

The Catholic Faith Communities of Saint Theresa & Saint Christopher

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**Third Sunday
of
Advent**

~ **December 16, 2018** ~

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Trustees, Saint Christopher Parish

Mass Schedules and Sacraments

~ **Weekend Masses** ~
Saturday Evening

4:00pm at Saint Theresa

Sunday Morning

8:00am at Saint Theresa
9:30am at Saint Christopher
11:00am at Saint Theresa

~ **Weekday Mornings** ~
Monday through Wednesday

8:00am at Saint Theresa

Thursday

8:00am at St. Christopher
Morning Prayer at 7:45am

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Holy Hour

As Announced

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesdays, 6:00pm at Saint Theresa

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoons 3:00pm
at Saint Theresa
or by Appointment.
Please call the rectory

Sacrament of Baptism

By Appointment
Please contact Rectory

First Friday

Mass at Brookdale Sakonnet Bay 9:30am
with home visits to follow.

Visit us on the Web
www.sstandctiverton.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 15th

4:00pm + **For the Parishes**

Sunday, December 16th

8:00am + **Aida Orr**
(by Family)

9:30am + **Benny Beaudoin**
(by Beaudoin Family)

11:00am + **Armand Brodeur Sixth Anniversary**
(by Irene & Children)

Monday, December 17th

8:00am + **Jacqueline Swass Birthday Remembrance**
(by Family)

Tuesday, December 18th

8:00am + **Charlotte J. Sousa**
(by Mom, Sister and Brother)

Wednesday, December 19th

8:00am + **George Letendre** †
(by Wife, Daughter & Family)

Thursday, December 20th

8:00am + **Deceased Members of the Pereira,
Letendre, Mullins, Berube &
Medeiros Families**
(by Their Family)

Saturday, December 22nd

4:00pm + **For the Parishes**

Sunday, December 23rd

8:00am + **Mello & Silvia Families**
(by Bob & Rose Marie)

9:30am + **Arthur Henderson Birthday Remembrance**
(by Wife & Sons)

11:00am + **Luis & Lena Escobar**
(by Family)

THE LIFE OF PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER: 7:45am Monday thru Wednesday at St. Theresa Church and Thursdays at St. Christopher Church.

MORNING ROSARY: Prayed each weekday morning immediately following Mass. Offered for respect of life and conversion of our own nation.

OUR LADY OF GRACE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF

PRIESTS: 2:00pm every Tuesday, Rosary and Prayer at St. Christopher Church.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: 3:00pm on Tuesdays at St. Christopher Church.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA NOVENA: 6:00pm Tuesday evenings - St. Theresa Church.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Come explore and unpack what is going on with You and God, and God and You. If you are interested in spiritual direction, contact Jamie Medeiros at 508-642-5954 or medeirosjamie@gmail.com (For more information on what spiritual direction is, please see our parish website).



Rev. Jack Watterson
John D'Arpino
Lorraine Doucette
Steven Laquerre
Paul Camara
Daniel Costa Sr.
Lisa Jacome
Joan Souza
Stuart Frazer
Irene Brodeur

Rev. Clifford Cabral
Gwynne Williams
Claire Proulx
John Massoud
Barbara Guay
Douglas Vrona
Susan Miguel
Kathleen Frazer
Gerry Masey
Mary Ann Jason

Please remember all those listed here and whose names are in the prayer box in St. Christopher sanctuary, all the sick of our parishes, and those at home and in the hospitals.

*****Call the number below if you know anyone in need of prayers and you would like to remember them in the bulletin where their name will remain for one month of prayers.*****

**Please contact the Parish Office,
Mondays 9am to 12 noon, at 401-624-8746.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading:

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel:

Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Monday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Friday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH NEWS

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION WITH HOLY HOUR St. Theresa Church

6:00 pm

All are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This last evening is part of the following classes' schedule:

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Grades 3-6 Students

THANK YOU!

To St. Theresa and St. Christopher Parishes:
Thank you again for your donation to our food pantry. We sincerely appreciate your constant generosity and support.

Tiverton Food Pantry
East Bay Community Action Program



CHRISTMAS WAFERS

This weekend, Christmas Wafers will be available after each mass. Donations will be accepted as a fund raiser for

the Jamaica Youth Mission Trip 2020.

