

DECEMBER 7, 2025

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 6th

5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, December 7th

8:00 a.m. Betty and Ronald Shalaski
by Joanne and Ed Kizer

10:30 a.m. Joan Gillott by Debbie Kelly

Monday, December 8th

12:00 p.m. Andrew Robert Wlock by The DiSpirito Family

6:00 p.m. Bernie Gillott by Debbie Kelly

Tuesday, December 9th

12:00 p.m. Bob Russman by Debbie Kelly

Wednesday, December 10th

8:00 a.m. For the People

Thursday, December 11th – No Mass

Friday, December 12th

12:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, December 13th

5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, December 14th

8:00 a.m. Connie Francis by Joanne and Ed Kizer

10:30 a.m. Daniela LaFata by Rosalia Leone

Sacrament Chapel vase flowers are a perpetual living memorial for Anna Lupei.

Tabernacle Candle shines in loving memory of Helen Verbyla.

ADVENT TNT

Our **Advent TNT** (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on *Friday, December 19*, beginning **promptly** at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come to our **St. Therese Movie Theater** (the "Meeting Room"). After the movie (the "Theater" part), we discuss the relevance of the film to our life in Christ (the "Theology" part). We will have an intermission midway through the film, and if anyone wants to bring refreshments to share, we will have refreshments at intermission! Our Advent feature will be the 2004 film Crash. For two days in Los Angeles, a racially and economically diverse group of people pursue lives that collide with one another in unexpected ways. The film explores and challenges your ability to judge books by their covers. Stars William Fichtner, Terrence Howard, Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Tony Danza, Larenz Tate, Ludacris, Matt Dillon, Michael Peña, Brendan Fraser, and Ryan Phillippe. *Rated R*. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. ALL are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

ADVENT STATIONS

Yes, it's true. **Advent** began November 30. This is our season to enter into **quietness, stillness, and composure** in preparation to celebrate Christmas. Our Christmas season begins on December 24 and ends on January 11, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Unlike the secular world around us, we Christians do not celebrate Christmas during Advent, but during the Christmas season proper. To help us to enter into this prayerful space of Advent, we will take some time to pray 7 ADVENT STATIONS on **Friday evening, December 12**, at 7:00 p.m. Come join us!

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study Group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:40 a.m. in the Meeting Room. New members are welcomed anytime. If interested and would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net or call Kim Green at 804-824-1073 or email at kwg853@yahoo.com.

ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT

We need your help to set up for the holiday. All are welcome as we prepare our church for the birth of Jesus. Saturday, December 20th we will meet at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, December 21st, we will meet after 10:30 a.m. Mass. Commit to one day or both. Contact Deb Schumake at 843-290-5710 or DEB.FLLADY73@GMAIL.COM to sign up or for more details.

JUSTICE AND CHARITY – CHRISTMAS FOR INMATES

Located in the Commons is a box labeled "Candy for Inmates"; please place unopened bags of individually wrapped candy. In a separate box labeled "Christmas Cards," please place cards/envelopes for the residents to mail to friends and family. **LAST DAY FOR PICKUP is Sunday, December 14th.** Thank you for helping to bring the Christmas spirit to those incarcerated.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament comes easily. Never feel worried if you find you have no thoughts at all while you are before the Blessed Sacrament. Never feel inadequate about being an adorer even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, if you are numb, down and out, weakened by life. The all-important factor is that you are before the Lord. Before Him who knows you inside-out. He reads your innermost thoughts and He still loves you immensely. **Imagine that!** St. John Vianney once compared Adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host. **Join us for Adoration and Benediction on December 10 at 6:00 p.m. Jesus is Our Hope in the Blessed Sacrament.**

THE THERESIAN SOCIETY

Thinking about Holiday Treats? Come to the BIG Winter Bake Sale, December 13th and 14th, and select ALL your favorites. Cookies will be \$6.00 per pound. Larger and multi-serving treats will be packaged and priced separately so as not to overbalance the scales or smash your cookies. If you'd like to help bake, pick up a few trays in the Commons. Fill them, come a bit early and drop them off before Mass on December 13th or 14th. They will be sold gratefully and purchased by your neighbors in the parish. Not a baker? Buy homemade treats and impress your family and friends with many good flavors.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR INVITE

We are thrilled to invite you to join our choir for the upcoming Christmas Masses on December 24th at 5:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m., and/or on December 25th at 10:00 a.m. This is a fantastic chance to express your voice and spirit in honoring the birth of Christ through sacred music. Everyone is welcome to participate as we lift our voices in celebration and share the joy of the season with our community. Rehearsal for these Masses will be on December 21st at 12:30-2:00 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS DECEMBER

