

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

*Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”*

Mark 1:14-15

FIRST 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



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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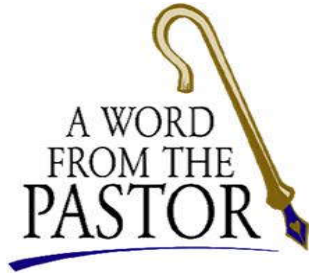
MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

405 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Principal: Christine Pagan

Phone: 610-265-2323

Website: www.MTCschool.org



Dear Parishioners,

“Let nothing trouble you,
Let nothing scare you.
All is fleeting. God alone is unchanging.”

These words were part of the hand-written prayer by Teresa and tucked into St. Teresa’s daily prayer book. We are left to consider that perhaps Teresa kept these words close because she needed them regularly. How apt they are for all of us in these challenging times we live in.

The love and devotion for St. Teresa of Avila runs deep. Her life was changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In times of need, sickness, tension, hostility, and desperation, she put the Gospel message into concrete action. Holy women and men in our tradition have always allowed their love of the Lord to overflow in concrete ways. The legacy of the St. Teresa of Avila Parish is the same. Our mission statement: Love God, Love Your Neighbor, Make Disciples of Jesus, points to our commitment to witness to others the gospel of Jesus Christ and invite one another to active discipleship by living lives centered on Gospel values. We are grateful to those “pillars” of the parish who sacrificed and worked to establish our legacy. Listening to people speak about St. Teresa of Avila Parish, one constant refrain has been the strong sense of community. We rely on the time, talents, and treasure of all parishioners to build this community of faith.

Your generosity to our 2021 Stewardship Appeal is very much appreciated. Please be sure to pray about your choice to donate. If you are able to make a gift this year please consider doing so. If you cannot give now, we hope you will remember us when your situation allows.

The legacy of St. Teresa of Avila Parish is now ours. Like our namesake, we find ourselves in a time of adversity, sickness, tension, hostility, and anxiety. How we respond, with concrete actions inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, will determine the security of our parish and the legacy we hand on to the next generation.

I/We are here to serve you and are only ever a phone call away. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

God bless,

Fr. Jerry Wild
Pastor



Offering Totals:

February 14, 2021 \$4,576.80.
January Online Giving \$12,652.00.

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

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (Alleluia dulce carmen, J. M. Neale, trans.).



These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns.

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Lenten Opportunities for Prayer & Reflection



The annual observance of Lent is the special season to renew our commitment to “Repent & Believe in the Gospel as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Please consider the following opportunities to sustain your Lenten journey.

- **Daily Mass** at 10 a.m. on Monday and 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Church.
- **Stations of the Cross** on Friday evening at 7 p.m. in the Church.
- **Weekly Reflections** on our life of faith as disciples of Jesus. These brief videos by Fr. Wild will be sent by email and will be posted on our parish website.

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.*

Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

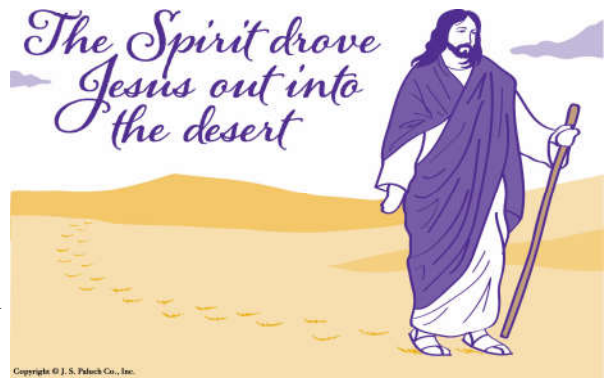
**February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent**

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).


Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)



**Mass Intentions, Saints and
Special Observances**

Sat. February 20	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	In Remembrance of Fr. Wild's Birthday
Sun. February 21	1st Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	Margarie Rakowski
11:00 AM	William & Marie Zack
Mon. February 22	Chair of St. Peter
10:00 AM	Memorial Fund Members
Tues. February 23	St. Polycarp
7:00 AM	Bethel Lewis
Wed. February 24	Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM	Mary Rita Goetz
Fri. February 26	Weekday
7:00 AM	James Donaghy
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Sat. February 27	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	Audrey Cimino
Sun. February 28	2nd Sun. in Lent
9:00 AM	John J. Croft
11:00 AM	Audrey Cimino

GIVING HOPE TO ALL  **CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is launching the 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal:

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:

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

Please join in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia Area.

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.



Altar Servers Needed!

Dear Parents,

I would like to invite you and your child to consider the opportunity of serving the Lord and the people of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in the Ministry of Altar Server. Though your son or daughter will be the server, it is the support and encouragement of parents which make this service possible.

Becoming an Altar Server offers a young person the opportunity to grow in faith and the love of the Lord; and to learn the importance of the Mass, the center of our Faith. In short, it is a way to become closer to our Lord through service to His people.

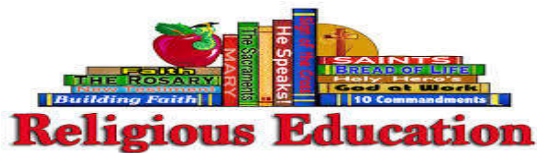
If you can say yes to any of the above, then please contact the Parish Office to learn more about on of the most important ministries at STA. It is a privilege and honor to serve Jesus Christ at the Altar. All training will be provided. Please email the Parish Office at : starectory@verizon.net.



**The Rose of Life for this week
Is requested by
Gerry and Alice Ellis
In memory of
George and Catherine Ellis**



Gratefully in the Lord,
Father Jerry Wild



Religious Education

STA Parish Religious Education Program 2020—2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the Third 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

22 Weekly lesson; Confirmation Practice-6:30-7:30PM

March

1 Weekly Lesson; Confirmation Practice-6:30-7:30PM

8 Weekly Lesson; Confirmation Practice-6:30-7:30PM

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

Congratulations to our parish children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance for the first time on Saturday, February 13. The journey of conversion is a lifetime one, as we seek to give our lives more to Christ. Penance is the sacrament that provides encouragement and celebrates our ongoing conversion.

A reminder that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday at 3:00 pm in the Chapel.

Colin Ciabattoni

Lucia DiBlassio

Sara Eubanks

Conor Higgins

Gabriella Johnson

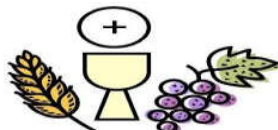
Kean McDevitt

Logan Nevulis

Carter O'Brien

Abigail Stephenson

Riley Wilson



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.

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.**



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

Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.
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:

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 Mieckowski, 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 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.

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



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>.

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

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) Feb. 21st @ 5:00 P.M.**, an outdoor well heated tent & lit, for safety purposes @ Enotecca Tredici Restaurant, located at 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 24th and 25th
Morning or Evening Tours—6th and 7th grade students with one parent; information: gmahs.org
Open House: Sunday, April 18th



More information and registration can be found at gmahs.org/visitgwynedd.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Prospective students are invited to join us for events this spring! 7th Grade Practice Test - Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28, 6th Grade Practice - Saturday, April 17 Registration is open at www.msjad.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@msjad.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 & double occupancy rooms are available. COVID precautions will be taken! For more information and to register, visit:

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