The Polish Christmas Wafer or Oplatek, meaning Sacred Bread, has been the symbol of Christianity and Jesus Christ our bread of life. The tradition is to share the bread with family and friends gathered exchanging good wishes and blessings with all.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Adult Choir: Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00pm ~ St. Theresa Church

Youth Choir: ~ St. Theresa Hall. If interested please contact Steve & Linda Beaupre: slbeaupre1@verizon.net

PARISH NEWS

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

December 24, 2018 Christmas Vigil Mass

~ 4:00PM St. Theresa ~ 6:00PM St. Christopher

December 25, 2018 Christmas Day Mass

~ 8:00AM St. Theresa ~ 9:30AM St. Christopher

December 31, 2018 Solemnity of Mary - Vigil Mass

~ 4:00PM St. Theresa

January 1, 2019 New Year's Day

~ 9:30AM St. Christopher

DECORATING

Anyone who would like to help in decorating St. Christopher Church for Christmas please come to the church on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:00 am. Please call Pauline at 401-625-5775 with any questions. Thank you.



WOMEN'S GUILD

Just a helpful reminder to members who have not decided and placed an RSVP.

Please remember to place an envelope marked Women's Guild in the collection basket with your choice and payment by Dec 24. We will meet at Barcellos on Jan 6. The choices are:

Chicken Marsala for \$23.00
Baked Stuffed Scrod for \$26.50
Prime Rib for \$31.00



FORMED PICK



Brother Francis: O Holy Night

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Recall the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation that will remind you Who we celebrate during the Christmas season!

Watch on formed.org



"Awesome for the kids big and small."

—Toby J., Toledo, OH

PARISH FINANCES

ST. THERESA ANNUAL COLLECTION

thank you

WEEK 3: \$ 5,575.00
TOTAL: \$14,147.50

St. Theresa:

December 8 - December 9

Budget Envelopes:	241	\$ 5,180.90
EFT:	13	\$ 925.00
Total:		\$ 6,105.90
Weekly Budgeted Expectations:		\$ 5,865.00
Second Collection: Retired Religious		\$ 434.00
Immaculate Conception:		\$ 662.67

St. Christopher:

December 1 - December 2

Budget Envelopes:	112	\$ 2,644.00
Loose collection:		\$ 322.00
Total:		\$ 2,966.00
Weekly Budgeted Expectations:		\$ 5,865.00
Second Collection: Maintenance		\$ 528.00

December 8 - December 9

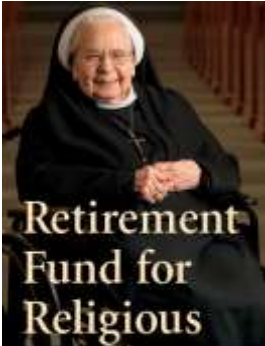
Budget Envelopes:	84	\$ 1,517.00
Loose collection:		\$ 273.75
Total:		\$ 1,790.75
Weekly Budgeted Expectations:		\$ 5,865.00
Second Collection: Retired Religious		\$ 461.00

Thank You for your continued support of your parish.

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue its Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

SECOND COLLECTION

On behalf of our Retired Religious who have served us so faithfully throughout the years, thank you. Our combined total for this collection is \$895.00.



ATTENTION LECTORS - WORKBOOKS

As we begin our liturgical year, you will see we also begin a new Lector Workbook. Please come to your respective sacristy to pick up your new workbook for the new liturgical year. Thank you!

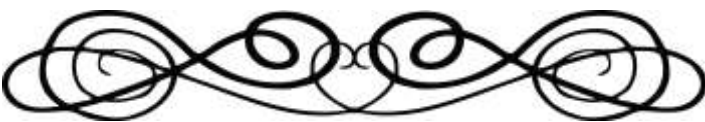
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



“Go your way; your faith saved you.” Take time to strengthen your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is January 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown RI. For more information, call Stephanie or Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the rectory at 401-624-8746 to inquire about the Sacrament of Baptism or to arrange for the sacrament. Thank you.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the upcoming holidays, any bulletin announcement for the December 30 and January 6 bulletins needs to be received by December 19. Please send to nsmith8594@aol.com. Thank you.

ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS!

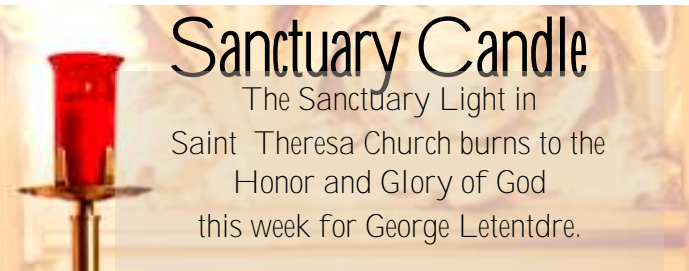
You can support our parishes by going to Smile.Amazon.com and search for **St Theresa Parish Corporation Tiverton** or **Saint Christopher Church Tiverton** as your charitable organization. AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Happy Shopping!