December 7	12:30 p.m.	Christmas Pageant Practice
December 10	6:00 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
December 13	11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Youth Gift Wrapping/ Fun Day
December 14	12:30 p.m.	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant
December 17	7:00 p.m.	Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
December 19	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Movie Night
December 21		No Class
December 22	5:00 p.m.	Dinner for Players/ Parents for Christmas Pageant
	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant
December 24	5:00 & 9:00 p.m.	Nativity of the Lord Vigil
December 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass
December 28		No Class

BINGO

Bingo is played on Tuesday Nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Bingo could use some help working in the kitchen and selling pull tabs. Many of our staff are out with surgeries. Any additional help you can provide would be so appreciated.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING – NOTICE**

If you received an offer in the mail to reserve a screening time, be advised there are no dates scheduled here at St. Therese for any screenings, including December 11th.

12 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS YOUTH EVENT

All youth of the parish, Kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to participate in a Fun Day/Gift Wrap opportunity on December 13th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. here at St. Therese. Kindergarten-5th graders will join in games, crafts, snacks and more while the Middle School and High School youth will offer gift wrapping services. Donations for gift wrapping proceeds will help fund the youth's participation in the Diocesan Youth Conference. Please sign up on the form provided on the cart in the Parish Commons. Contact Nadine McGrady or Linda Gregory for questions or more information.

GET ON BOARD THE ST. THERESE MEAL TRAIN!

Whether it's a new baby, an illness/surgery, or a death in the family, meal trains can help ease the burden and show love and support to those in need. Contact Beverly Sabourin-Moore, 757-817-3698, if you are in need of a meal train or to learn more on how to be involved.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council gathers on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. Rosary is at 7:00 p.m. and a meeting is to follow. BYOK!!! The next K of C breakfast will be December 14th.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have relocated the black lockbox in the Commons to outside of the glass windows at the Parish Offices. You may use this box to drop off offertory envelopes and any other information or correspondence for us in a secure manner. Thank you and we hope this helps when the offices are closed!

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

Thursday evening Bible Study at Jim Lee's home will resume January 8th.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE

Prayer shawls are available to gift for the holidays, holy days, birthdays and more and are free!

Slippers, hats and scarves are now available! Each is crafted with the prayer that the recipient knows they are loved not only by the giver but by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for special orders or for more information.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Christmas flower intentions began **November 30** and end **December 21**.



Find out if your contact information is on file and/or updated. We may need to reach you or visit you. Contact Denise in the office at 804-693-5939.

Welcome new parishioners! We would like to hear from you! Please register with us, especially if you or a family member anticipate receiving any sacraments in the future. Forms are located in the Commons next to the office entrance or fillable electronic forms may be emailed upon request. Thanks!

ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 7	Second Sunday of Advent
December 8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 12:00 p.m. Noon and 6:00 p.m.
December 12	7 Advent Stations, 7:00 p.m.
December 13	Youth Gift Wrapping/Fun Day 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
December 14	Third Sunday of Advent
December 16	Advent Reconciliation Service at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 7:00 p.m.
December 17	Advent Reconciliation Service, 7:00 p.m.
December 19	Advent TNT, 7:00 p.m.
December 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22	Christmas Music Program, 7:00 p.m.
December 22	Advent Reconciliation Service at Church of Francis De Sales, 6:30 p.m.
December 23	Advent Reconciliation Service at Church of the Visitation, 6:30 p.m.
December 24	The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Masses, 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
December 25	The Nativity of the Lord Mass, 10:00 a.m.
December 28	Adult Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
January 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass, 10:00 a.m.

The Parish offices will be closed December 22-26, 2025 and January 1, 2026

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE**For the weekend of November 23, 2025**

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2025/2026:	\$ 757,901.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget:	\$ 14,575.02
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$ 6,274.00
E-giving:	\$ 4,362.00
Other Contributions:	\$ 497.50
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 11,133.50
Total Weekend Mass Count:	396

2nd Collection schedule:

December 6/7 – MMR

December 13/14 – Retired Religious

December 24/25 – Catholic Charities

Make Holiday Donations Easy by Giving with Your Smartphone!

You can support the church from anywhere at any time, even if you forget to bring cash or your checkbook. Simply use the Vanco Mobile app to give with your smartphone. Download the FREE app on your smartphone. Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" or contact the church office. Visit www.stthersglo.org.



