



First Sunday of *Advent*

November 28, 2021

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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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

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.*

**Masks are strongly recommended regardless of vaccine status. Those who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering or mask.**

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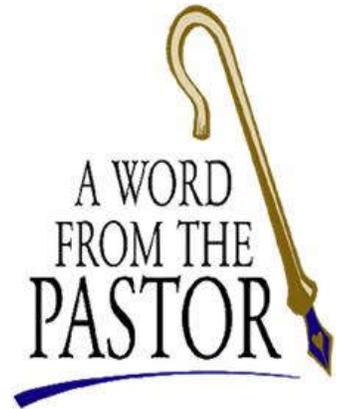
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Dear Parishioners,

I pray that you and your families are well after these many long months of the pandemic. I hope that you felt the closeness of the Lord Jesus and also our closeness as your parish.

As we have emerged from the darkness of those difficult days, I would like to invite you to reconnect fully with the parish, especially by returning to the in-person celebration of Mass. Many in our community found that livestreaming Mass was a helpful way to stay connected to God and to our parish during the pandemic. I have heard how much people experienced the Lord's closeness to them, even over the internet.

At the same time, all of us know instinctively that nothing compares to "being there" in person. We discovered this truth anew during the pandemic lockdowns when we were almost completely separated from one another. While zoom meetings and livestream could serve as an interim solution, all of us felt the hunger in our hearts to be in the same room as our loved ones and to feel a handshake or a hug. If this is true on the level of our human relationships, how much more so with Jesus, who comes to be physically present to us at every Mass. When it comes to Mass, truly we must say that nothing compare to being there.

I write to you now as your pastor to invite you and your family back to the in-person celebration of the Eucharist. It is only here that you will find the strength that you need to navigate the trials of life, the love that you need for all of your relationships and the grace that you need to make your way to Heaven. It would be a delight to my heart to see you at Mass again and even more so, it would give joy to the heart of Jesus who awaits your presence at the altar.

If there is anything that I or the parish can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Mass Times:*

Saturday - 4:15 PM

Monday - 10:00 AM

Sunday - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Tues., Wed., Fri. - 7:00 AM

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

Tuesday—1:00 PM to 7:15 PM, followed by Benediction at 7:15 PM

Blessings,

*Father Jerry Wild*

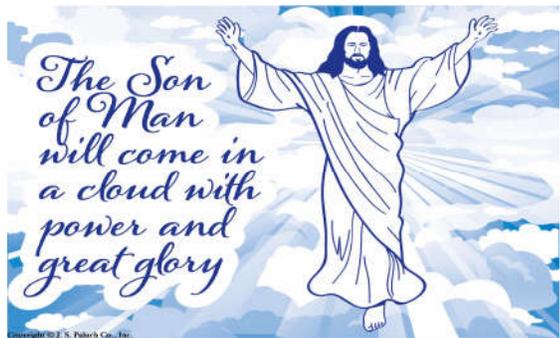
November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).



## Mass Intentions, and Special Observances

### Saturday, November 27th:

4:15 PM Gene Caucci—  
Gerrie Caucci

### Sunday, November 28th:

9:00 AM The Vitelli Family—  
Mike & Barb Greco

11:00 AM Horace and Thelma Cornell—  
Diana Miller

### Monday, November 29th:

10:00 AM Anne Marie McNelis—  
Ken & Kenny McNelis

### Tuesday, November 30th:

7:00 AM Special Intention—  
Ethel Corbett

### Wednesday, December 1st:

7:00 AM Robert H. Raquet—  
Rita Wishengrad

### Friday, December 3rd:

7:00 AM Steven Savo—  
Bill & Bridget Maruszczak

### Saturday, December 4th:

4:15 PM Rebecca Edgcomb Blake—  
Ed Kershner

### Sunday, December 5th:

9:00 AM Flora Furlan—  
Dolores Furlan

11:00 AM Sarah Neve—  
Anne Whalon



### Offering Totals:

Due to our printer's holiday schedule, last weekend's collection total was not available in time to publish this weekend's bulletin. That total will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

**\*\*Upcoming Collections for 12/5/21:  
Maintenance/Parish Facilities**

At Christmas we celebrate the truth that GOD came and lived among us. To help us prepare, the Church created the season of Advent, beginning this year on Nov. 28. It is a watchful time during which we can better learn to live intentionally. The most important preparation we can make during *Advent* is prayer ... which is loving attentiveness to God. It means closing the door to distractions and making space in busy our schedule where we can be alone, have silence and quiet time in sacred stillness. Prayer nourishes our relationship with the Lord by making us aware of the Divine Presence in our lives.

