



The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority.

MARK 1:22

FOURTH *Sunday* *in* ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2021

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Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

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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



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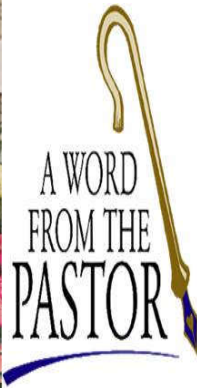
MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Website: www.MTCschool.org



Dear Parishioners,

Today we learn in Deuteronomy that God's words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet, in a way, puts mere deadly words in the mouth of God. In the Gospel according to Saint Mark, we see the teachings of Jesus and healing as the work of a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The history of our Church is full of prophets, true and false. But in today's Gospel we learn that the fame of Jesus spread because he taught with authority; His authority did not come from His being popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his confrontations in the desert when he was tempted by Satan, that anyone can quote Holy Scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we learn that their authority was not like that of the scribes, who held official positions of religious authority at that time. Our job is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and also to be true prophets ourselves. The psalmist tells us how to do it: don't harden our hearts when God speaks.

Blessings,

Father Jerry Wild



Offering Totals:

January 24, 2021 \$4,810.00.

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

I would like to remind all Parishioners that the 'obligation' to attend Mass during the Covid-19 Pandemic continues to be lifted by Archbishop Nelson Perez for those who feel uncomfortable or compromised for various reasons.

The STA Parish will continue to film a Mass that will be made available by email and be posted on our Parish

website: www.stteresaofavilaparish.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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Last rites" is a persistent but pesky phrase in the Catholic lexicon, and not a particularly useful phrase since it props open the door to misunderstanding. Many Catholics presume it refers to the anointing of the sick, yet there is nothing "last" about it. Clearly, the Church desires anointing to be celebrated fairly early on in the crisis of illness, and not as a last measure. The Rites for the Dying stand apart in the Church's plan, and include two principal rites. The first is viaticum, Latin for "food for the journey," the reception of Holy Communion by a dying person. Even very active and aware Catholics often do not realize that this "last rite" does not require a priest's presence, but can be conducted by a deacon or minister of Holy Communion.



The second "last rite" in the pastoral plan is a prayer called "Commendation of the Dying." Similarly, this does not require the presence of a priest, but can be led by any minister or family member. Too often, we have focused on what only a priest can do, namely anoint, and have forgotten the fullness of liturgical care that the Church desires for its dying faithful. The "last rites" are completely available to us even when a priest is not.

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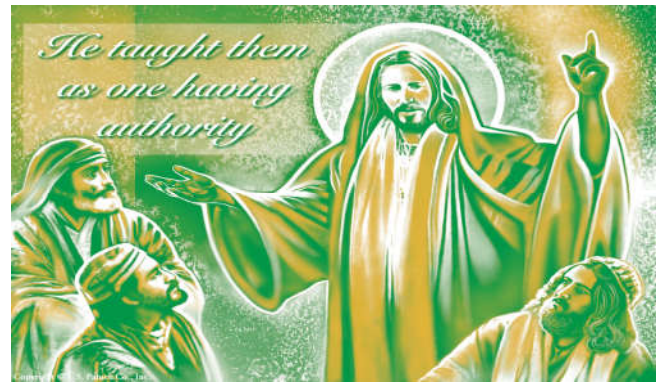
January 31, 2021
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Moses spoke to all the people saying: "The Lord God will cause a prophet like me to arise in your midst" (Deuteronomy 18: 15-20).

Psalm - May you hear his voice today; do not harden your hearts (Psalm 95 [94]).

Second Reading - Brothers and sisters: I would like you to live without worries (1 Corinthians 7: 32-35).

Gospel - The listeners were amazed at his words, as he taught as one who has authority (Mark 1: 21-28).



Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances

Sat. January 30	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	The Shields Family
Sun. January 31	4th Sun. in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Robert O. Savage, Jr.
11:00 AM	Carolyn Cunneen
Mon. February 1	Weekday
10:00 AM	Lloyd F. Kershner
Tues. February 2	Presentation of the Lord
7:00 AM	Joe Garraty
Wed. February 3	St. Blaise
7:00 AM	Joan Schloth
Fri. February 5	First Friday
7:00 AM	Tamara Lynn Kowalczyk
Sat. February 6	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	Virginia M. Bofinger
Sun. February 7	5th Sun. in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Michael J. Bortulin
11:00 AM	Mary Pat McCoy

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 one 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.

Gratefully in the Lord,
 Father Jerry Wild

The Rose of Life for this week
Is requested by Helen C. Bortulin
In memory of
Michael J. Bortulin



The Prayer of Spiritual Communion can be prayed not only if you are unable to attend Mass during the coronavirus but even in the midst of your daily work.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my life & soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally at Mass, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.



YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group at St. Teresa of Avila Parish is open to all teens in Grades 8 to 12. We meet twice a month for prayer, camaraderie, games, food, service and discussions to guide you in your spiritual journey and help you deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ! We typically meet in the Youth Room at STA, but out of an abundance of caution due to increasing COVID numbers, the meetings will be held online via ZOOM. For log in information, please contact Deacon or Mrs. Matour at 610-310-8736 or stavilayouth@gmail.com

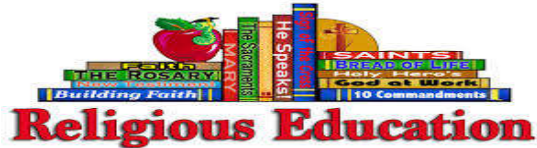


NEXT WEEKEND!!!
"SOUPER BOWL"
FOOD DRIVE

As part of the National **Annual SOUPER BOWL Food Drive**, the

STA Youth Group will be collecting canned goods during all masses on NEXT WEEKEND, February 6th/7th. 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 canned goods before all Masses. Any questions, contact Deacon Dave or Sue Matour at stavilayouth@gmail.com. Thank you!

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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

- 1 Weekly lesson, Safe Env, Program sent to parents, parent/student meetings (Grade 7)
- 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.

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.



**IT'S CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK!**



Tell a family member or friend about Catholic Schools Week! It's the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States.

<https://www.mtcschool.org/csw2021>

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.

**Sarah Neve (mother of Maria Noon) and
William Salamone**

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon her. 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, Sarah Neve, 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>.



Villa Joseph Marie High School has openings for part-time van drivers for two newly developed runs beginning immediately. This is a split schedule with morning and afternoon hours. Retirees welcome! Please contact mbrown@vjmh.org for more information.



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 for more information. Go Panthers!

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 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/>

