



## ST. THERESE NURSERY SCHOOL

# DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



# Advent

Dear Families,

Advent is upon us! This weekend we marked the first week of Advent. Last week as everyone left for Thanksgiving break I presented each family with a family Advent Calendar. In lieu of a Christmas gift this year, we felt that an Advent gift would have greater meaning. Each night we encourage our families to read the devotion as their child places the sticker of the foot or hand on the corresponding number. This culminates with the true reason of the season, our Savior's birth and a sticker of Baby Jesus to be placed on Christmas Day.

As a school family we will be lighting as a school community at the 11:00 mass on December 15th here at St. Therese Church. We invite all of our families and extended families to join us on this day in church. At the beginning of mass you will be called to enter the sanctuary and help light the wreath. I am always so moved by the

wonder and awe of the children as they enter the sanctuary and become a part of our liturgical celebration! Mass is followed by a small reception at our school!

What does Advent mean for your family? Advent is the preparation of the arrival of our Savior's birth. At school we are preparing by sharing stories of our Savior's birth, songs, and in culmination, our pageant. Sharing your faith and preparation for this glorious day with your

children through a tradition, new or old will solidify their bond with the reason of the season.



Within my own family we have two steadfast traditions that bring the reason of the season to our hearts and minds. On Christmas Eve day my children bake a birthday cake for Jesus that we share with our family that evening singing Happy Birthday to our Savior. On Christmas morning before any presents are opened, my children reach for the baby Jesus in our hutch and place him in the creche. Each day after they move the three wise men closer and closer! Simple but poignant, start a family tradition that is unique to your family this Christmas!

Our parish family of St. Elizabeth the Trinity will hold masses at all three churches. Please see the schedule on page two! What better way than to begin the celebration of our Savior's birth than in Mass.!

May God Bless you and your Family this Christmas & New Year!  
Miss Michele & The Staff  
Of St. Therese Nursery School

## Christmas Pageants

In celebration of our Savior's birth, we hold a simple reenactment with the children in the sanctuary in church on the last day before Christmas break. The pageant is followed by a birthday party for Jesus in the church hall. The dates for the pageant are:

**Thursday, December 19th 10:30 a.m. for our Three Year Old's**

Please note that half day, lunch bunch, and all day students attend in the a.m. on these days. Children who remain all day may return to their class after the pageant. Everyone else

**will be dismissed from the pageant. Five day students participate on both days.**

**Friday, December 19th 1:00 p.m. for our Four Year Old's**

Miss Christine's a.m. Class and any other noon dismissal students will bring lunch and remain until the pageant. Please remember we are a peanut/tree nut free school. All students will be dismissed from the hall after the pageant and birthday party. Five day students participate on both days.

**Guests:** A formal invitation and letter regarding your child's part will be sent home shortly. We pull names from a

hat for our parts! You may invite as many people as you like to the pageant!

**Costumes:** Costumes are provided and you will receive a letter asking you to dress your child in a specific color on that day.

**Reception:** Following the pageant, we will hold a birthday party for Jesus in the church hall with birthday cake, cookies, and juice! Sign ups will be online through the sign up Genius. We ask parents to bring their food to the hall the morning of the pageant. Parent volunteers will also receive a reminder notice!

## SCHOOL PICTURE CHRISTMAS TREE!



A fun Christmas tradition at our school is that each of our families including our staff share in the season by posting their Christmas card on a Christmas tree in the foyer. This is a

fun way to share our families with others. When your cards are ready to be sent, please bring one in and attach to the tree. Small pieces of tape will be ready for your posting!

The tree will be at floor height so that the children explore and find all of their friends and families on the tree!

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE!



Please join us for Christmas Mass at our Parish Family of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity! We welcome you to celebrate our Savior's birth with our parish family at the dates and times listed. The Christmas Liturgy envelops the reason of the season! God bless our families on this Christmas!

### Christmas Eve:

St. Therese-4:00PM  
St. Frances Cabrini-4:00PM  
St. Barnabas-4:00PM & 10:00PM

### Christmas Day:

St. Frances Cabrini-8:00AM  
St. Barnabas- 9:30AM  
St. Therese- 11:00AM  
**Solemnity of Mary:**  
Tuesday, December 31  
St. Therese -4:00PM

### Wednesday, January 1

St. Barnabas- 8:00AM St.