I invite you to consider spending time in prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and joining us for Benediction at **7:15 pm on Tuesday evenings**. There are many ways to adore God, but in Adoration, we are truly in Jesus' presence adoring Him in person. A brief Advent reflection will be shared each week during this time to deepen our Advent practice.

*Come, join us!*



## Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

### **Monday, November 29**

Women's Bible Study (Good Shep) 10:30 AM  
PREP Weekly Lesson

### **Tuesday, November 30**

Eucharistic Adoration Church) 1:00 PM to  
Benediction (Church) 7:15 PM

### **Wednesday, December 1**

Men's Bible Study (Parish Center) 7:00 PM  
Adult Choir (Church) 7:00-8:30 PM

### **Saturday, December 4**

Confessions (Chapel) 3 PM to 3:30 PM  
Vigil Mass 4:15 PM

## 2022 Roses for Life

Envelopes to reserve 2022 Roses for Life are available at the ambo starting this Weekend, 11/27-11/28. Roses for Life are offered in memory of deceased loved ones. Please return your envelope and minimum offering of \$10 to the Parish Office by Sunday, 12/19. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket, dropped through the mail slot at the Parish Office or mailed to the Parish Office.



**I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.**  
— Jeremiah 33:15



# Religious Education

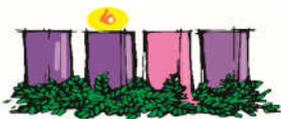
## UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

### November

- 29 Weekly Lesson, **ADVENT** begins Nov.28  
Hybrid students practice in the church for  
Sacrament of First Penance; 6:30pm

### December

- 4 Hybrid students Celebrate the Sacrament  
of Penance & Reconciliation
- 5 **Sunday Family Mass** 11 am—5th grade
- 6 Weekly Lesson, mid-term assessment sent  
Grades 4 thru 6



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### It's time for the annual Advent Giving Tree!

'Tis the season to help our brothers and sisters in need! Join the St. Teresa of Avila parish community as we help local organizations this Advent.



This year you can participate in several ways:

- \*Choose a tag from the Giving Tree, located near the altar. Then return the wrapped gift to the same place labeled with the gift tag.
- \*Go to the STA website to see the list of needed gift cards and drop one in the collection basket.
- \*Pray for all those experiencing hardship this year.

### ORGANIZATION ~~~~ WHAT IS NEEDED

**STA Parish Outreach to the Needy** ~ Gift Cards

(Target, Rite Aid, Giant)

**Retired Priest Villa (St. Joseph's)** ~ Gift Cards

(Rite Aid, Walmart)

**Camilla Hall (Sisters of the IHM)** ~ Toiletries/Gift Cards

(Rite Aid, Target)

**Baby's Breath** ~ Toiletries (for moms and babies),

Snow Suits(18 m), Coats (12 m)

**Birthdayright** ~ Sleeper Sacks (newborn), Clothing &

Snow Suits (18m), Maternity Leggings

**Brother's House** ~ Blankets, Hats/Gloves; Gift Cards

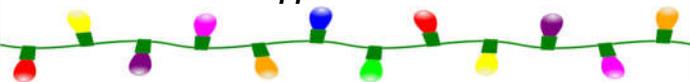
(Walmart, Giant)

Please contact **Lori Tedjeske** at

**loriblake13@gmail.com**

with any questions.

Your generosity and support are very much appreciated!



