

Merry Christmas!



She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. - Matthew 1:21

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

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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 7:00 PM on **Wednesday, January 15 at 7 PM** 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,

In remembering and celebrating the coming of this holy child, *Jesus* to the world we discover the divine potential planted within us and we are filled with hope for humanity even in its weakened and fragile state. To embrace this invitation is to set out with Christ on a lifelong journey of faith and promise that must by necessity involve *the Cross*. We must guard against romanticizing the Christmas story. As beautiful as it is, the story warns us not to expect our lives to be calm and bright simply because God is with us, *Emmanuel*. The truth is, sometimes God comes into our lives, not as a gentle rain, not as a mild breeze but as a wrecking ball. Mary and Joseph had only their faith to sustain them, that is, *their deep, abiding trust in GOD's love!* WE ask GOD, Emmanuel...*help us to walk by faith each day, individually and as a community of faith at St. Teresa of Avila Parish.*

After the last cookie is eaten, the gifts are set aside, and the world has moved on to other things, the *invitation* remains. Let us not be afraid to say *yes* and to take this Child into our hearts this Christmastime season that He might live in us and transform us and show us the way to true peace.

Thank you to so many for your love and support throughout the year as your pastor. I am grateful to God's call to me to be a priest and your pastor. At this Christmas, I want to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to so many parishioners who faithfully participate in our parish ministries by your presence, your gifts, service and financial support. Thank you for this generous stewardship that enables us as a parish community to exist and proclaim the Son of God, Jesus, Emmanuel, GOD-with-us!

Christmas blessings and peace,

Father Jerry Wild

Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances

Sat. December 21 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass Carol & Bill Schubach
Sun. December 22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Advent Deceased Members of the Smith & Quarto Families Anne & Gus Sortino 25h Anniversary
Mon. December 23 10:00 AM	Advent Weekday John McGill
Tues. December 24 Masses 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM	Christmas Eve
Wed. December 25 Masses 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM	The Nativity of the Lord
Fri. December 27 7:00 AM	St. John, Apostle Mary Visich
Sat. December 28 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass In Honor of the Deceased And Living Members of the Jack & Helen Mac Donald Family
Sun. December 29 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	The Holy Family Andrew Morrisroe Mario Santoro

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

Sunday, December 22	
Children's Liturgy of the Word (Mass)	11:00 AM
Cherub Choir (Church)	10:00 AM
Adult Choir (Church)	7:00 PM
Monday, December 23	
Rosary (Chapel)	6:30 PM
Thursday, December 26	
Legion of Mary (Good Shep Rm.)	10:00-11:30 AM
Italian Rosary (Chapel)	6:00 PM
Prayer Shawl (Faculty Rm.)	7:00 PM
Youth Choir (Church)	7:00 PM
Saturday, December 28	
Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study (Fac. Rm.)	8:45 AM
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15 PM



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

STA Christmas Mass Schedule



The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve 12/24/19 4PM & 7PM

Christmas Day 12/25/19 9AM & 11AM

Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Eve 12/31/19 4:15PM

New Year's Day 1/1/20 10:00AM

This weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, I am happy to give you a Christmas gift by providing a book called *Rediscover the Saints* by Matthew Kelly. Please take it home and read it to be encouraged by these great Christian witnesses of every time and place whose faith can inspire you. This book is NOT a dense biography of the saints. There are enough of those. This is an *invitation*—on how the saints are active in your life and let them be even more involved each and every day. These spiritual guides will help you seek the True Light of Jesus. What a great way to go into the New Year!

- Father Wild

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Your Christmas contribution is important to the life of the parish. In this season of giving please remember St. Teresa of Avila Church with your donation, which may be placed in the collection basket, brought to the rectory, given over the phone or online at www.osvonlinegiving.com. We accept cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard and American Express. Thank you for remembering the Parish at Christmas. May God bless you for your stewardship at Christmas and throughout the year!

The Rose of Life for this week is requested by Frank & Dolly Lally In memory of Deceased Members of the Glevin and Lally Families





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If you would like to hear more about MTC, take a tour of
receive an enrollment packet, please contact our
Admissions Staff at 610-265-2323 or email
admissions@mtcschool.org.

**Have you considered sending your child to
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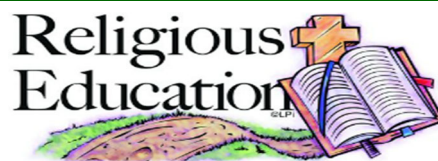
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MTC Transfer Grants

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 our Admissions Staff at
610-265-2323 or email admissions@mtcschool.org.



The parish office will be **open until noon**
on **Tues. Dec. 24**, **closed** on **Wed. Dec.**
25, and **Thurs. Dec. 26** in observance
of the Christmas holiday. The office will
also be **open until noon** on **Tues. Dec.**
31, **closed** on **Wed. Jan. 1, 2020** in
observance of New Year's Day.



PREP classes for Levels 1-6 are held on Monday
evenings from 6:30-7:45pm in the Parish Center.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

December

23 *Christmas Break - no class until 1/6/20*
** *No CLOW on Sunday, December 29***

January

- 6 Classes resume
- 13 Class
- 18 *Confirmation Retreat*

**Any questions, please contact Mrs. Patti Fauls at
610-666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net**



2020 Roses for Life

2020 Rose for Life donations are due today, 12/22/19.
Envelopes may be placed in the Collection Basket,
mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office. *Thank you!*

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the
historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of
God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.
Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow
God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the
Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to
"tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the
prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne,
who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's
chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be
called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of
the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the
faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and
the complete trust in God shown by Mary and
Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus
Christ.

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*Thank you to all who contributed to our 2019 Christmas Flower Collection.
The flowers in our Church during the Christmas
Season are offered in memory and in honor of your loved ones.*



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 all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for the healing of:

Roy Sullivan, Teresa Vesey, Mary Gruber, Elise Pancio, David Bydalek, 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, 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, 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 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, 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 Polvin, Diane Haws, Jimmy Siravo

Please pray for all those who serve our country:

Army Spec. Anthony Chiaravalloti, 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.



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 on Thursday, December 26th,

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

All are welcome to join us!

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.

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

THE HOLY SPIRIT ~ The Power of Love



Q. What are some images of the Spirit?

A. In Christian art the Holy Spirit is most often depicted as a dove—a symbol of peace, innocence, and God's mysterious presence. The Bible uses other images—among them wind, fire, tongues of fire, and water—when it speaks of the Spirit's mysterious but real presence.

Wind. A driving wind signaled the advent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Genesis also speaks of God's Spirit hovering over the watery chaos at the time of the creation of the world. Wind is a powerful image—something invisible but with quite evident effects. The image of Spirit as wind underscores the life and freedom given God's people through the Holy Spirit.

Fire. Fire evokes images of light, warmth, transformation, power, mystery. The Hebrew scriptures refer to God as a consuming fire, even appearing to Moses in a burning bush. Pillars of fire guided the Israelites through the desert at night and symbolized Yahweh's judgement on the Chosen People. It purified the holy and destroyed the wicked. Jesus refers to himself as the light of the world and calls on his disciples to be light as well. The Spirit is the inner light who gives us the capacity to know and love Jesus.

2020 St. Teresa of Avila Calendars

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Calendars for 2020 are available at the doors of the church. This year's calendars feature Religious Art. Many thanks to Bacchi and Szpindor-Meyers Funeral Homes for graciously sponsoring these beautiful calendars for our parish.

