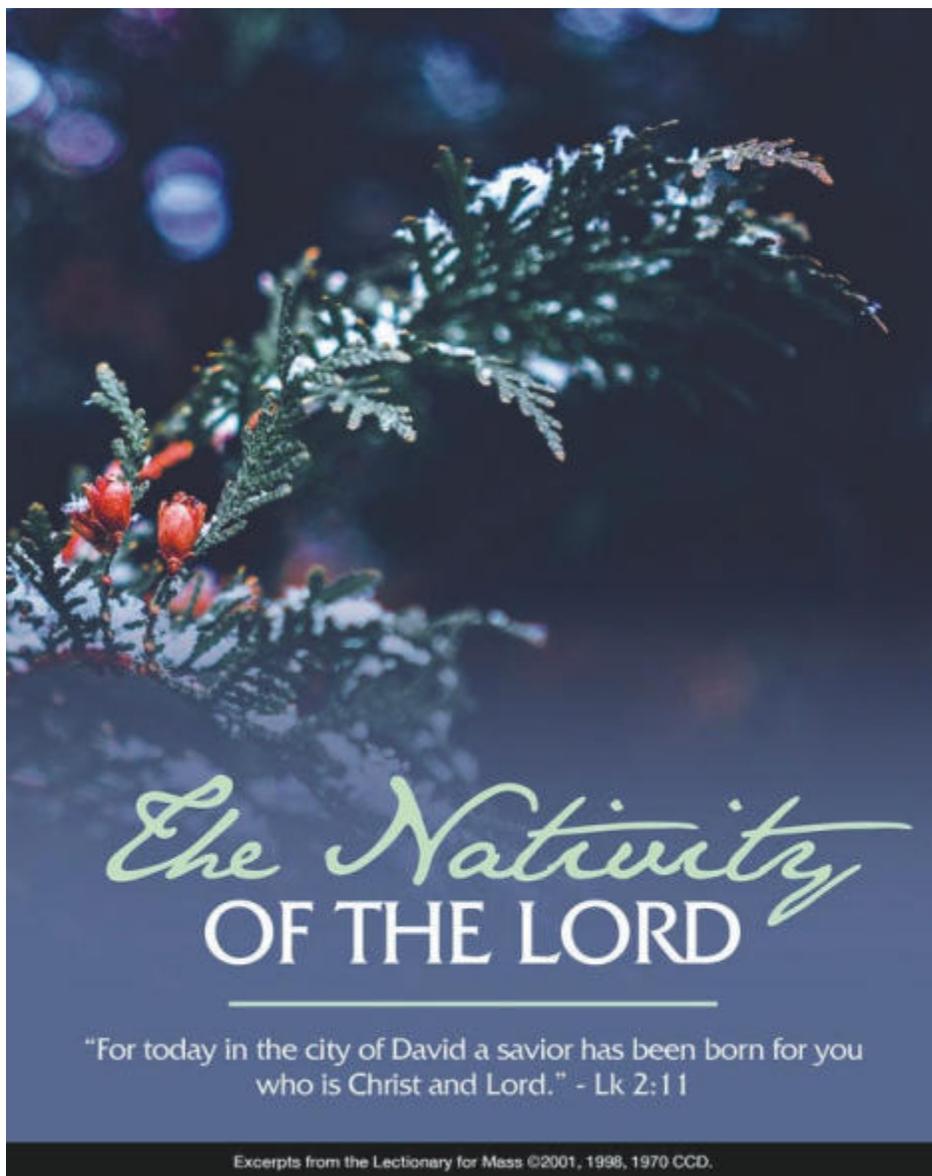
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*All the ends of the earth will behold  
the salvation of our God. (Is 52:10)*

*All the ends of the earth have seen the  
saving power of God. (Ps 98)*

*In times past, God spoke in partial and  
various ways to our ancestors through  
the prophets; in these last days, he has  
spoken to us through the Son.  
(Heb 1:1-2)*

*And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory, the glory as of  
the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14)*



### WELCOME TO 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. It is our desire to engage all who wish to join our community in the celebration of the life of Christ.*

## PASTORAL STAFF

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## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

### LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00p  
Sunday 8:00a | 10:30a

### WEEKDAY MASSES - CHAPEL

Monday - Friday 8:00a

### HOLY DAY MASSES

(Day of Obligation) 8:00a | 6:30p

## SACRAMENTS

### Reconciliation

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

### Adoration

Friday 8:30a – 6:00p

### Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

### Marriage

Please arrange one year in advance.

### Hospital Visitations

Please let us know if a parishioner is ill or in the hospital.

## COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES

### Pregnancy Counseling Services

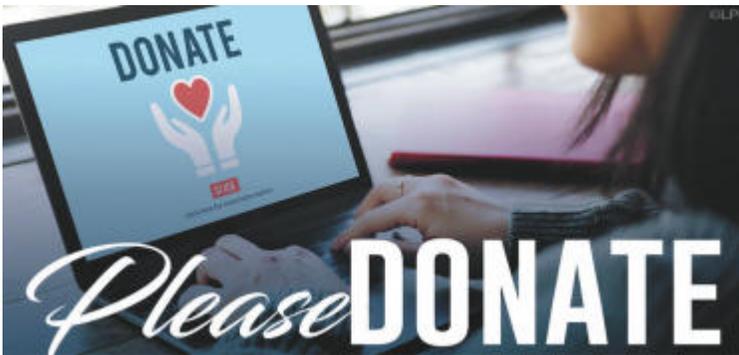
Bethlehem House of Easthampton (413) 527-2861

### Divorce Support Ministry

Bob Nell (413) 575-5177  
St. Mary's Parish, Longmeadow MA

### To Report an Incident of Church Related Sexual Misconduct

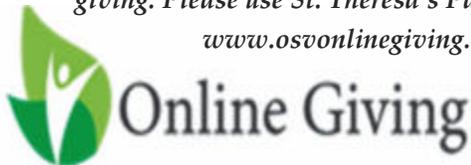
Confidential Hotline (800) 842-9055



## WEEKLY DONATIONS

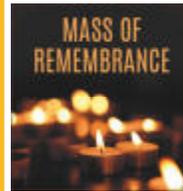
Please continue to support the Parish by mailing in your weekly donations if you are not able to attend a Mass. Or consider making your contributions through online giving. Please use St. Theresa's Parish ID# 1596.

