

OCTOBER 11, 2020

*On this mountain
the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples
a feast of rich food
and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and
pure, choice wines.*

Isaiah 25:6

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

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PARISH STAFF

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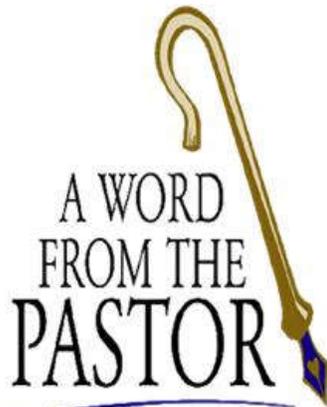
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Dear Parishioners,

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace.

Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

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Blessings,

Father Jerry Wild



Offering Totals:

**Sun. Offering 10/4/2020 \$6,865.00.
Sept, Online Giving \$12,134.00.**

As you know, the vitality of our parish depends on your faithful stewardship and generous support!

As you are aware, we have had a very hot and humid summer. A few weeks ago, as we were preparing to open the Parish Center for fall activities, we saw mold on the old carpet in several areas of the building. Investigation revealed that this was the result of both the unusual weather conditions as well as moisture from the tropical storm. We immediately arranged to have all the carpet throughout the building removed. This began an extensive, exhaustive and expensive process of restoring the Parish Center to good health. This includes but is not limited to the following expenses:

- removal of carpet including containment and clean air testing: \$9,500.00
- purchase of 6 dehumidifiers and humidity monitors: \$1500.00
- deep cleaning of entire building including floors, walls, windows and window treatments, all surfaces: \$20,000.00
- replacement flooring in 6 previously carpeted areas: \$13,500.00
- improved ventilation system and electrical update: \$7,000.00
- replacement of lost inventory: unknown at this date

We diligently sought several bids to ensure not only the best value but the best quality work. Unfortunately, none of the expenses will be paid by insurance. The expenses will be paid from parish savings. While I am aware that some parishioners may be facing financial hardship, I appeal to our parishioners to count your blessings and realize the need to generously support St. Teresa of Avila Parish at this time during this Covid 19 Pandemic when the parish is seeing a decline in income.

The Parish Center is an essential building on our parish grounds. In addition to the Church where we worship, the Parish Center is where parishioners gather for religious formation, instruction, outreach and various other meetings, including parish socials. Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, it is our sure hope that St. Teresa of Avila will remain a vibrant parish for many years to come and will continue to make use of the Parish Center to build and strengthen our faith community.

October 11, 2020
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14).



Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances		
Sat.	October 10	Vigil Mass 4:15 PM Frank Fillippo
Sun.	October 11	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM Raymond Girini 11:00 AM Leona Sepnefski
Mon.	October 12	Columbus Day 10:00 AM Funeral
Tues.	October 13	Weekday 7:00 AM Klara & Kornel Kovats
Wed.	October 14	St. Callistus 7:00 AM Portia Petillo
Thurs.	October 15	St. Teresa of Avila 7:00 AM Lynn & Lori Hemler
Fri.	October 16	St. Hedwig, St. Margaret 7:00 AM Jack & Rose Herron
Sat.	October 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch 4:15 PM Diane Wilmanski
Sun.	October 18	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM Dominic & Mary DiCecco 11:00 AM Rui Conceicao

 **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 now open.
Many 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.

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS (1515-1582)

October 15

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you. Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. All things are passing; God never changes. But her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and her own fragile health. Patience gains everything. Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross's collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. Whoever has God, lacks nothing. When her ideals encountered resistance and brought suffering, she maintained her peace—and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she told her mildly scandalized nuns, "When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!" To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" God alone is enough! italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church.



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"Here I am ... Send me."

The annual, worldwide celebration of our shared call to Mission, **World Mission Sunday** is celebrated on **October 18, 2020** this year. That Sunday will also mark the beginning of a year-long commemoration marking the

110th Anniversary of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Thank you for your prayers and generous gifts which can be given at the 2nd Collection during the October 17-18 weekend.

For Today. For Tomorrow. FOR ALL OF US

November 7-8 has been designated the Kick-Off Weekend for the **St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal**.

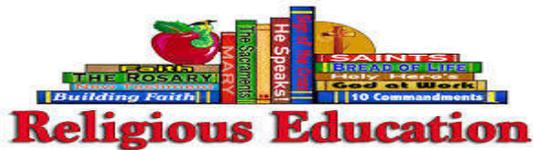
Your support helps continue the necessary work in preparing priests, deacons, religious, and laity for service to our parishes, schools, and other Catholic organizations. Your generous gift to the Seminary remains for today, for tomorrow, for all of us.



Next Thursday, October 15, is the Feast Day of St. Teresa of Avila, our parish patroness. Mass will be celebrated at 7 AM in the Church.