Check out this link: **Catholics Come Home | You're Not Alone** www.catholicscomehome.org

LANCASTER, PA TRIP

April 13 to 15, 2026 Trip to Sight and Sound Theater

- 2 nights at TRU by Hilton - breakfast included
- Dinner at Home Town Kitchen with Amish Cooks
- Ticket for 11:00 am to see JOSHUA at Sight and Sound - standard seats in section 102
- Shopping at the Artisan Village - Handcrafted Local Goods
- Dinner at Bird in Hand Family Restaurant & Smorgasbord
- Private Tour at Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum
- Roundtrip on Newton's Bus and transportation during trip

Contact Teresa Hinton (804) 824-5735 or email teres2hinton@gmail.com

Deposit \$25 per person by December 31, 2025

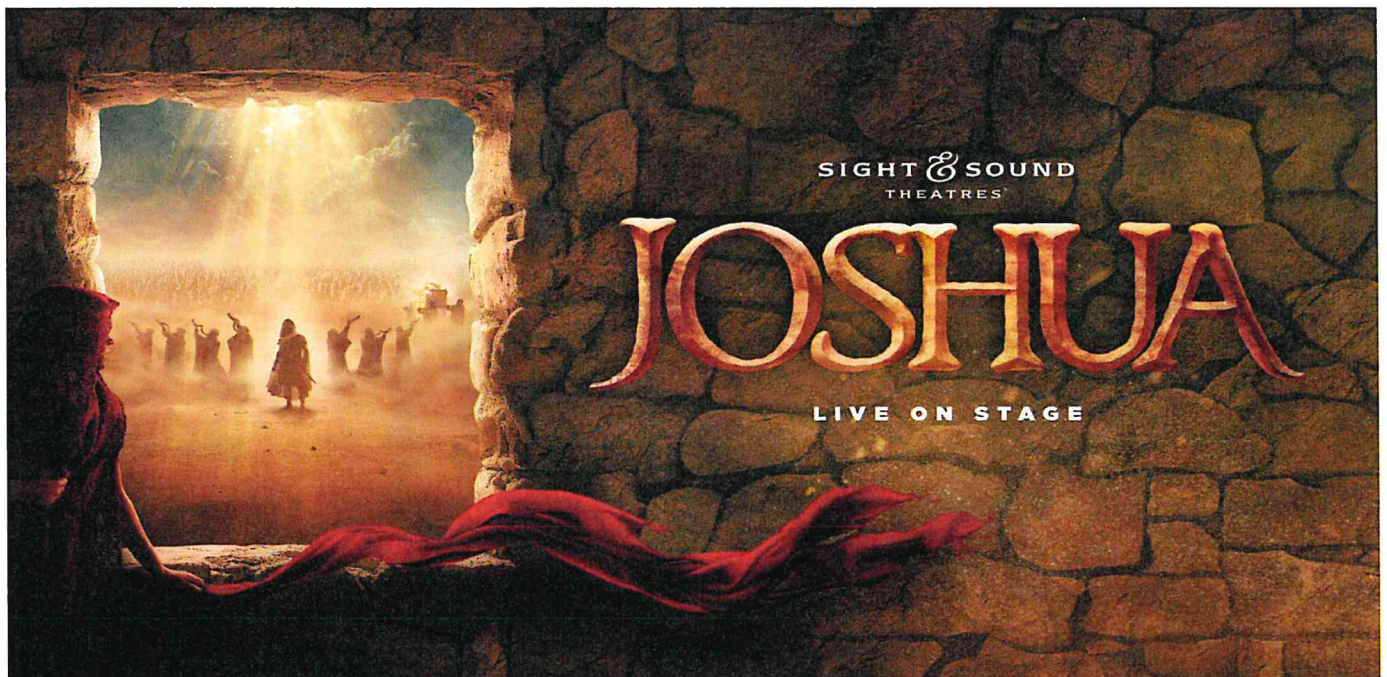
1st payment due on February 15, 2026


2nd payment and final due on March 15, 2026

- Double Occupancy in hotel Price for 2 people \$860
- Single Occupancy in hotel price for 1 person \$550


This price includes everything bulleted with taxes and gratuities.

The price is based on 40 people. 48 people maximum for this trip





Gloucester Advent *Giving before Getting* Campaign



Gloucester Youth in Unity, a group of middle and high schoolers from varying local churches, invites you to join in giving to the GHS Care Closet and Bread for Life this Advent Season. We suggest a \$24 donation to Bread for Life or donating items below for the Care Closet to better serve our neighbors in need.

Mac & Cheese Boxes
Pudding Cups
Ramen Noodles
Canned Ravioli
Canned Soup
Canned Fruit
Canned Spaghetti

Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken
Canned Veggies
Canned Chili
Microwave Rice Meals
M-2XL Sweatpants
M-2XL Sweatshirts

