

# The Catholic Faith Communities of Saint Theresa & Saint Christopher

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## **Office Hours:**

Monday through Thursday  
8:30am to 3:30pm

## **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

~ **March 21, 2021** ~

## **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

## **Holy Day Masses & Holy Hour**

As Announced

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday afternoons 3:30pm at Saint Theresa  
or by Appointment. Please call the Parish Office

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

By Appointment ~ Please call the Parish Office

## **First Friday**

Due to the current health circumstances,  
there will be no First Friday visits or Mass at Brookdale  
until further notice.



Welcome to our Parishes! St. Theresa & St. Christopher Parishes welcome you to join our parish and become an active member. Please call or visit the Parish Office located at 265 Stafford Rd. (401) 624-8746 or visit our website [ww.sstandctiverton.org](http://ww.sstandctiverton.org) where you can print the parish registration form to register you and your family as members of our Parish. Drop off your completed form at the Parish Office, collection basket at church or by mail. If you would like more information, or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, March 20th  
 4:00pm + **For the Parishes**

Sunday, March 21st  
 8:00am + **James D. Mello ~ 10th Anniversary**  
 (by Cindy & Tom Wesling)  
 9:30am + **Nancy Hakeem**  
 (by Lou Hakeem)  
 11:00am + **David Felix**  
 (by His Wife)

Monday, March 22nd  
 7:00pm + **Theresa M. Cook**  
 (by her Husband)

Tuesday, March 23rd  
 7:00pm + **Everett Lane**  
 (by daughter Maureen True)

Wednesday, March 24th  
 7:00pm + **Edward Holewiak ~ 10th Anniversary**  
 (by his Wife)

Thursday, March 25th  
 8:00am + **Inez & Jose Santos**  
 (by Family)

Saturday, March 27th  
 4:00pm + **For the Parishes**

Sunday, March 28th  
 8:00am + **For the Parishes**  
 9:30am + **John D'Arpino**  
 (by Family)  
 11:00am + **Tony Moniz**  
 (by St. Theresa & St. Christopher Choir)



Daily Readings

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday** Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33  
**Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;  
 Jn 8:1-11  
**Tuesday** Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
**Friday** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9**

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:00pm St. Theresa  
 Lector: Brandon Moss

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:00am St. Theresa  
 Lector: Madge Thombs  
 9:30am St. Christopher  
 Lector: Lou Hakeem  
 11:00am St. Theresa  
 Lector: Doreen Gendreau

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:00pm St. Theresa  
 Lector: Peg Fournier

Sunday, March 28, 2021

8:00am St. Theresa  
 Lector: Madge Thombs  
 9:30am St. Christopher  
 Lector: Jim Hines  
 11:00am St. Theresa  
 Lector: Don Comeau



Rev. Clifford Cabral	Steven Laquerre	Kevin Destremps
Alice Wilkie	Doug Vrona	Sr. Gamache
Lisa Jacome	Claudio Vincente	Ken McG.
Lynn Champlain	Samantha Leroux	Bob & April
Jeannine Enos	Dot M.	Lori
Joan	Jean C.	Bob

*Please remember in your prayers, 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 in the hospitals, and nursing facilities.*

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

Call: Parish Office, Mondays 9am- noon (401-624-8746)



**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Join Deacon Tim every Tuesday at St. Theresa Church at 7:00am for a bible study meeting in the Parish Hall. This is a great time to ask questions and discuss a variety of topics from the Holy Bible. All are welcome! Remember to wear your mask and follow social distancing rules. If you have been feeling ill, please join us when you are better to keep the whole community healthy and safe. For more information please call the parish office at 401-624-8746.



WORSHIP AIDS

~ The Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 21, 2021 ~

Reading I

Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord, I pray.

