

MARCH 21, 2021

*Unless a grain of wheat  
falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies,  
it produces much fruit.*

*John 12:24*

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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](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

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### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

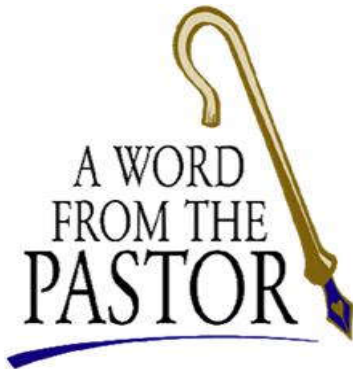
### MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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,

Jesus gives us more insight into what it means to be genuinely spiritual in this Sunday's gospel. The "hour" of Jesus' death is near, so he takes the opportunity to instruct his disciples about what it means to be his follower. Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Just so, the spiritual person is willing to follow Jesus when it is inconvenient, painful, and costly. The truly spiritual person will follow Jesus even to the cross. The person with genuine insight into spiritual matters realizes that Jesus cannot be separated from his cross nor can eternal life be separated from death to self.

The words of Jesus are very different from what we typically hear from people who describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious." For them, being spiritual is not about dying to self but of enriching oneself. It is not about knowing God as He has revealed Himself in Scripture and in Church teaching so that we can humbly serve others, but about having secret knowledge that gives one a sense of superiority over others. This so-called "New Age" spirituality is really something very old — trying to achieve the glory of heaven without the shame of the cross.

Jesus invites us to be both spiritual *and* religious. He wants us to worship him in a community of believers. He wants us to gain wisdom by drawing on the words of Scripture, the teaching of the Church, and the insights of the believers who have gone before us. Most of all, he wants to encounter us in the Eucharist. This abundance of spiritual riches is ours through baptism and faith. It is a taste of heaven given to those who have decided to pick up their crosses and follow Jesus.

Blessings

*Father Jerry Wild*



**Offering Totals:**

**March 14, 2021 \$5,391.00.**

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

**GIVING HOPE TO ALL**

The Catholic Charities Appeal is a time for our Parish to come together to extend our love, generosity, and concern to those who need it most. Your support will provide education, food, shelter, and medical assistance.



**WAYS TO GIVE**

The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances

- \* Pledge Gift
- \* Gifts of Cash
- \* Matching Gifts
- \* Electronic Fund
- \* Transfer (EFT)
- \* Gifts of Security
- \* Planned Gifts

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



*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.*

*March 21, 2021*  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**First Reading** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51)

**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9)

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33)

**Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances**

<b>Sat. March 20</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
4:15 PM	Audrey Cimino
<b>Sun. March 21</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 AM	Alan Anderson
11:00 AM	Jack Rava
<b>Mon. March 22</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
10:00 AM	Daniel Daly
<b>Tues. March 23</b>	<b>St. Turibius</b>
7:00 AM	Special Intention
<b>Wed. March 24</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00 AM	Catherine Pachella
<b>Fri. March 26</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
7:00 AM	Robert Kropp
7:00 PM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sat. March 27</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
4:15 PM	Antonia Guagliariello
<b>Sun. March 28</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
9:00 AM	Frank Fillippo
11:00 AM	Margaret Savage

**The Rose of Life for this week**  
**Is requested by Helen Bortulin**  
**In memory of Marguerite Schweizer**



**THE NEW COVENANT**

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart. Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Confirmation**

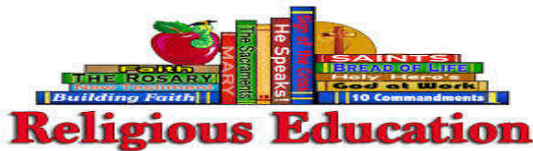
**Congratulations to all who were confirmed on March 14.**  
**May you remain open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit!**