The Rose of Life for this week is requested by Rob Valdivia For Rui Conceicao





Religious Education

STA Parish Religious Education Program 2020—2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

PREP classes for Levels 1-6 began on Monday, September 14. We are utilizing an exciting **Catechist Directed Home School Program** and are looking forward to the year ahead!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

October

- 12 Weekly Lesson
- 19 Weekly Lesson, First Quarter begins (grade 7), parent/student conferences
- 26 Weekly Lesson, **Sacrament of Reconciliation/ First Penance/FHC Parent Gathering at 6:30 PM, in Church.**

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

"Live in harmony with one another"

In times of uncertainty or stress, tempers can shorten, perspectives narrow, and peace suffers. It is important to remember that Jesus came to bring love and unity. His followers are asked to do the same.

"The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all" (Proverbs 22:2) - embrace diversity, don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11) - as children of God, all humans were created with inherent dignity that we are required to acknowledge. Trying to understand others' perspectives is the best way to realize the impact of our actions on them.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9) - a steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become uncomfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than human. Instead, live with peace and pray for victims of violence.

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts" (Colossians 3:14). This means we have to make the choice to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers.

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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 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 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.

ANOIDING 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.

From the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Find a Mass livestreamed at this link:

<https://catholicphilly.com/2020/04/news/local-news/find-a-mass-livestreamed/>

Evening Rosary - Nightly at 8 PM
phillyevang.org/rosary.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion can be prayed not only if you are unable to attend Mass during the coronavirus but even in the midst of your daily work.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my life & soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally at Mass, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.



Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

Sarah Smith

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:

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, Sarah Hughes, Doris Diconcini, Joan Schaffer, 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, Deacon Michael Dayoc, Suzanne O'Brien, Cynthia Fish, Frances Rutlo, Julia Adams, Margaret Miller, A.J. Mc Gee, Nicholas Cruciani, Teresa Garate, Peter Mulligan, Marguerite McCutcheon, Beverly Zapata, David & Samantha Roberto, Alessio Gentile, Betty Lee Horst, Andreana Picard, Viola Clark, Joan Moore, Jane Miecskowski, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Sarah Neve, 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, Jack MacDonald, Marilyn Keis, 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, Donna Hicks, Kristine Schafer, Chip Capinski, Janice Gilpin, Domenic DiPaolo, Alyssa Lackner, Gilbert Martinelli, Tina Moyer, Margaret Cesare, Lawrence Reynolds, Jim Uckeley, 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 Bergardino, 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; Capt. Jaysen Satterwhite.

Please help us keep our parish prayer list current. Contact the parish office at (610) 666-5820 or starectory@verizon.net to add or remove names from the list. **Thank you.**

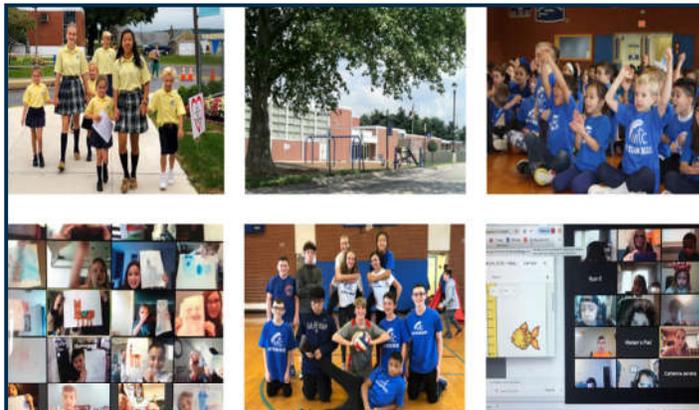
Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

St. Teresa of Calcutta School, looking for a part time school nurse to work 2 ½ days a week. Hours would be ½ day Wednesday (12 Noon - 2:30 PM) & all day Thurs. & Friday (9 AM - 2:30 PM). The position requires administrative work as well as one-on-one time with students. A Bachelors of Nursing is required. Interested candidates email Principal, Anita M. Dixon at: adixon@school.stteresacalcutta.com.

Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School is seeking paid lunch moderators for the school year. You must commit to a month at a time, or the entire year. The pay is \$15/day. This is open to parents, grandparents, parishioners, etc so if you know anyone please let us know at 610/265-2323. Thank you!

Pope John Paul II High School in Roversford is looking for an experienced facilities/maintenance person to join our team. Please send a cover letter and resume to Ron Williams at rwilliams@pjphs.org

Villa Joseph Marie High School has openings for part-time van drivers for two newly developed runs beginning immediately. This is a split schedule with morning and afternoon hours. Retirees welcome! Please send a resume and letter of interest to mbrown@vjmh.org.



Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School



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SCHEDULE A VIRTUAL VISIT AT MTCSCCHOOL.ORG

Dear Parishioners,
We are filming Mass weekly so that our homebound parishioners and those that choose to remain at home at this time may worship as part of the St. Teresa of Avila Parish family. If anyone knows of a videographer who would like to donate their time and equipment to film the Mass we would be most grateful.

Gratefully,
Fr. Jerry Wild

