

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



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JANUARY 24, 2021

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

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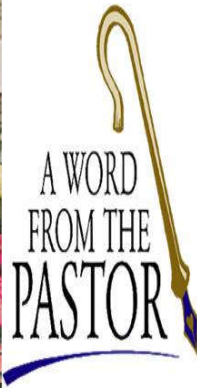
MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

405 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Principal: Christine Pagan

Phone: 610-265-2323

Website: www.MTCschool.org



Dear Parishioners,

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns. Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

Blessings,

Father Jerry Wild



Offering Totals:

January 17, 2021 \$6,200.00.

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.

Heavenly Father, we give you praise and honor,

We thank you for the many gifts that you bestow on us including Your most Blessed handmaid,

Mary Immaculate as Patroness of the United States and as the untangler of knots.

Today we invoke her intervention to protect our country and the Constitution upon which it is founded.

Bless our country and all its leaders who seek to defend our most treasured liberties.

We beseech you, through the intercession of Mary to restore peace, order and respect for our laws which protect this great Republic.

We ask this, as we ask all things, through Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns With you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady, Patroness of the United States, pray for us.

— Father Jerry



January 24, 2021
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah’s message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).



Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances

Sat. January 23	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	Allan Anderson
Sun. January 24	3rd Sun. in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Anna & Howard Wyandt
11:00 AM	Tom McNichol
Mon. January 25	Conversion of St. Paul
10:00 AM	Rev. Laurence Gleason & James Travitzky
Tues. January 26	Ss. Timothy & Titus
7:00 AM	Louis Di Maria
Wed. January 27	St. Angela Merici
7:00 AM	Joan Schaffer
Fri. January 29	Weekday
7:00 AM	Barbara Mackle
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

FEAST OF FAITH

The Penitential Rite ~ Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God’s mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus’ feet with the words, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord’s presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional Confiteor or “I confess” to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Rose of Life for this week
Is requested by Dolores Furlan
In memory of
Deceased Members Of
Furlan & Girini Families



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.



“SOUPER BOWL” FOOD DRIVE

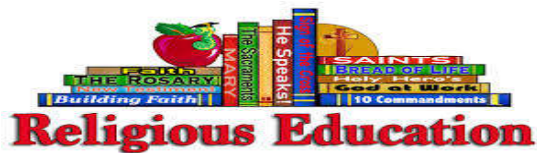
Members of the STA Youth Group will be lecting canned goods during all masses Super Bowl Weekend, Feb. 6th/7th in support of the **Annual SOUPER BOWL Food Drive**. Their efforts will be joined with those of young people in churches across the United States as they collect food and money for those who are hungry and hurting. All donations collected at STA will be distributed to local food banks and Catholic Social Services. Please support our youth in this effort to "love our neighbors" by donating your canned goods on Saturday, February 6th or Sunday, February 7th. Any questions, contact Deacon Dave or Sue Matour at stavilayouth@gmail.com. Thank 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





Religious Education

STA Parish Religious Education Program 2020—2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the Second 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:

January

25 Weekly lesson, *Confirmation Candidate Interviews with Father Wild*

February

- 1 Weekly lesson, Safe Env, Program sent to parents for February, parent/student meetings (grade 7)
- 8 Weekly lesson
- 13 *First Penance 10:00 AM in Church*

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.

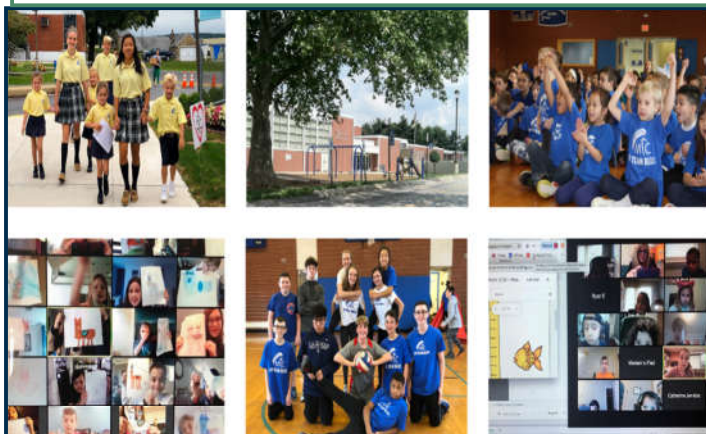
MOVING? Please let us know by calling or emailing the Parish Office so we can update our records.

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.**



CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

IN THE CLASSROOM AND VIRTUALLY!
PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE

SCHEDULE A VIRTUAL VISIT AT MTCSCCHOOL.ORG



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.

Anthony Moffa

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:

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 Larner; 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>.

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021: Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer Parish, Montgomeryville, 7:30 pm.



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@vjmhs.org for more information.

MARCH FOR LIFE
January 29th, 2021
— Washington, DC —

Join us for **Mass**
in **Philadelphia**
in solidarity with
the National
March for Life

Celebrated by Archbishop Perez
Friday, January 29th 10 AM

Cathedral Basilica SS. Peter & Paul
18th & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy
Philadelphia, PA 19103



The March For Life has reorganized their plans for January 29th in light of recent events and Covid-19. They are asking everyone to stay home this year, however, people will be able to participate virtually.

We invite you to join the March for Life online by RSVPing at

<https://marchforlife.org/2021-virtual-events/>.

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/>