Reading II

Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? "Father, save me from this hour?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Opening Hymn: Life High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Communion Hymn: Eye Has Not Seen

Refrain: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him; Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord, forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Recessional Hymn: In These Days of Lenten Journey

Refrain: In these days of Lenten journey, We have seen and we have heard The call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve. We reach out to those who are homeless, To those who live without warmth. In the coolness of evening, We'll shelter their dreams,



THANK YOU FR. JORDAN

Thank you to Father Jordan who lead us in prayer for our Lenten Mission Masses this past week. You helped us to see a joyful sacrifice in our lives today. Thank you for sharing your stories and for encourage us to not be discouraged and depressed. For those that were able to attend your Masses were given the opportunity to see your vision and find an appreciation for life and sense of joy through these uncertain times. May you continue to share your mission of God's grace, love and forgiveness.



ST. CHRISTOPHER MEMORIAL CANDLE

March 1st, 2021 Thru the last weekend of February 2022, perpetual candles are available to honor the memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Candles are \$85.00

Located near the Blessed Mother, candles will be displayed with a memorial / special intention label until year's end. Forms can be found at the back of the church & on our website on the bulletins page.



ANNUAL APPEAL SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our annual appeal program 2020-2021. Our campaigns were a huge success! Each church surpassed their goals!! Our final totals as of March 8th, 2021: St. Theresa ~ \$31,312.50. St. Christopher ~ \$25,314.50. Your donations go directly to the financial health of your parish.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Faith Formation Class Schedule

**Sunday, March 21, 2021** *Last Class. Sponsor forms due*  
**Confirmation I&II:** 12:00 - 2:00pm ~St. Theresa Church & Hall

**Sunday, March 28, 2021**  
**Grades 1-2:** 12:00 - 1:00pm ~St. Theresa Church & Hall

#### Additional Student Activities

**Thursday, March 25, 2021**  
**Reconciliation: Con. I&II:** 6:00pm ~St. Theresa Church

**Saturday, March 27, 2021**  
**Con. I&II Retreat:** 1-5pm Patron Saint projects & Mass at 4pm

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal:** 6:30-7pm ~St. Theresa Church

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**  
**Confirmation Rehearsal:** 6:30-7pm ~St. Theresa Church

#### ~~~~SACRAMENTAL DATES ~~~~

Sacrament of Confirmation:  
Friday, April 9, 2021 6pm

Sacrament of First Eucharist:  
Sunday, April 11, 2021 11am

Both celebrations will take place at St. Theresa Church.



### Lenten Food Collection

March 8<sup>th</sup> thru April 21<sup>st</sup>

To Benefit: **THE OLD STONE CHURCH  
FOOD PANTRY**

**Items Needed:** Cereals, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Soups, Baked Beans, Brownie & Cake Mixes, Frostings & Jellies, Paper Goods, Laundry, Cleaning & Hygiene Products

Collection baskets are located at the doors of St. Christopher & St. Theresa Churches.



**Food  
Collection**

*Thank you & Happy Easter  
Women's Guild*



### St. Christopher Parish Presents:

#### **Chowder & Clam Cakes TO GO**

Stop by St. Christopher Hall on Fridays during Lent for a delicious treat of clam cakes & chowder TO GO! Why do the cooking when we can do it for you.



**March 26th 3:00pm - 6:00pm**  
*(While Supplies Last)*

Don't forget Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:00pm.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON**

- Holy Hour with Reconciliation every Thursday 6-7pm at St. Theresa Church
- Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Thursdays 6:30-8pm at St. Theresa Hall (*presenter Fr. Flavio Gillio*)
- Stations of the Cross every Friday 7pm at St. Christopher Church
- Clam cakes & Chowder TO GO ~ 3pm-6pm St. Christopher Hall - Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>
- Palm Sunday: Sat./Sun. March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
(Sat.) 4:00 pm Mass at St. Theresa Church  
(Sun.) 8:00 am Mass at St. Theresa Church  
(Sun.) 9:30 am Mass at St. Christopher Church  
(Sun.) 11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa Church
- Holy Thursday: April 1<sup>st</sup> Mass at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa Church
- Good Friday: April 2<sup>nd</sup> Service at 7:00 pm at St. Christopher Church
- Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass at 7:30 pm at St. Theresa Church
- Easter Morning: Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
8:00 am Mass at St. Theresa Church  
9:30 am Mass at St. Christopher Church  
11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa Church



#### Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Don't forget...every Thursday during the season of Lent from 6:30pm-8:00pm, you are invited to take part in: A Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Pathways of Discipleship in the Footprints of the Four Gospels in St. Theresa Hall. No registration needed. All are welcome to enjoy.

### **PRAY FOR PRIESTS**

Each week we will post a small list of some of the priests in our Diocese. Each week the list will consist of a different group of names. Together, let us pray for our priests. The lists will include both active and retired priests.

Rev. Przemyslaw Lepak  
Rev. Alfred C. Lonardo  
Rev. Christopher M. Mahar

Rev. Eugene R. Lessard  
Rev. Raymond P. Luft  
Rev. Charles E. Maher

#### Prayer for Priests - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

*O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Most Sacred Heart, where none can touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily tinged with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your Holy Love surround and protect them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here, and their everlasting crown in the hereafter. Amen.*

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Collection Report for March 13-14**

**St. Theresa:**

**March 13 - March 14**

Budget Envelopes:	137	\$ 4,256.00
EFT:	16	\$ 1,330.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 5,586.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budgeted Expectations:</b>		<b>\$ 5,865.00</b>
<b>Second Collection: Maintenance</b>		<b>\$ 1,032.00</b>

**St. Christopher:**

**March 13 - March 14**

Budget Envelopes:	64	\$ 2,156.27
Loose collection:		\$ 141.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 2,297.27</b>
<b>Weekly Budgeted Expectations:</b>		<b>\$ 3,044.00</b>
<b>Second Collection: Rectory Debt</b>		<b>\$ 197.00</b>

**Thank You for your continued support of your parish.**

A Special thank you to all parishioners who have continued to make their donations during this difficult time. May God bless you all.

**WORSHIP AID**

**Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen



**We are so happy to be back in our churches! To keep everyone healthy & safe, please observe all safety signage and markings. It is up to each of us to protect each other. Below is a list of health & safety guidelines:**



- Face-coverings/masks are to be worn in and around the church (except for those under 2 years old).
- Remember to sit 6-feet-apart. Those living in the same household may sit together without distancing. (Be mindful of markings and closed sections/areas)
- Use your bulletin for readings and hymns for Mass. These bulletins are for one-time use ONLY. They may not be reused. Bring it home with you or discard.
- Holy Communion, single file, keeping 6-feet apart, MAIN AISLE ONLY. Return by the side aisles.
- Holy Communion: NO GLOVES. Receive in hand only Remember to use your hand sanitizer. Wear your mask. Remove it just before receiving, then replace.
- Collection baskets will not be passed in the pews. A collection basket is provided at the back of the church.
- Recessional & Dismissal: To avoid large numbers leaving at the same time, we will dismiss parishioners one section at a time. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!
- To help stop the spread of the virus, use hand sanitizer or wash your hands regularly. Avoid touching your face and avoid touching surfaces unnecessarily. Before & after every Mass, all commonly used surfaces in the church & hall will be sanitized.
- Anyone who is ill, has a high temperature, cough, etc., please, stay home and take good care of yourself to keep the whole community healthy.

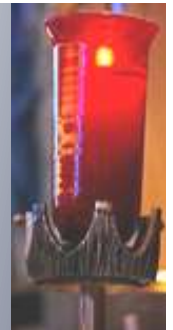
**Sanctuary Candle**

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Christopher Church burns to the Honor and Glory of God this week for the intentions of Marleen Beaulieu



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The Sanctuary Light in Saint Theresa Church burns to the Honor and Glory of God this week for the intentions of Charlotte Sousa



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