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

JANUARY 5, 2020
THE EPHYPANY
OF THE LORD

1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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ON-LINE GIVING
Call in on Tuesday, January 7 at 6pm:
PHONE: 1-773-231-9226
MEETING ID: 149 514 1945

PASSINGS
We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family & friends of
Genevieve Vida a long-time parishioner and choir member. Services
have not yet been planned; and
John Griffin, also a long-time parishioner. A Funeral Mass is being
planned for Friday, January 10th at St. Teresa’s with a reception to fol-
low in the Parish Hall. Exact time is not yet confirmed.

ST TERESA’S GREEN TEAM
Happy 2020! This year, considering making a resolution to be more sustainable by con-
suming a more plant based diet. Reducing
industrial farming is critical in tackling the
climate emergency and protecting the
world’s forests. The livestock industry emits
as much carbon as the world’s entire
transport sector combined. Agribusiness is
responsible for fires, deforestation, invasions
of protected areas, and violence against In-
digenous Peoples in the Brazilian Amazon —
much of this for the purpose of producing
animal feed. Start small to make it easy and
fun — try meat-free Mondays, or Veganuary,
and slowly increase the number of plant-
based items in your diet. Even being partly
vegetarian or vegan is a great move for your
health (and your wallet).

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GREEN TEAM?
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Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila’s Parish Community
We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-
time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered
or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below, or complete the form on our website.

Name: ______________________________________ Phone: __________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________
City: ______________ Zip: ____________ Email: ____________________________
☐ New Parishioner  ☐ New Address and/or phone  ☐ Send Sunday envelopes  ☐ On-Line Giving

Operation New Socks for the Homeless
Warm their hearts by warming their feet!

Throughout the month of January, there will be baskets throughout the church
and hall awaiting your donations of new, white athletic socks.

A pair of new socks can make a huge im-
 pact on the lives of those without re-
sources. Won’t you please help us meet
or exceed our goal of 2,000 pairs of socks?

WE YEAREND TAX REPORTING
Letters acknowledging donations for 2019
will be sent out during the month of January
to all Envelope donors who contributed
more that $200. If you donated by checks in
the basket and would like a tax letter, please
email Stephani.

If you donate on-line, you can print a record
of your donations directly from the donation
site. Instruction are on pages 11 & 26 of the
On-line Giver Users Guide, located near the
bottom of your homepage. If you have any
questions, please call Stephani in the Parish
Office. If you also donated via envelopes or
“checks in the basket”, email Stephani@stteresasf.org and a separate record of
those donations will be sent out.
**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

This weekend’s second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

**Parish Calendar**

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**Mass Intentions**

The book for Mass Intentions for 2020 has available Masses. If you would like to reserve a Mass for a specific date for a loved one, please call or email the Parish Office.

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK January 11 & 12**

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**MUSIC MENTIONS**

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- Saturday, January 4
  - Audrey & Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
  - Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

- Sunday, January 5
  - Charlene Lola

- Tuesday, January 7
  - Genevieve Vida

- Friday, January 10
  - John Griffin

- Saturday, January 11
  - William J. Burns
  - Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

- Sunday, January 12
  - Sr. Kathleen Healy

- 8:30AM

- 10:00AM

**CHristmas and epiphany**

In secular terms, an epiphany is a moment of sudden insight or realization. It may describe a scientific breakthrough, a religious or philosophical discovery, or any circumstance in which a problem or situation is understood from a new or deeper perspective.

In theological terms, epiphany occurs when we have a new insight or realization into the mystery of God. In the New Testament, epiphany moments occur when John the Baptist points to Jesus and says, “Behold! the Lamb of God!” (Jn 1:29b), or when Peter blurts out, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!” (Mt 16:16). In fact, the entire Christmas season might be viewed as a season of Epiphanies. Epiphany moments include:

- Elizabeth’s recognition of Mary as the bearer of the Christ (the Visitation);
- the angels’ appearance to shepherds to announce Jesus’ birth;
- the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem;
- the Wise Men who, upon following the star, find the newborn King;
- the aged Simeon’s recognition of the infant Christ (The Presentation);
- the finding of the 12-year old Jesus in the Temple;
- the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan; and
- the Wedding Feast at Cana.

In each of these examples, someone experiences an “epiphany moment” in which Jesus shines forth, is revealed, or is understood in a new and different way.

Of course, the epiphany moment *par excellence* is the actual birth of Christ, and many Christians may be surprised to learn that it was not until the fourth century that Christians celebrated Christmas on December 25th. In fact, the roots of Christmas lie in the Feast of the Epiphany, and here is where the story gets both interesting and complicated.

Initially, the Eastern (Orthodox) Churches celebrated the Birth of Christ on January 6th, calling this feast Epiphany. However, the Orthodox celebration was not limited to Christ’s birth. It may also have included the Visit of the Magi, the Finding in the Temple, and even the Baptism of the Lord and the Wedding Feast at Cana.

By the end of the fourth century, the Western (Latin) Church established December 25th as the date for celebrating the Birth of Christ. The Feast of the Epiphany was celebrated on January 6th, twelve days after December 25th (this is the origin of the Twelve Days of Christmas). In many western cultures, December 25th was reserved as a religious feast, whereas January 6th took on a more secular favor. As Epiphany narrowed its focus to the Visit by the Magi, the custom of gift-giving evolved. This paralleled the wise men’s presentation of the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Even today, in some cultures gift exchange does not take place on Christmas; rather, it takes place on the Feast of the Three Kings.

Today, the Orthodox celebration of the Epiphany focuses on the Baptism of Jesus, whereas the Latin Church focuses on the Visitation of the Magi. After the Second Vatican Council, the revised liturgical calendar moved the Feast of the Epiphany from January 6th to the Sunday after New Year’s.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.