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## Booking Masses

Our weekly mass schedule for the remainder of the year is booking up very quickly. If you are planning to reserve a mass time, you should call the Parish Office at (413) 532-3228 on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 9:00a to noon. Also, you may wish to plan ahead and reserve those special dates for your loved ones for 2022..



## Parish Office Hours

Parish office hours have changed to be every Monday through Thursday from 9:00-12:30 a.m. If you would like to meet with Fr. Michael or Patricia it is by appointment only. Please call Carol to schedule an appointment at (413) 532-3228 x120.

# MASST INTENTIONS

## Saturday December 25th

8:00 am Prayers for the Youth of the Parish

10:30 am All those around the world living in poverty

## Sunday December 26th

8:00 am † Larry, Jeanne and Dennis Menard by The Menard Family

10:30 am † Louis Blair by The Williams Family and Friends

## Monday December 27th

8:00 am † Prayers for those Sick and Living in Poverty

## Tuesday December 28th

8:00 am Prayers for all First Responders

## Wednesday December 29th

8:00 am Prayers for the Elderly

## Thursday December 30th

8:00 am Prayers the Youth of our Parish

## Friday December 31st

4:00 pm Deacon Tom Gaudrault by Wife Donna and Family

## Saturday January 1st

10:30 am Prayers for the Parishioners of St. Theresa's

## Sunday January 2nd

8:00 am † Larry, Jeanne and Dennis Menard by The Menard Family

10:30 am † Michael Dion by David, Amy and Grace

## BULLETIN POSTINGS

Please submit any requests/inquiries you have for the weekly bulletin directly to **Rebecca Smith** at [sttheresamedia@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresamedia@gmail.com). Requests to be included in the bulletin must be submitted by Saturday the week prior to your desired bulletin date..

## ILL PARISHIONERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS

The parish pastoral staff asks: Do you know of any parishioners or family members that are ill, in nursing homes, hospitals, the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, Leeds VA Hospital or homebound? If so, please contact **Patricia Smith** at (413) 532-3228 ext. 116 so that pastoral visits may be scheduled with them.



## Weekly Readings

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



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 (413) 533-8710 prior to 8:00 a.m. on that Sunday morning.



## PRAYER LINE

Please call **Louise Croll** to make a Request at (413)532-3228.

Barbara Jean Sexton

Denise O'Connor, Joe Nadeau

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Hughie H.

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Anna & Harold Williams

Patricia Salisbury

Michelle Hadley

Guido Schiappa,

Sandy DeSouza

Maurice Miner, Jackie Krass, Bella



## In Remembrance

Book your Mass Intentions now for 2022. Mass times are filling up so be sure to reach out to the Parish Office if you have a special date in mind for a loved one!



### Spiritual Life Committee

#### Up Coming Events

1/8/2022 Lectio Divina – 8:30  
am in the Chapel

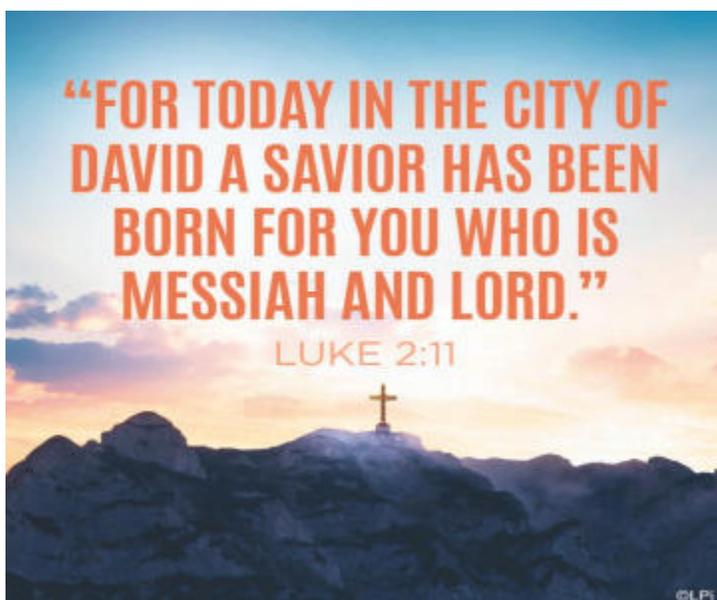
2/5/2022 Lectio Divina – 8:30 am  
in the Chapel

Call Nancy Gagnon  
(413)537-1118 for more information.



### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Merry Christmas! There is something sacred about sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and His sons and daughters. All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 25, 2021

The Nativity of the Lord

“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.



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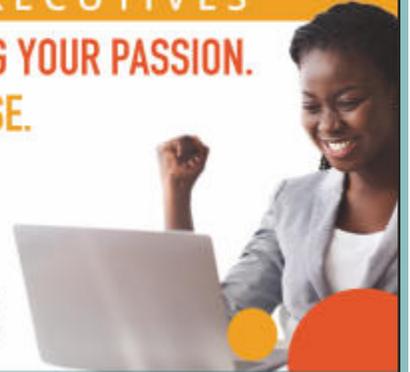


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