

HEBREWS 12:22

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

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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: 4:15PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00AM
Holy Days: (see the bulletin)
Daily Mass: 10:00AM Mon.
7:00AM Tues., Wed., Fri.
Communion Service: 8:00AM Saturdays
Confession: 3:15PM Sat. or by appointment
Eucharistic Adoration: Tues. 7:30AM - 8PM

PARISH STAFF

Gina MacDermott, Admin. Asst. to the Pastor
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MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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.

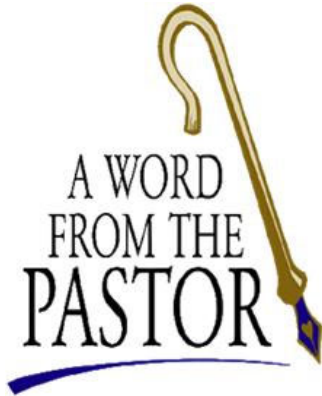
PARISH REGISTRATION is held in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. You may also register at the Parish Office on weekdays during business hours.

BAPTISM is usually celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00PM. Please call the Parish Office at 610-666-5820 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 **Wed. September 18, 2019**, 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 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.



Dear Parishioners,

The first reading and the Gospel passage this weekend give us the key to an authentic Christian understanding of *humility*. We don't practice a virtue by denying truth. Christ was not telling his listeners to deny or stop developing their talents. But he was telling them not to become so caught up in relying on their own virtues that they lose sight of their ultimate dependence on God.

Far from obscuring the truth, the practice of humility should urge us to recognize and affirm the truth. Intelligence, talent, attractiveness, and virtue are wonderful things. If we have them, and we all do to one degree or another, and do not acknowledge them, we are not humble, we are liars. If we have them and don't use them, as the last paragraph of the Gospel passage says, in the free open service of one another, then we are not only liars, we are lazy and wasteful liars.

Humility demands of us that we recognize that we truly are God's creatures, utterly dependent on him for our happiness. Humility demands that we accept this direction and example when we set out to put our talents to use, exercise our abilities and see them all as a *gift* from God.

Have an enjoyable Labor Day Weekend!

Blessings,

Father Jerry Wild

Offering Total

Sun. Offering 8/25/19 \$8646.50.

Recent improvements:

- **Exterior church plumbing repair: \$800.00**
- **Repair/paint school garage: \$1150.00**
- **Damaged tree removal: \$800.00**

Please remember to continue your faithful weekly support during the summer months. The parish depends on your faithful stewardship and your generous support.



The Christmas Bazaar Committee is in need of your time and talent!!

Please join our Christmas Bazaar Committee and be a part of this successful and fun parish and community event. We need additional help on our Committee to continue this long standing and very anticipated event. We invite anyone that can offer their time and talent to contact Kim McDonald at mcdonaldrk@comcast.net.



LEGION OF MARY NEWS

The Legion of Mary members assist the Pastor in duties such as home visitation, RCIA, distributing Catholic literature, medals and more.

If you have felt Mary calling to you, now is the time to come and learn what the Legion has to offer. The next meeting is in the Good Shepherd

Room of the Parish Center on

Thursday, September 5th, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

All are welcome to join us!



ATTENTION:

Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Music Ministry

SAVE THE DATE: Please plan to attend an evening of reflection and an opportunity to address various issues relating to our liturgical ministry at St Teresa of Avila Parish. This will be at 7 PM, on Monday, October 14, 2019 In the Church. ~ Father Wild

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

Remember Mass Intentions

The 2020 Mass Book is open.

Many dates are available in 2020 to be dedicated for this beautiful expression. *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.

Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances

Sat. Aug. 31	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	Joseph & Marie Sweeney
Sun. Sept. 1	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Josephine Zofcin
11:00 AM	Deiro M. Desmond
Mon. Sept. 2	Labor Day
8:00 AM	James Williamson
Tues. Sept. 3	Weekday
7:00 AM	Kathy Sciola
Wed. Sept. 4	Weekday
7:00 AM	Tom McNichol
Fri. Sept. 6	First Friday
7:00 AM	Marie & Louis Santanasto
Sat. Sept. 7	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	Savatore Basile, Sr.
Sun. Sept. 8	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Connor Hoffmaster
11:00 AM	John McGill

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

Monday, September 2	
Rosary (Chapel)	6:30 PM
Tuesday, September 3	
Eucharistic Adoration	7:30AM-8PM
Thursday, September 5	
Italian Rosary (Chapel)	6:00 PM
Adult Choir (Church)	7:00 PM
Prayer Shawl (Faculty Rm.)	7:00 PM
Legion of Mary (Good Shep. Rm.)	10:00 –11:30 AM
Saturday, September 7	
Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.)	8:45 AM
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15 PM

The Rose of Life for this week
is requested by Elizabeth DeLisle
in memory of
Charles DeLisle



The **Christmas Bazaar Committee** is in need of donations for our popular raffle baskets, (**FINISHED BASKETS**, gift cards, bottle of cheer, etc) **All items need to be NEW.** We are also in need of silent auction items (i.e., TV, IPAD, video games/ system, vacation accommodations, etc.) These donations are tax deductible! For questions and information email Kim McDonald at mcdonaldrk@comcast.net These items can be dropped off at the Church Office

2019-2020 PREP Volunteer Opportunities



PREP classes are held on Monday evenings from September to May and are open to all parish children in grades K-6 who attend public or non-Catholic private schools. Volunteers are needed as classroom aides in several grades.

A PREP tuition discount is extended to all full-time aides. Please

download a registration form from the parish website or contact Gina MacDermott at (610) 666-5820 or sta.busmgr@gmail.com

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Q. What does the church as "Body of Christ" mean?

A. This important image of the church can be traced to St. Paul who wrote:

Now Christ's body is yourselves, each of you with a part to play in the whole (1 Cor 12:27).

The risen, glorified Lord is present in the world today through Christians. We are his hands, his loving touch, his understanding glance, his sympathetic word of comfort to the lonely and suffering, his instrument used to preach the good news of salvation.

Christ is the head of the body, we are its members. We become incorporated into the body through baptism. The Holy Spirit unites the members into one body.

The church as the Body of Christ also underscores the dignity of each individual member. Just as each member of a person's body has a specific and important function to play, so, too, in the church each member has a specific and important role to play.

The Church is the Bride of Christ; he loved her and handed himself over for her. He has purified her by his blood and made her the fruitful mother of all God's children (CCC, #808).

The Church is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the soul, as it were, of the Mystical Body, the source of its life, of its unity in diversity, and of the riches of its gifts and charisms (CCC, #809).



Stay "in the know" about Masses and other happenings here at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish!
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Preschool 2019-2020 Registration is now OPEN!

Come and learn more about MTC's programs from PreK 2 through kindergarten, from 1st grade through 8th! See and hear all of the exciting programs academically and spiritually at MTC. We are happy to offer both half and full day programs in preschool.

If you would like to hear more about MTC, take a tour of receive an enrollment packet, please contact Patsy Swope, Director of Admissions: 610-265-2323 x225 or patsy.swope@mtcschool.org.

Have you considered sending your child to Catholic School? MTC is proud to offer financial assistance, scholarships and grants! Make the call today!

MTC Transfer Grants

MTC is happy to offer the Foundation's Tuition Transfer Grant Program. This grant will be awarded to students in grades 2-7 transferring from any public or charter school or homeschooled students. This grant will be \$1,000 for the first year and \$500 for the second year. For more details, please reach out to Patsy Swope, 610-265-2323 x225 or patsy.swope@mtcschool.org.

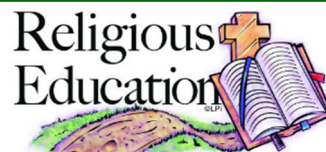
Dates to remember:

September 3rd: Opening day for grades 1st through 8th

September 3rd: 10am to 12pm - Orientation for PreK and K parents and students

September 4th: First day for PreK 3, PreK 4, PreK 5 and K

September 5th: Back to School Night Grades 1-5 at 6:30pm and 6-8 at 7pm



Parish Religious Education Program: ***Registration is now due for the 2019-2020 PREP year.***

The tuition rate is \$185 for one child, \$285 for two children, \$360 for three or more children. There is also a registration fee of \$25.00 per family.

The deadline for registration was August 9. Any child not registered by August 9 will be presumed to not be participating in the Religious Education Program.

