

January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord Volume 7 Issue 1

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

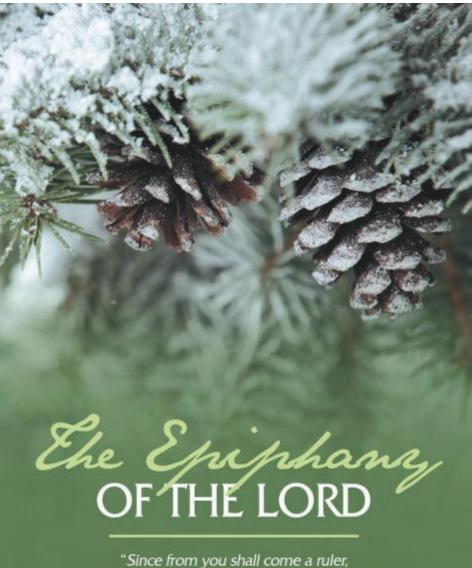
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

> "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

Saint Theresa of Lisieux Parish

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who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 shar-

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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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. www.osvonlinegiving.com





LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

LORD'S DAY MASSES Saturday 4:00p Sunday 8:00a | 10:30a

<u>WEEKDAY MASSES - CHAPEL</u> Monday - Friday 8:00a

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

SACRAMENTS

<u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday 3:30p-3:45p or by appointment.

<u>Adoration</u> Friday 8:30a – 6:00p

<u>Baptism</u> To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

<u>Marriage</u> Please arrange one year in advance.

<u>Hospital Visitations</u> Please let us know if a parishioner is ill or in the hospital.

COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES

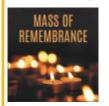
<u>Pregnancy Counseling Services</u> Bethlehem House of Easthampton (413) 527-2861

<u>Divorce Support Ministry</u> Bob Nell (413) 575–5177 St. Mary's Parish, Longmeadow MA

<u>To Report an Incident of Church Related Sexual</u> <u>Misconduct</u> Confidential Hotline (800) 842-9055

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.



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 Family10:30 am + Michael Dion by David, Amy and Grace

Monday January 3rd 8:00 am † Prayers for those Sick and Living in Poverty

> **Tuesday January 4th** 8:00 am Prayers for all First Responders

Wednesday January 5th 8:00 am † Norma J. Ryan by Family

Thursday January 6th 8:00 am Prayers the Youth of our Parish

Friday January 7th 4:00 pm Prayers for the Parishioners of St. Theresa's

Saturday January 8th

8:00 am Spiritual Life of the Church by Risa Teall 10:30 am Richard Fleury by Richard's wife Ann

Sunday January 9th

8:00 am + Alfred and Blanche Cormier Family by Daughter Bea 10:30 am + Wladyslawa Mruk by Children and Families

BULLETIN POSTINGS

Please submit any requests/inquiries you have for the weekly bulletin directly to **Rebecca Smith** at <u>sttheresamedia@gmail.com</u>. Requests to be included in the bulletin must be submitted by <u>Saturday the week prior</u> 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: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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.



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PRAYER LINE

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

Barbara Jean Sexton Denise O'Connor, Joe Nadeau Bradlee Nadeau, Hughie H. Jacqueline Leduc Conner McMahon, Quinn **McMahon** Joan Casavant Edward J. Scanlon Kathy Morin, George Lusignan 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

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.



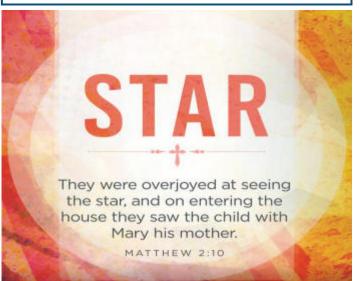
LORD, **EVERY NATION** ON EARTH ADORES YOU PSALM 72

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative

power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the

day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

"Creation and the government of the universe are great works which show thy power, thy wisdom, and thy mercy; but nowhere do they shine as in the Eucharist, memorial of the wonders that thou hast wrought on earth." St. John Vianney, Eucharistic Meditations: 4th Meditation. For more information and videos check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few parishioners to help with the weekly accounting of collections. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Watt at 413-532-8225.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in

time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