## TREES OF HOPE FOR RONALD McDONALD!



### A HOLIDAY

**MUST FOR FAMILIES!** Thank you to all of our families for their generous donations to our Tree of Hope for the Ronald McDonald House! The amount of school supplies on our tree of Learning is a Journey, Not a Destination, is overwhelming! Please take some time to visit our tree and the plentitude of other trees at the **Maritime Center in New Haven on Long**

**Wharf.** This is the building located next to Lenny and Joe's Restaurant. Admission and parking are free! The trees are displayed in the foyer of the building. Every tree has a different theme and visitors may purchase raffle tickets for a nominal amount to win a tree! **The Trees of Hope will be open every day from Saturday, December 7th through Sunday, December 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the reason of the season!

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DUE BY:  
DECEMBER 31,  
2019!**

**PLEASE MAIL  
THIS  
DOCUMENT IF  
YOUR  
APPOINTMENT  
IS DURING  
CHRISTMAS  
BREAK!**

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## MITTENS FOR SNOWMEN IN JANUARY



Our January Service project will be a snowman clothesline! We are asking our families to donate hats and mittens that will be sent to a woman's shelter. We typically hold this collection in December with our mitten tree. However, due to the Trees of Hope, we decided to postpone another collection to January. Please look for the snowman clothesline on the foyer wall

when you return from break. Clothespins will be provided! We look forward to watching the children fill this line of hats and mittens! Thank you again for your generosity!

## REGISTRATION & OPEN HOUSES 2019/2020

The time is already approaching to plan for the next school year! Our current students who will be returning in the fall will receive a registration packet in January. There is no registration fee for returning students and our current students receive priority over new students for en-

rollment. Siblings of students also receive priority in registration and register at the same time as our current students.

Our best advertisement is our families! Please share your experiences with other families that have pre-school age children. The dates of our open houses for new students is as follows:

### Open House Dates

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.



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NOT A DESTINATION!

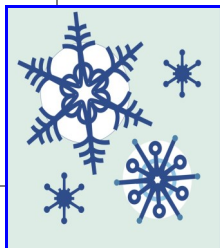
### Our History

St. Therese Nursery School was established on October 30, 2000. We began with two classrooms, thirty students, and 4 staff members. We now have almost 100 students, 3 classrooms, a pre-k program, and a staff of 10!

### Our Mission

The mission of St. Therese Nursery School is to nurture the student and the family within a community of learners. Our mission will be:

- \*to provide a safe learning environment where our children can learn through developmentally appropriate experiences.
- \*these experiences and play reflect continuous spiritual, emotional, social, cognitive, and physical growth and development.
- \*our families are recognized as central to the well being of the child.
- \*our staff is valued for their dedication and commitment to the children and families of St. Therese Nursery School community.
- \*we believe learning is a journey, not a destination.



## SNOW POLICY!

Please look for school cancellations due to inclement weather on **Channel 8** at the bottom of the screen where **St. Therese Nursery School, North Haven** will appear with either no school, a.m. session cancelled, or p.m. session only. Students who attend the all day pre-k in either threes or fours, arrive at school at 11:30 a.m. on the days of a delay with their lunch. On the day of a delay, p.m. classes begin at their scheduled time. There will be no lunch bunch or early drop off on days with delayed opening.

In the event of an early dismissal, all students including pre-k will be picked up at 11:30 a.m. and there will be no p.m. session! You will be notified by the school if your child is in

school and there is an early dismissal.

**Look on Channel 8!**

**St. Therese Nursery School, North Haven!**

**Remind Text:** New this year! If you are not receiving a text or would like to add someone to our text alert system, please email me with the cell number you would like to add. This is great for grandparents and care providers as well as long as a parent gives permission for their number to be added.

## CHRISTMAS VACATION

**Christmas break at the nursery school will be from Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 1st. We will resume classes on Thursday, January 2nd.**

**We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year!**

**See you in 2020!**

