



“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

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Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

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

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend J. Jerome Wild, Pastor

Deacon Francis C. Lally, Permanent Deacon

Deacon David J. Matour, Permanent Deacon

Reverend Richard M. Jacobs, Sunday Asst.

Reverend Kail C. Ellis, OSA, Sunday Asst.

LITURGY

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Daily Mass: 10AM Mon., 7AM Tues., Wed., Fri.

Confession: 3PM to 3:30PM

Saturday, in the Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is being celebrated in the Chapel, not in the Reconciliation Room. We are asking visitors to the Church to please wear a face mask and maintain social distancing in accord with the government directed protocols for entering public space.

Website: www.stteresaofavilaparish.com



PARISH STAFF

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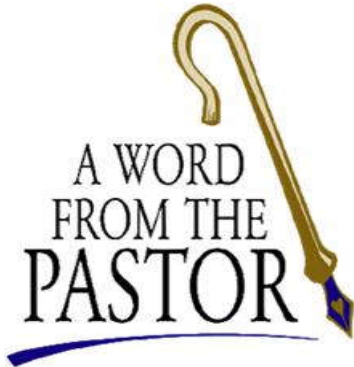
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405 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

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Dear Parishioners,

The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and “Doubting Thomas” shows us how to move from doubt to belief knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesus’ time with them. Thomas’ doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ’s presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas’ lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ

Blessings,



Offering Totals:

March 28, 2021 \$6,011.00.

March Online \$12,344.09.

April 4, 2021 \$3,851.00.

Thank you to those who responded to our Spring Stewardship Appeal. Our Stewardship Collection is an important source of income for our parish and its mission. As you know, the vitality of St. Teresa of Avila Parish depends on your faithful stewardship and generous support.



I would like to express my deep thanks to John Giuliani, Anne Whalon and the many parishioners who assisted in the effort of the Church Environment Committee in beautifying our Church for the Holy Triduum and the Easter Season. May Our Risen Savior bless you for your service to our parish!

— Fr. Jerry Wild

Open the gifts of Easter throughout the year.

Easter is the highest Sunday throughout the year, but each Sunday is a chance to celebrate a “little Easter.” We can live the gifts of the Resurrection each Sunday of the year:

Death doesn't have the last word. Easter means that we can face each day with joy, knowing that Jesus paved the way to Heaven for those who choose to follow Him. Refuse to worry about earthly matters and share your joy with friends, family, colleagues.

Jesus offers peace the world can't give. Jesus ascended to Heaven and left everything behind. We follow his example when we detach from worldly concerns and care more about God will than our own. If we seek God before everything else, we can join Him in His Heavenly kingdom.

We place our faith in the Holy Spirit. “Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him” (Pope St. John Paul II). At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to bring thousands to Baptism. Call upon the Holy Spirit to help you bring Jesus to others through words, actions, and compassion.

Forgiveness is ours for the asking. Jesus bore the punishment for our sins. That means no matter what we have done, Jesus is ready to forgive.

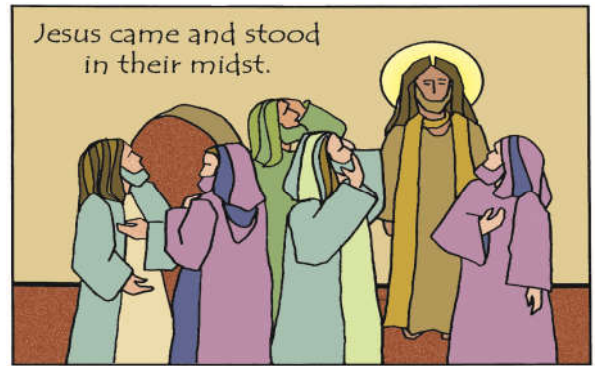
April 11, 2021
The Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).



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Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances

Sat. April 10	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	Elizabeth Clemente
Sun. April 11	Divine Mercy Sunday
9:00 AM	Nicholas & Barbara Verratti
11:00 AM	Eric Eitner
Mon. April 12	Easter Weekday
10:00 AM	Memorial Fund Members
Tues. April 13	Easter Weekday
7:00 AM	Maureen Sullivan
Wed. April 14	Easter Weekday
7:00 AM	Joseph Estock
Fri. April 16	Easter Weekday
7:00 AM	Claire Wood
Sat. April 17	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	Rachel Basile Smrek
Sun. April 18	3rd Sunday Of Easter
9:00 AM	Gene Caucci
11:00 AM	Brigid McGill

HE IS RISEN!



