



Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS.

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend J. Jerome Wild, Pastor

Deacon Francis C. Lally, Permanent Deacon

Reverend Richard M. Jacobs, Sunday Assistant

LITURGY

Saturday Vigil: 4:15PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00AM
Holy Days: as published in the bulletin
Daily Mass: 10:00AM Mondays
 7:00AM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Communion Service: 8:00AM Saturdays
Confession: 3:15PM Saturdays, or by appointment
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 7:30AM to 8PM
Rosary: 6:30PM Mondays

PARISH STAFF

Ursula Lawrence, Parish Secretary/Receptionist
Mare Barbuto, Coordinator of Music Ministry
Sarah Stong, Adult & Children's Choir Director

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A warm greeting is extended to all who have come to worship with our community of faith. We are grateful for our faithful parishioners who are here every week. We also welcome all our visitors and invite you to consider joining our parish. If you are not Catholic, we encourage you to contact our Parish Office for information about becoming a member of the Church.

PARISH REGISTRATION is held in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. You may also register at the Parish Office on weekdays during business hours.

BAPTISM is usually celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00PM. Please call Mrs. Gauntner at 610-666-0167 for upcoming baptism dates. Parents must attend our Pre-Jordan Class prior to their child's baptism. Our next Pre-Jordan class will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday January 17, 2018 in our Parish Center.

MATRIMONY: Couples must make arrangements for matrimony in person with the Pastor at least six months prior to date of their anticipated wedding ceremony. One of the parties must have family registered in the parish at the time the couple comes to make arrangements. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with Father Wild.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Parishioners who are seriously ill, weakened by advanced age, or entering the hospital for surgery are encouraged to request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Homebound sick & elderly may receive Holy Communion in their homes on a regular basis. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a home visit or to request an anointing.

MOVING? Please let us know by calling or emailing the Parish Office so we can update our records.



My Dear Parishioners,

Three biblical figures express in different ways the spirit of the season of Advent: the prophet Isaiah, whose words create hope and expectation; Mary, the Mother of Jesus, whose obedience opened the door to the Incarnation; and John the Baptist, whose ministry was to prepare the way of the Lord. Each of them points to Jesus, as does Mark in the opening verse of his Gospel. His account is the beginning of the Good News of Jesus, who is the Christ and the Son of God.

In today's first reading, words of hope and comfort are given to the people in exile. Isaiah announces that God's glory will be revealed and that we are to have no fear as we anticipate the tremendous burst of glory that the Lord's coming will ignite. The final image of God is revealed as a shepherd who feeds his flock and leads with care. Saint Peter, in today's second reading, writes to assure us that what we consider "delay" is not so with God. He reminds us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion as we ready ourselves to welcome the Lord at the end of time.

The central figure for this second Sunday of Advent is John the Baptist, who points not to himself but the One who is to come, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John calls us to get rid of any obstacle that might deter the coming of the Messiah. This week, we seek God's grace and help to eliminate from our lives the greed that impoverishes others, the arrogance that tries to set ourselves above the rest; the selfishness that turns us in on our concerns alone.

As God's word of preparation is proclaimed today, let us ready ourselves to receive the Lord in each and every moment of our lives. Let us learn to expect miracles among God's holy people.

Blessings,

Father Jerry Wild

Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

Sat. December 9 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass Julia Polito
Sun. December 10 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Second Sunday of Advent Baitinger & Mobilio Families Dick Auris
Mon. December 11 10:00 AM	Advent Weekday FUNERAL - Rose Marie Drummy
Tues. December 12 7:00 AM	Our Lady of Guadalupe Victor Lozinak
Wed. December 13 7:00 AM	Advent Weekday Anthony & Anna Di Rado
Fri. December 15 7:00 AM	Advent Weekday Harry Catanzaro
Sat. December 16 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass Angeline Dannaker
Sun. December 17 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Third Sunday of Advent Gertrude M. Burro Patricia Ann King



Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all of our recently deceased parishioners, especially:
Robert Whalon and Rose Marie Drummy.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the all-faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for the healing of:

