We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
A Warm, Welcoming, Inclusive Faith Community
Served by the Carmelites

DECEMBER 15, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

1490 19th Street (Church)
LOCEATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
Tuesday, December 24th
4:15 Family Mass
9:00 pm (Choir)
Caroling Prior to Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
Wednesday, December 25th
8:30am & 10:00am
Caroling Prior to 10:00am Mass

NEW YEAR’S DAY
SOLEMNITY OF MARY
Wednesday, January 1st
9:00am
Holy Day of Obligation

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:
Lucas Richard Rose, the son of Michael & Jamie Rose. Lucas will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Saturday at the 4:15pm Mass.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING
We are in need of volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. The more volunteers, the quicker we will be done. If you are available next Sunday, December 22nd following the 10am Mass, please plan to stay for 1-2 hours to help. You may wish to bring work clothing to change into after Mass.

LECTORS & LITURGICAL MINISTERS
Volunteers are needed for the 4:15 & 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses and for the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses on Christmas Day. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

ON-LINE GIVING
To make a one time gift, scan the QR code, scroll past the log in, click on Quick Give To register for the program, scan the QR code and complete the log in, etc.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
Thank you to all who chose names from our tree! If you have not done so already, please wrap the gifts, place the tag on them, and return them to church on or before December 15. If you have not yet brought your gift to church, you may bring it to the hall during the Pancake Breakfast (ends approximately by noon), or to the Parish Office on Monday.
Thank you for your generosity – be assured you will be making a child very happy.

Many studies have shown that material possessions do not equal happiness and that experiences are much more intrinsically fulfilling than things. Rather than buying more toys, clothes, and other trinkets for loved ones, consider giving them the gift of an experience! Buying a museum membership, orchestra season tickets, sport game tickets, annual national park passes, or even a pottery making lesson, are all great ways to provide somebody the gift of experiencing something new. For the kids on your Christmas list, consider giving movie tickets, taking them to a bowling alley or jump gym, or possibly even horseback riding lessons. Even if you’ve already purchased gifts for this year, consider adding some experiences as well or slowly transitioning to more experience based gifts over time.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!” – Philippians 4:4

Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice, Gaudete Sunday. On this day there are several subtle differences in the liturgy.

In the tradition of the Church, the organ and flowers – normally not used during the Advent season and reserved until Christmas Eve – may be reintroduced on this day, and rose-colored vestments may be worn in lieu of the familiar Advent purple. Rose is the color of the third candle in the Advent wreath, and the hymn, Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming, is most appropriate for today’s liturgical celebration. Why does the Church do this?

SECOND COLLECTIONS

When we look at the history and evolution of the liturgical year, we note that the earliest, major Christian feast was Easter. Christmas did not appear on the liturgical calendar until December 25.

The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm on December 24th through January 1, 2020. It will re-open at 10am on January 2nd.

St. Teresa’s Mission Statement

As members of St. Teresa’s Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world.

We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons, and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society.

The community of St. Teresa’s finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.

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While shopping this season, keep a look-out for inexpensive white athletic socks. We will have our annual SOCK DRIVE in January.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

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Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.