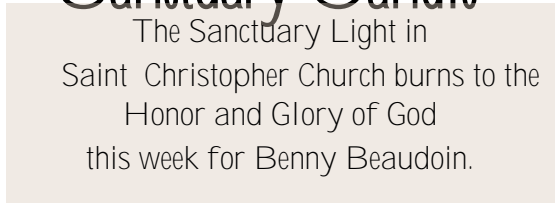
Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Theresa Church burns to the Honor and Glory of God this week for George Letendre.



Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Christopher Church burns to the Honor and Glory of God this week for Benny Beaudoin.



WELCOME TO ST. THERESA AND ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISHES

FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Conf. I & II: 6:00pm - 8:00pm ~St. Theresa Hall/Classrooms

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Grades 3-6 Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00pm - 7:00pm St. Theresa Church

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Grades 1-6: 9:00am—10:30am—St. Theresa Hall/Classrooms

Conf. I & II: 6:00pm - 8:00pm ~St. Theresa Hall/Classrooms

~ ~ ~ **STUDENT EVENTS** ~ ~ ~

For info. regarding Faith Formation please contact:

Director of Religious Education: Lynne Swass

Lynne@sstandctiverton.org

Confirmation Coordinator: Kelsey Hetu

kmanch01@gmail.com

~ ~ ~ **SACRAMENTAL DATES** ~ ~ ~

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sat., April 27, 2019 4pm

Sacrament of First Eucharist: Sun., April 28, 2019 11 am

CONFIRMATION STUDENT REMINDER

Please remember, all Confirmation I and II Students must sign the attendance sheet when they attend Mass. The sign-in book is located in the back of both churches.



LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4:00pm St. Theresa Church

Lector: Don Comeau

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris & Julie Joncas, (Doris Robidoux), Dottie Eckersley (Sub. Req), Deborah Mottas, Mary & Richard Tierney

Altar Servers: Timothy & Douglas Swass

6:00pm St. Christopher Church

Lector: Charlie Galindo

Eucharistic Ministers: Kim & Justin Katz, Annette Galindo, Barbara Hanaway

Altar Servers: Leah & Caleb Katz

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:00am St. Theresa Church

Lector: Sr. Michaelinda Plante

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul & Margaret Wesling, (Jean Cameron), Bob Busenbark, Lynda Figueiredo, Terri King, Joan Landoch

Altar Server: Adam Figueiredo, Gianna Wesling

9:30am St. Christopher Church

Lector: Herman Lapointe

Eucharistic Ministers: James Hines (Sub. Req.), William Cabral, Jerry Silva (Sub. Req.), Barry Simpson

Altar Servers: Nick D'Attelo, Angeline Costello

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Please note that substitutions may have been made that the office was not aware of.

***The name listed in () for Eucharist at St. Theresa is assigned to serve when Deacon Tim is not present.**

Saturday, December 15

4:00pm

Lector: Donald Elbert

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Bessette, Richard Tierney, (Julie Bessette), Chris & Julie Joncas, Mary Tierney, Kitsy Vane

Altar Servers: Jillian & Douglas Swass

Sunday, December 16

8:00am

Lector: Thomas Drapeau

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Busenbark, Alice Wilkie, (Analia Caldera), Charlene Andrade, Antonio Caldera, Anthony Conception, Jackie Ott

Altar Server:

9:30am

Lector: Chloe Katz

Eucharistic Ministers: Charlie Galindo, Barbara Hanaway, Justin & Kim Katz

Altar Servers: Caleb & Leah Katz

11:00am

Lector: Robin Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cooper, Mitchell Swass, (Teresa Rodrigues), Craig Rachupka, Frank Rodrigues, Gregory & Lisa Smaldone,

Altar Servers: Elija Lucas, Micah Thomas

Saturday, December 22

4:00pm

Lector: Leonard Schmidt

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Wesling, Joseph Wieszbicki, (Nancy Roderick), Mark Bessett, Donald Desilets, Jesse Marin, Edward Roderick

Altar Servers: Jillian & Nathan Swass

Sunday, December 23

8:00am

Lector: Raymond Brodeur

Eucharistic Ministers: Stan Szelag, Andre Lavoie, (Maria Szelag), Analia & Antonio Caldera, Jeff & Dawn Quimby

Altar Server:

9:30am

Lector: Brandon Moss

Eucharistic Ministers: James Hines, William Cabral, Jerry Silva

Altar Servers: Nicholas D'Attelo

11:00am

Lector: Don Elbert

Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Smaldone, Anne-Marie Klegraeffe, (Gregory Smaldone), Edward Mello, Nancy & Robert Souza, Denise Tavares

Altar Servers: Jayden Goetz, Shelby Rapoza