Nino Gulotta, Viola Clark, Joan Moore, Gerry Sauermelech, Jane Mietskowski, Jeanette Mallon, Loretta DeMito, Bob O'Donnell, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Sarah Neve, Eileen Swiech, Pat Leberman, Shannon Austin, Frank Coll, Barrie Gehrlein, Max Maertzig, Don Pell, Eli & Ella Vivian, Clara DaSilva, Helen Garcia, Eduardo Rojo, Michael Semach, Jean Brosso, Jeanette Collins, Tamara Proietto, Ron Roberts, John Bubser, Jack MacDonald, Marilyn Keis, Gloria DiSanto, Kaytie O'Hara, Jean Butera, Brooke Weidenfeld, Julie Noble, Lahra Birmingham, Ralph Pettine, Lauren Mendez, Anthony Jacquin Mendez, Mary Snyder, Barbara DeSantis, Diana Rava, Baby Alayna Lihn, Christine Tasker, Jonathan Auris, John Witlin, Baby Brock Immel, Barbara Tassoni, Melissa Williamson, Robert C. McBall, Sr., Donna Hicks, Kristine Schafer, Thomas Dietzler, Chip Capinski, Janice Gilpin, Kathy Hall, Catherine Fisher, Sr. Dorothy Sullivan, RSM, Domenic DiPaolo, Alyssa Lackner, Gilbert Martinelli, Gloria Kepta, Dottie Keim, Tina Moyer, Margaret Cesare, Lawrence Reynolds, Jim Uckele, Jennifer Owens, Jack Walsh, Peggy Walsh, Al Caza, Terry Strainick, Debbie Scott, Bill O'Neill, Butch Cunningham, Don Barbuto, Barbara Breitbarth, Steven Kehoe, Rosemary Schlichtig, Diane Benton, Tony Polvino, Cecelia Heitzenrater, Baby Samantha Patterson, Elise Pancio, Mollie Bowe-McCarthy

Please pray for all those who serve our country: Vincent Bergandino, MGySgt Darin Chinavare; Cmdr. David L. Cute, Jr. USN; John Doran; Lance Hecker, Sp.Op; Cmdr. Matt Kosnar, LCPL Mikey Kirkpatrick; Capt. Thomas Lerner; Captain Valerie Smith; Msgt. Timothy R. Whalon; 1st Lt. Jaysen Satterwhite, Sgt. Major John D. Greis.



Offerings

December 3—\$ 9754.00
Retired Religious \$ 2430.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

Please Consider Christmas AND Sunday Offering to Support our Parish

Each year, we rely on generous Christmas contributions to support the many ministries of our Parish. Your sacrificial offering to the parish is important to parish stewardship and greatly appreciated. Through these ongoing gifts we are able to fund staffing needs, building operation and maintenance costs, and the many services our parish provides.

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday with Christmas on Monday. Please consider offering your regular Sunday gift and an additional Christmas gift to the Parish. If you receive a contribution envelope packet, you will find envelopes for both a Christmas offering and an offering for Sunday, December 24. You may give at Mass or you may wish to contribute electronically. We understand that you may be traveling to visit loved ones this Christmas and we want to make it easy to remember our parish during this joyful time. Thank you for your generous contributions at Christmas and throughout the year!



Mass Intentions

Looking for a special way to honor someone special or remember a loved one no longer with us?

Remember Mass Intentions

Many dates are available for 2017 and 2018 to be dedicated for this beautiful expression. *The suggested offering is \$15 for each mass.* Please contact or visit the Rectory Office to secure a date for your special Intention.

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

Monday, December 11

Rosary (Chapel)	6:30 PM
Youth Ministry Christmas card making	6:30 PM
NO PREP	
Legion of Mary (Church Office)	7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 12

Eucharistic Adoration	7:30 AM-8:00 PM
Requiem Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Pastoral Council Mtg. (Good Shep. Rm.)	7:00 PM
KOC Mtg. (Faculty Lounge)	7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 13

Band Rehearsal (Church)	7:00 PM
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Thursday, December 14

Men's Bible Study (STA Conf. Rm.)	7:00 PM
Youth Choir (Church)	7:00 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Faculty Rm.)	7:00 PM

Saturday, December 15

Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.)	8:45 AM
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15 PM

Sunday, December 16

CLOW (Chapel)	9:00 AM
Adult Choir (Church)	7:00 PM



Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School

Sharing Hands,
Hearts and Minds
*Educating Students from
Pre-School to 8th Grade*

MTC is the regional school for St. Teresa of Avila

Substitute Teachers Needed: MTC is looking for substitute teachers! If you would like to apply, please contact MTC Principal, Ms. Christine Pagan: Christine.Pagan@mtcschool.org

MTC Registration: There are still limited spaces available. Call today or visit our website at: www.mtcschool.org. There are many opportunities for grants and financial assistance. If you would like to hear more about MTC, take a tour or receive an enrollment packet, please contact Patsy Swope, Director of Admissions: 610-265-2323 x225 or

Guidelines for Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Teresa of Avila Parish



St. Teresa of Avila Parish rejoices with all expectant parents and we look forward to assisting our parishioners who will be planning baptisms at our church. We generally celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Due to the serious responsibilities that infant baptism places on parents, those presenting their child for baptism at St. Teresa's Parish must attend our Pre-Jordan Class. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend this class prior to the birth of their child. If you would like to register for our Pre-Jordan Class, schedule your child's baptism, or have any questions regarding celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Teresa's, please contact Erin Gauntner in the Office of Religious Education: 610) 666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net

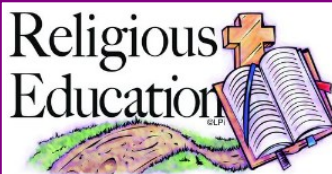
Our next class will be held at 7:00 PM on Wed. Jan. 17, 2018 in the Good Shepherd Room in the Parish Center.

