

Jesus said,

“LET US GO ON TO THE NEARBY  
VILLAGES THAT I MAY  
PREACH THERE ALSO.  
FOR THIS PURPOSE HAVE I COME.”

Mark 1:38



February 7, 2021

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co, Inc. Photos: © Kovalenko I/Fotolia  
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970, CCD.

## *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](http://www.stteresaofavilaparish.com)



### PARISH STAFF

**Gina MacDermott**, Admin. Asst. to the Pastor  
**Ursula Lawrence**, Parish Secretary/Receptionist  
**Sarah Stong**, Adult & Children's Choir Director

**Office Hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9 AM - 3PM  
**Telephone:** 610-666-5820 ~ **Fax:** 610-666-7511  
**Email:** [starectory@verizon.net](mailto:starectory@verizon.net)

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Gina MacDermott: 610-666-5820, [staprep@verizon.net](mailto:staprep@verizon.net)

### MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

405 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

**Principal:** Christine Pagan

**Phone:** 610-265-2323

**Website:** [www.MTCschool.org](http://www.MTCschool.org)



Dear Parishioners,

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, we will observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This is a time of fasting, penance and almsgiving. During this sacred time, we are called to turn away from sin and turn more faithfully toward the Gospel.

How do we do this? In the Catholic Church, we begin by observing this day with fasting and penitential prayer. When we leave the Church on Ash Wednesday, we have received ashes, a visible reminder that we are dust, and to dust we will return. These same ashes also symbolize grief --- they remind us that through our sins and hardness of heart, we have distanced ourselves from God. Wearing these ashes, which come from the blessed branches we distributed on Palm Sunday last year, we acknowledge that we are mortal and our time here on earth is short.

**Please note:** *Due to the pandemic the distribution of ashes will follow an alternative form that is quite symbolic and used by the Church in other parts of the world. Following the Liturgy of the Word, the Priest says the prayer of blessing of the ashes as usual and then sprinkles the ashes with holy water. Then he addresses all those present only once with the formula given in the Roman Missal, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The faithful will present themselves to receive the ashes and the priest or minister will sprinkle some of the blessed ashes on the top of the head of those who approach and bow their heads to receive them. They then silently return to their pew.*

No doubt we enter this holy season of repentance with a lot on our minds and hearts. Let’s mend our world and our nation together, committing to common good as we seek to heal body and soul. Let’s reimagine community through the benevolent eyes of *JESUS!*

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Father Jerry Wild".

Fr. Jerry Wild

*\*Ashes will be distributed on Wed., Feb. 16, at 6:30 AM, 12:05 PM, and 7:00 PM in the Church*

**February 7, 2021**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).



**Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances**

<b>Sat. February 6</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> 4:15 PM Virginia M. Bofinger
<b>Sun. February 7</b>	<b>5th Sun. in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 AM Michael J. Bortulin 11:00 AM Mary Pat McCoy
<b>Mon. February 8</b>	<b>St. Jerome &amp; St. Josephine</b> 10:00 AM Funeral
<b>Tues. February 9</b>	<b>Weekday</b> 7:00 AM Thomas Conrad Muller
<b>Wed. February 10</b>	<b>St. Scholastica</b> 7:00 AM Elizabeth Zsibrita
<b>Fri. February 12</b>	<b>Weekday</b> 7:00 AM Fr. Francis Kelly
<b>Sat. February 13</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> 4:15 PM Audrey Cimino
<b>Sun. February 14</b>	<b>6th Sun. in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 AM Charles DeLisle 11:00 AM Betzler Family



**Offering Totals:**

**January 31, 2021 \$5,891.00.**

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

**Poor Box and Candle Offering - Theft**  
On Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> the poor boxes, candle offering boxes and cash box for our vestibule media center were broken open and robbed. As a result, I am taking necessary measures to increase the security to parish property and to protect the staff and visitors to St. Teresa of Avila Parish. As you can imagine, it is with deep sadness and a sense of feeling violated that I share this disturbing news with you. ---- Fr. Wild

**The Rose of Life for this week**  
**Is requested by John Rafferty, Jr.**  
**In memory of**  
**Rita B. Rafferty &**  
**John Rafferty, Sr.**



*The STA Parish will continue to film a Mass that will be made available by email and be posted on our Parish website: [www.stteresaofovillaparish.com](http://www.stteresaofovillaparish.com)*



*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.

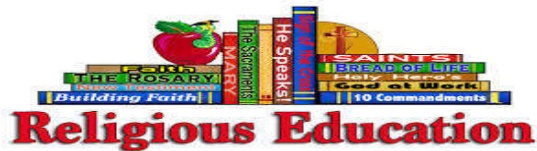


**“SOUPER BOWL”  
FOOD DRIVE**

As part of the National **Annual SOUPER BOWL Food Drive**, the STA Youth Group will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations during all masses on THIS WEEKEND, February 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. All donations collected at STA will be distributed to local food banks and Catholic Social Services. Thank you in advance for your support as we "love our neighbors" by donating your dollar and/or canned good before all Masses. Any questions, contact Deacon Dave or Sue Matour at [stavilayouth@gmail.com](mailto:stavilayouth@gmail.com). Thank you!