## 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. Teresa of Avila Parish. Registration will be held in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses on the 1st weekend of each month. You may 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 12:00. Please call or visit the Parish Office on Monday—Wednesday from 9am to 2:30 pm at 610-666-5820. Parents must attend our Pre-Jordan Class prior to their child's baptism. We look forward to helping you to prepare for this beautiful sacrament of the beginning of our life (of grace) in Christ.

**MATRIMONY:** Couples must make arrangements for matrimony in person with the parish clergy at least **nine** 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:** The sacrament of the *anointing of the sick* is based on Jesus' concern for the sick, his commissioning of the apostles to heal the sick and the healing ministry of the early Church. This sacrament is usually administered after the celebration of Mass or if needed during a personal visit. Parishioners who are entering the hospital for surgery, are seriously ill or desire the comfort of the sacrament in their weakness are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please contact the Parish Office at 610-666-5820, to make arrangements

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



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### 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:

Julia Whalon, Patricia Chiarlanga, Madeline McGee, Jim McGauley, Deborah Hall, Maria Cancel, Juneanne Brassington, Lou Becht, Sr., Doug Woodward, Brooke Sturgis, Elise Pancio, Flavia Langan, Gabriela Buentello, Gerri Tornetta, Cheryl Karvounis, Nino Gulotta, Diana Rava, and for all the sick of our parish.

(Please take note: Names submitted for prayers will remain in the bulletin for 1 month.)



The Rose of Life for this week  
Is requested by  
Hank & Debbie Rhoads  
In memory of  
Ruth Fitze



### from Scripture

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36,  
the Advent of hope

The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. We can forget our ultimate goal is Heaven. Knowing this, Jesus warned His followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complaisance. Imagine the terrifying scene Jesus described – the shaking of the earth, sea, and sky and people dying of fright. In the midst of that terror, though, people living in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, He said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly pleasure. Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to Him, we will be rewarded. This is a time when we must pray for patience and perseverance to keep us ready for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.



THERE WILL BE SIGNS  
in the sun, the moon, and the stars  
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### 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 events are (Sun) Nov 28th, "Post Thanksgiving House Party" (safe seating) @ 5:30 P.M. @ a member's home in Havertown, PA. (Sun) Dec. 12th, a Christmas Restaurant Event (safe seating) @ 5:00 P.M. @ "The Choice Restaurant" located @ 845 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA. 19010.

More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



#### Metanoia Young Adults

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montco that supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. To receive access to our virtual meetings and our latest information by heading to <http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>.  
November 2021

Tuesday, November 23: Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer, Montgomeryville



Bereavement Support

The Bereavement Support Group, sponsored by Holy Savior Parish's Eldercare program, will meet on Tuesday afternoons, from the beginning of November through mid-December. If you or someone you know lost a loved one more than ten months ago, or if you would like help in managing the upcoming Thanksgiving/Christmas season, please contact Jennifer at (610) 270-2821 or [jrose@chs-adphila.org](mailto:jrose@chs-adphila.org).



St. Mary Polish American Society is happy to announce their return! They are taking orders for Polish Christmas food items: babkas (Cheese, Cinnamon Crumb, Raspberry Cheese), \$15 each from L&M Bakery; Pierogi (potato, potato cheese or sauerkraut), \$9/dozen, from Polka Deli; Kielbasa, \$7.50/pound from Czerw's. Blessed opłatki (Polish Christmas wafer) are available for a donation.

Food order deadline is Wed., Dec. 1st. Order pick-up on Fri/Sat, Dec 10/11 in St. Mary Church Hall from 1 to 4 pm. Raffle tickets are available for St. Mary Polish American Society Raffle featuring \$10,000 in prize money. Tickets are \$50 each and 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be on Sun. Dec. 12th. (Winner need not be present). Proceeds support Polish heritage in Mont. Co. & restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church. To place food orders or purchase a raffle ticket, please call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861 or email [smpas@stmarypolish.org](mailto:smpas@stmarypolish.org)



—Calling all Lectors—  
Workbooks for Lectors for the 2022 Liturgical Year are available and can be picked up in the Sacristy.