2018 Breaking Bread Missals

As we begin a new liturgical year please be mindful to not remove any Breaking Bread Missals from the church or chapel. If you would like to borrow books for any reason, please contact the parish office to request permission and make arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Memorial Fund

We have received contributions in memory of Caroline Cleary from Salvatore Carfagno and in memory of Donald Tackett from Friends of Jeff Tackett.



STA Parish Religious Education Program

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 10** 10:15 AM- Family Advent Prayer Service in the parish center gym; incl. blessing of Advent wreaths. ALL are welcome!
Family Mass at 11AM; Level 5
- 11** **No Classes**
- 18** Classes
YM: Giving Tree gift sorting party, 6:30-8PM
Please RSVP to staprep@verizon.net
Christmas Celebration for PREP Staff following dismissal
- 25** **NO Classes- Christmas holiday**

PREP classes will resume on Mon. Jan. 8, 2018. Also that evening is the First Holy Communion parent gathering in church with Fr. Wild at 6:30PM.



Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteer Opportunities!



The Office of Religious Education recruits, trains and schedules adult leaders and teen aides for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). Leaders are scheduled according to times that are convenient to them, usually once or twice every six weeks. **Readings, lesson plans, and activities are provided.** There is a great deal of exciting interaction between the children and leader; it is a very rewarding experience for all involved!

Please prayerfully consider volunteering with us for:

- CLOW Leader:** *Commitment involves lesson preparation and Mass time only. Volunteers receive CLOW training and must have Safe Environment clearances and training as required by the Archdiocese.*
- CLOW Aide:** *Not ready to be a CLOW Leader but still want to be involved? Adult aides are needed to assist the Leader and help keep order during the Liturgy. Volunteers must have Safe Environment clearances and training as required by the Archdiocese.*
- Teen Aide:** *Confirmed teenagers are encouraged to serve as aides and help keep order during the Liturgy. Teen volunteers should be at least 13 years old.*

Available and Interested? Please contact Erin Gauntner at (610) 666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net



ADVENT GIVING TREE

This year, in addition to **Birthright** in Pottstown, we will be supporting **A Baby's Breath** in Colleegeville, The **Aquinas Center** in South Phila., **Saint Mary's Franciscan Shelter** for families in Phoenixville, **Camilla Hall** of the IHM Sisters in Malvern, **Villa St. Joseph**: a home for retired priests in Darby, and the **Legion of Mary Brother House** in Norristown.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support! All gifts and gift cards should be delivered by **Sunday December 17** in order to be delivered in time for Christmas.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Gauntner, CRE/YM at 610-666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net

Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

St. Helena Church in Blue Bell would like to invite you to their Christmas Concert "Christmas Dreams" on Sunday, December 17th at 4 PM in St. Helena Church at 1489 DeKalb Pike. The concert is free. A free will offering will be graciously accepted. Any questions, please feel free to call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or email theresacsmit@verizon.net

Blessing of the Christmas Creche on Wed. Dec. 13 at 3PM. Join the AOH and Knights of Columbus at the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul for the annual blessing of the Christmas Creche. Singing will be led by St. Francis Xavier Children's Choir.



STA Spirit Wear Available! Makes great Christmas gifts!



Hooded sweatshirts (\$30) and long-sleeve t-shirts (\$20) in adult size L and XL are **available for immediate delivery**. Adult size S, M, all Youth sizes and short-sleeve t-shirts are available to order.

Please contact the parish office to get yours today!
(610) 666-5820 or starectory@verizon.net

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Teresa



All are invited to join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** in our Chapel any time from **7:30AM until 8:00PM on Tuesdays.**



Youth in grades 7+ are invited to our **Giving Tree Gift Sorting Party.**

Mon. Dec. 18 from 6:30-8PM

in the parish center

Christmas movies and refreshments provided.
Friends welcome!

Please RSVP to Mrs. Gauntner at staprep@verizon.net or (610) 666-0167

2018 ROSE OF LIFE ENVELOPES ARE DUE!

If you have chosen and taken envelopes for the 2018 Rose of Life donations, please be sure to return them by **Sunday, Dec. 17th**. Envelopes with payment may be placed in the collections basket or mailed/dropped to the Parish Office.

Music Ministry News

Adult Choir - Sundays 7-8:30PM for Masses one to two times per month

Requiem (Funeral) Choir - second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:00PM

Youth Choir - Thursdays 7-8:00PM for Masses one to two times per month

Come try us out!

Contact Sarah Stong for more information:
stachoirdirector@gmail.com

Help Wanted...instrumentalists to play occasionally throughout the year (brass, woodwind, strings).
No long term commitment!