*There will be no registration available
on the first night of class.*

PREP classes for grades 1-6 will begin on Monday, September 9 and are held weekly on Mondays from 6:30-7:45pm. PREP classes for grade 7 will begin on Tuesday, October 8 and be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. This is a Sacrament preparation year for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*For information contact Gina MacDermott at
(610) 666-5820, or sta.busmgr@gmail.com*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

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HAPPY
LABOR DAY



Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.
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:

Baby Lucas Coll, William Brown, Fr. Sam Kelly, David Titanich, David Dolga, Leo Corcoran, Anne Marie Garraty, Marcia Prester, Robert Perkins, Ed Wallace, MaryAnn Dayoc, Deacon Michael Dayoc, John O'Brien, Cynthia Fish, Frances Rutlo, James Sirano, Julia Adams, Margaret Miller, A.J. Mc Gee, Nicholas Cruciani, Teresa Garate, Peter Mulligan, Marguerite McCutcheon, Joan Laydon, , Beverly Zapata, David & Samantha Roberto, Alessio Gentile, Betty Lee Horst, Anndreana Picard, Viola Clark, Joan Moore, Gerry Sauermelch, Jane Miecskowski, Jeanette Mallon, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Sarah Neve, Eileen Swiech, Pat Leberman, Shannon Austin, Barrie Gehrlein, Max Maertzig, Don Pell, Eli & Ella Vivian, Helen Garcia, Eduardo Rojo, Michael Semach, Jean Brosso, Jeanette Collins, Tamara Proietto, Ron Roberts, Jack MacDonald, Marilyn Keis, Kaytie O'Hara, Jean Butera, Brooke Weidenfeld, Julie Noble, Lahra Burningham, 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, Kathy Hall, Sr. Dorothy Sullivan, RSM, Domenic DiPaolo, Alyssa Lackner, Gilbert Martinelli, 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, Barbara Breitbarth, Steven Kehoe, Rosemary Schlichtig, Diane Benton, Tony Polvino.

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, LCPL Mikey Kirkpatrick; Capt. Thomas Lerner; Captain Valerie Smith; Msgt. Timothy R. Whalon; Capt. Jaysen Satterwhite.



Eucharistic Adoration at St. Teresa
All are invited to join us for Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel any time from 7:30 am until 8:00 pm., on Tuesdays.

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

Main Line Singles Dinner Club (Ages 52-66)

CATHOLIC men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club", to share common interests & dine together twice a month. **For more info call Barb (610) 896-6542.**

(Sat) Sept 7th, our "Post Labor Day House Party" @ 5:45pm @ a member's home in Wynnewood PA.

Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



Metanoia Young Adults

Metanoia Young Adults is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montco. that supports Catholics in their 20's & 30's who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area.

metanoiayoungadults.org

September 2019

Tues., Sept. 10: Bible Study, 7:30 pm @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales

Tues., Sept. 14: Phila. Union Soccer Game @Talen Energy Stadium (***ticket purchase required***) Tailgate 4pm-6:30pm, Game Time 7pm

Tues., Sept.17: Theology on Tap @ Conshohocken Brewing Co., Bridgeport; Doors at 7pm, Talk at 7:30pm.

Tues., Sept. 24: Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales



*Please be aware of SPAM emails coming in the name of the Pastor or Parish. This is a national SCAM - **do not respond to the email.** Thank you!*

MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER, 3501 Solly Avenue, Phila., is offering a one day program in September. **Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019: 9:30 am-3:00 pm ~ Lectio Divina: Prayerful Reading of the Scripture** ~ Come join us as our presenter Fr. Peter Akpunonu, guides us to a deeper and more prayerful reading of the Scriptures in a way that is not mere acquisition of knowledge, but hearing the Holy Spirit at its very source. The result of this is that one becomes aflame with the love of God and neighbor, which brings about a transformation of one's life; for the greater our knowledge of God, the deeper our love for Him. The day will include the celebration of the Eucharist. Fr. Peter Damian Akpunona has been a professor of Sacred Scripture for many years in seminaries in Nigeria and the United States. *The cost for the day is \$35 and includes noon lunch.*

Please RSVP to: mcbretreat@msbt.org or call 267-350-1831.