Mass Intentions

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

Remember Mass Intentions

The 2021 Mass Book is open.

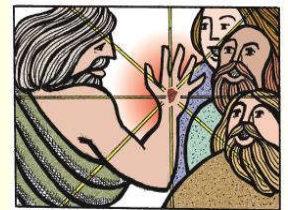
Dates are available in 2021. The suggested offering is \$15 for each mass. Please visit the Parish Office M-F from 9-3 to secure a date for your special Intention.

Thank you to all who contributed to our 2021 Easter Flower Collection. The flowers in our Church during the Easter Season are offered in memory of your loved ones.



DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.



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GIVING HOPE TO ALL

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide the necessary support to hundreds of thousands of people. These individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries of the Catholic Charities Appeal focus on five key areas:

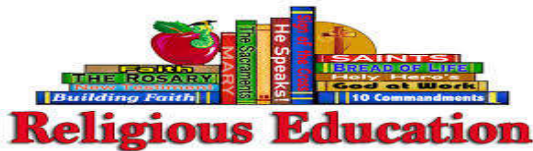


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- Social Services
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life
- Clergy
- Local Mission Activities

For more information about the ways you can support CCA, please call 215-587-5650 or email cca@thecfcp.org

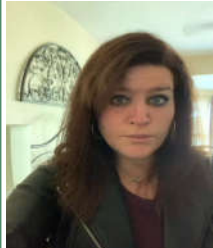
**The Rose of Life for this week
Is requested by Alice
In memory of
John Machita
“20th” Anniversary**





4/11/21

**Catechist,
Marissa
Ciccarone**



I am the first grade Catechist. This is my first year as a Catechist. I enjoy teaching at St. Teresa of Avila for many reasons, but if I had to pick one it would be sharing knowledge about the Catholic faith with my students.

My favorite place to eat: the Bistro on Bridge

My favorite color: red

My favorite sports team: E-A-G-L-E-S EAGLES!

What I like best about teaching our Catholic Faith:

The best part about teaching the Catholic faith is watching my students learn, understand, and inquire about the Catholic faith.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

April



- 12 Weekly Lesson, Final Assessments Sent (grades 4-6), Zoom Mtg; 6 PM (levels 1,2,3)
- 19 Weekly Lesson, First Holy Communion Practice, 6:30PM in Church
- 25 **First Holy Communion,**
11:00 AM Mass
- 26 Weekly Lesson



If you have any questions, please contact Gina MacDermott, CRE, at 610-666-5820 or sta.busmgr@gmail.com.

STA BIG (Brothers In God) is looking for a few good men.

- Who yearn for Catholic Fellowship as Brothers
 - Who yearn to Journey with God's Word
 - Who yearn to Discern and to Listen and Learn
- Come and See every Wednesday at 7pm. Either on Zoom or in the Parish Youth Group Room (COVID-19 Dependent).

For information, email Deacon Dave at matourd@verizon.net



**St. Teresa of Avila
Parish Information**

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 We always welcome new parishioners to St. Teresa of Avila Parish. Please call or visit the Parish Office on weekdays during business hours, to register.

BAPTISM is usually celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00PM. Please call the Parish Office at 610-666-5820 for upcoming baptism dates. Parents must attend our Pre-Jordan Class prior to their child's baptism. Due to the COVID pandemic please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

MATRIMONY: Couples must make arrangements for matrimony in person with the parish clergy 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 the parish clergy.

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 and 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.

Watch Mass from STA.....

St. Teresa of Avila Parish continues to film Mass which is available by email and posted on our Parish website: www.stteresaofavilaparish.com.

Please contact the parish office, 610-666-5820 or starectory@verizon.net, to add/update your email address and stay connected with our parish.

**Archdiocesan Evening Rosary
Nightly at 8 PM
phillyevang.org/rosary.**

**Save the Date ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive
at STA:**

Wed., May 5, 2020 from 2-7pm in the Parish Center Gym. Register www.redcrossblood.org.

Please use sponsor code: STA Parish.



Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

Rita Donahue and Clara Coscia

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

Please pray for the healing of:

Debra Hall, Esther Brassington, Joan McPhelim, Deborah Hall, Diane Benton, Helen Dorfman, Mary Ann Walsh, Kathy Auris, Cheryl Karvounis, Cheryl Cox, Jack London, Tina Migliarese, Maria Cucchara, Bill Miller, Karli Schilling, Dolores Greco, Teresa Garate, Jack Lunden, Andy Capone, Edward Hartman, Owen Connor, Nino Gulotta, Diane Bentola, Eugene Yanity, Sue Perrachia, Jimmy Siravo, Teresa Vesey, Mary Gruber, Elise Pancio, David Bydalek, Baby Lucas Coll, William Brown, David Titanich, David Dolga, Leo Corcoran, Anne Marie Garraty, Marcia Prester, Robert Perkins, Ed Wallace, Suzanne O'Brien, Cynthia Fish, Frances Rutlo, Julia Adams, Margaret Miller, A.J. Mc Gee, Nicholas Cruciani, Peter Mulligan, Beverly Zapata, David & Samantha Roberto, Alessio Gentile, Betty Lee Horst, Anndreana Picard, Viola Clark, Joan Moore, Jane Miecowski, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Eileen Swiech, Pat Leberman, Shannon Austin, Barrie Gehrlein, Max Maertzig, Eli & Ella Vivian, Eduardo Rojo, Michael Semach, Jean Brosso, Jeanette Collins, Tamara Proietto, Ron Roberts, Marilyn Keis, Jean Butera, Brooke Weidenfeld, Julie Noble, Lahra Burmingham, 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, Donna Hicks, Kristine Schafer, Chip Capinski, Janice Gilpin, Domenic DiPaolo, Alyssa Lackner, Gilbert Martinelli, Tina Moyer, Margaret Cesare, Lawrence Reynolds, Jim Uckele, Jennifer Owens, Jack Walsh, Peggy Walsh, Terry Strainick, Debbie Scott, Bill O'Neill, Butch Cunningham, Steven Kehoe, Rosemary Schlichtig, Diane Benton, Tony Polvin, Diane Haws, Margaret Bosler, Scott Little

Please pray for all those who serve our country:

Army Spec. Anthony Chiaravalloti, Vincent Bergandino, MGySgt Darin Chinavare; Cmdr. David L. Cute, Jr. USN; John Doran; Lance Hecker, Sp.Op; Cmdr. Matt Kosnar; Capt. Thomas Lerner; Captain Valerie Smith; Msgt. Timothy R. Whalon; Capt. Jaysen Satterwhite.

Due to the change in tax laws, donation summaries for 2020 will be sent out **by request only**. If you would like to receive your donation summary for 2020, please contact the parish office at 610-666-5820 or email to starectory@verizon.net

Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

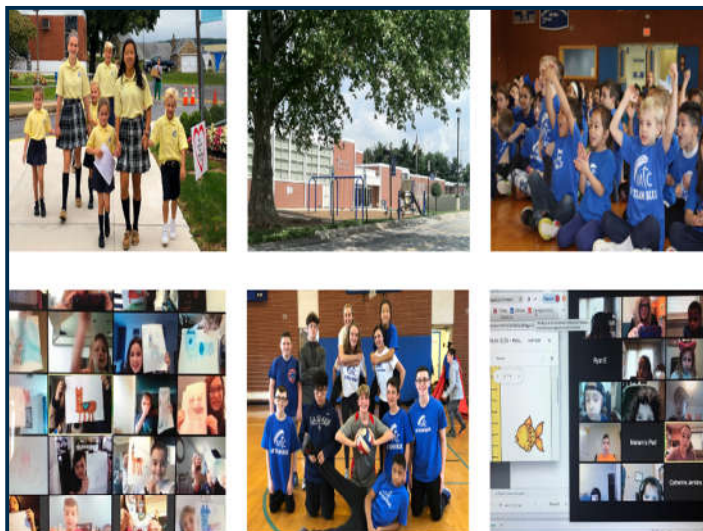
Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 1st** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Nelson Pérez presiding. This mass will be commemorating all married couples who are newlyweds, or celebrating 5, 10, 25 or 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. *Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.*



To register visit: phillycatholiclife.org... or call: 215-587-0500

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together 2 times a month. Our next scheduled event is **(Sun) April 18, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.** A safe seating restaurant event at **"The Asiana Garden Restaurant"** located @ 232 W. Wayne Ave, Wayne, PA 19087. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



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