**In January,**  
**St. Teresa of Avila Church welcomed**  
**through the saving waters of Baptism,**  
**Emerson Anne Dasilvio**  
**and**  
**Wesley Santo Pomponio.**



## Religious Education

### STA Parish Religious Education Program 2020—2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

*We are rapidly approaching the end of the Second Quarter of our Catechist Directed Home School Program and are so grateful for our dedicated Catechists and you, our parents and guardians, who have been so committed to your child's faith development!*

#### UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

##### February

- 8 Weekly lesson, First Penance Practice 6:30 PM in Church
- 12 Confirmation Letters of Eligibility Due ( Grade 7)
- 13 **First Penance 10:00 AM in Church**
- 15 Weekly lesson
- 22 Weekly lesson

If you have any questions, please contact  
Gina MacDermott, CRE, at 610-666-5820 or  
[sta.busmgr@gmail.com](mailto:sta.busmgr@gmail.com).

### 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.

**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.

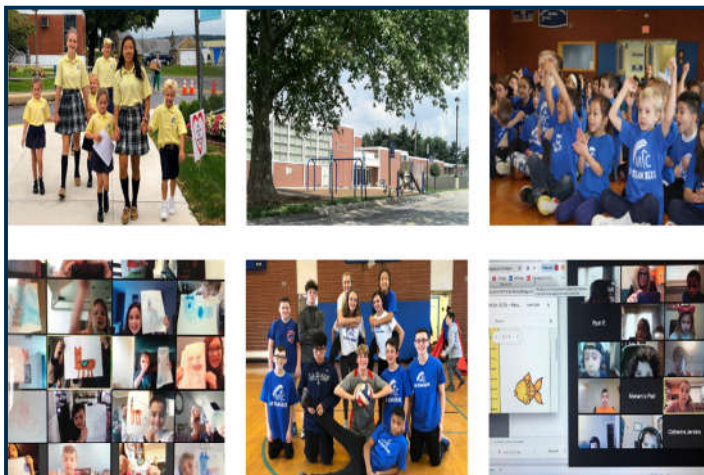
**MOVING?** Please let us know by calling or emailing the Parish Office so we can update our records.

#### 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](http://www.stteresaofavilaparish.com).

Please contact the parish office, 610-666-5820 or [starectory@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://phillyevang.org/rosary).**



## CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

IN THE CLASSROOM AND VIRTUALLY!

PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE

SCHEDULE A VIRTUAL VISIT AT [MTCSCCHOOL.ORG](http://MTCSCCHOOL.ORG)



To sign up for the Online Giving Program through OSV, please go to this website and follow the posted instructions  
[www.osvonlinegiving.com/4395](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4395)

## Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

**Stephen Savo**

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

**Please pray for the healing of:**

Esther Brassington, Joan McPhelim, Deborah Hall, Diane Benton, Kathy McNichol, Dick Tenfelde, 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, Sarah Hughes, Doris Diconcini, 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, Anndreana Picard, Viola Clark, Joan Moore, Jane Miecskowski, 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, 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 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 Chiaravallotti, 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.

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](mailto:starectory@verizon.net)

## Around the Archdiocese & Local Area



### Metanoia Young Adults

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith & meet fellow Catholics in the area.

**Please be sure you are subscribed to our newsletter to receive access to our virtual meetings and our latest information by heading to:**

<http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>.

**Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Virtual Bible Study

**Tuesday, Feb. 16:** Virtual Trivia Night with Prizes

**Tues, Feb. 23:** Holy Hour MMR Parish, Montgomeryville

### Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School

**Practice Entrance/Scholarship Test:** For 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders on Sat. and Sunday – April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

**Open House:** Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

More information and registration can be found at [gmahs.org/visitgwynedd](http://gmahs.org/visitgwynedd).



**POPE JOHN PAUL II**  
HIGH SCHOOL

The hybrid teaching and learning model taking place at Pope John Paul II High School has been highly effective in involving the students in an engaging learning environment while implementing the proper safety protocols. Like you, we want the best for our students, and our new model provides just that. Apply now for the 2021-2022 school year. Visit our website or Contact the Office of Admissions at 484-91-75-6500 x3033 or [scooper@pjphs.org](mailto:scooper@pjphs.org) for more information. Go Panthers!

### Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Prospective students are invited to join us for

events this spring! 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Test -

Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28, 6<sup>th</sup>

Grade Practice - Saturday, April 17 Registration is open

at [www.msjadad.org/practicetest](http://www.msjadad.org/practicetest). Personal tours are

scheduled by appointment – call (215) 233-9133 to

reserve your tour. For more information or to learn more about the event, email the Admissions Team at

[admiss@msjadad.org](mailto:admiss@msjadad.org).



### Make a Lenten Retreat with St. Therese of Lisieux!

“The Science of Weakness: A Lenten Journey with St. Therese of Lisieux” is a 3-day retreat with

Susan Brinkmann, OCDS. March 12-14 on the beautiful grounds of St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA, single and double occupancy rooms are available. COVID precautions will be taken! For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.catholiclifeinstitute.org/calendar/special-events/>