- Katherine Maria Buentello
- William Michael Christian
- Henry Patrick Goldstein
- Marina Juliana Karvounis
- Chase Francis Kerwood
- Kaitlyn Mary McKenna
- Declan Paul Nice
- Dante Francis Pineiro
- Antoni Maximilian Rosinski
- Eleanor Cecilia Rothgeb
- Lucas Gabriel Rundle
- Katelyn Katherine Ryan

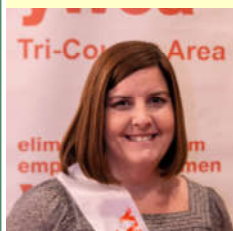
**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE DEVOTION**

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for family home devotion by the Legion of Mary of the parish. Our Lady of Fatima is a powerful source of help, comfort and grace in times of trouble. Honoring her as a family is a wonderful Lenten devotional practice. Families of the parish interested in hosting the statue of Our Lady for a week can make arrangements by contacting Anne Whalon at 610-329-3761. Because of the pandemic, social distancing and the wearing of mask will be maintained. Members of the Legion will not enter the home but will deliver the statue and prayer manual on the doorstep. Pickup will be arranged in advance.





**In the Spotlight** Catechist, **Beth Burkheimer**



I teach Level 7 and have been teaching PREP for 13 years. I enjoy getting to know the children of our Church family and helping them discover their faith.

**My favorite place to eat:** My favorite place to eat is my mom's

house surrounded by family

**My favorite color:** Blue

**My favorite sports team:** the Sixers

**What I like best about teaching our Catholic Faith:**

The best part of teaching our faith and especially Confirmation year is you get to see students make connections between what they have learned at home, in Church, and in PREP for many years. They start to see how they can live their faith.

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE:**

**March**

- 22 Weekly Lesson; parent/student meetings (Gr. 1-6)  
Fourth Quarter Begins
- 29 Weekly Lesson

**April**

- 5 Weekly Lesson
- 12 Weekly Lesson, Final Assessments Sent ( gr. 4-6)

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



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.

**Dick Tenefeld**

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, 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, Teresa Garate, Peter Mulligan, 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, 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 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; Msgr. 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

### 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) **March 21, 2021 @ 5:00 P.M.**, an outdoor/safe seating/heated/lit tent @ Enotecca Tredici Restaurant located @ 915 W. Lancaster Ave. Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 More info call Barb (610)896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate!

### Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School

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

**Morning or Evening Tours**—6th and 7th grade students with one parent; information: [gmahs.org](http://gmahs.org)

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

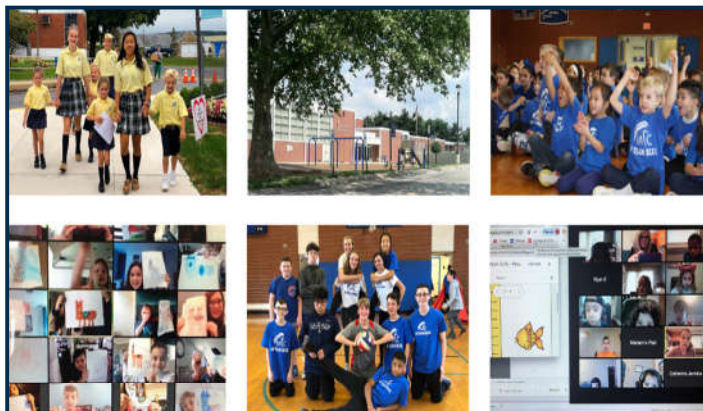
More information and registration can be found at [gmahs.org/visitgwynedd](http://gmahs.org/visitgwynedd).



### Mount Saint Joseph Academy

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Test** -Sat., March 27 and Sun March 28,

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice** - Saturday, April 17 Registration is open at [www.msjacad.org/practicetest](http://www.msjacad.org/practicetest). Personal tours are scheduled by appointment, to reserve your tour – call (215) 233-9133. For more information or to learn more about the event, email the Admissions Team at [admiss@msjacad.org](mailto:admiss@msjacad.org).



## CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

IN THE CLASSROOM AND VIRTUALLY!

PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE

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

