

MARCH 7, 2021

Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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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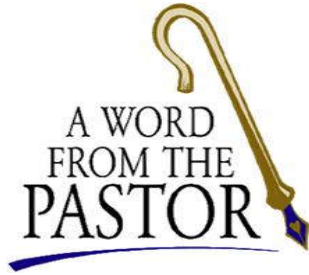
MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

405 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Principal: Christine Pagan

Phone: 610-265-2323

Website: www.MTCschool.org



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to celebrate our call to serve as Christ's ministers on earth by participating in one of our many ministries.

Each of these ministries form our parish in various ways – either by strengthening our faith, building and nurturing community, or by enhancing our liturgy. As you can see, there are many areas where we are in need of your help immediately. Your help is essential so that our liturgies can continue to be celebrated and the mission of the parish carried out in a safe and effective way.

I know we live in busy and challenging times and your lives are very full with family obligations, jobs, school and more. But I am hoping that each of you will offer some of your time and talent to one or more of our parish ministries.

I can assure you that there is something here for everyone. Maybe you're looking for something to get involved in as a family. Try our Youth Group where teens can meet and families can volunteer together performing charitable works of mercy. Maybe you love to decorate, please consider the Arts and Environment Club.

We are so blessed to be part of the St. Teresa parish family. Please take a few minutes to consider volunteering. For more information on any of these opportunities please contact Gina MacDermott at the Parish Office, 610-666-5820 or sta.busmgr@gmail.com.

Blessings

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Adult Altar Servers
- Youth Altar Servers (Grades 5-12)
- Ushers
- Lectors
- Parish Religious Education Program:
 - Catechists
 - Classroom Aides
 - Hall Monitors



Offering Totals:

February 28, 2021 \$7,500.00.

February Online Giving \$11,894.00.

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

Bishop John McIntyre will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Teresa of Avila Parish next Sunday, March 14 at the 11:00 AM Mass.



Please consider attending another Mass if possible so we can accommodate the Confirmation candidates and their families. Thank you!

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.
- **Occasional 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.

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

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17).

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) .

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) .

*Destroy this temple
and in three days
I will raise it up*



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Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances

Sat. March 6	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	John J. Gilden
Sun. March 7	3rd Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	Stanley Sepnefski
11:00 AM	Patricia Cole
Mon. March 8	St. John of God
10:00 AM	Bridget & Michael Grimes
Tues. March 9	St. Frances of Rome
7:00 AM	James Donaghy
Wed. March 10	Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM	Stephen Skilton
Fri. March 12	Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM	John R. Verdi
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Sat. March 13	Vigil Mass
4:15 PM	Salvatore Basile, Sr.
Sun. March 14	4th Sun. in Lent
9:00 AM	John Abramczyk
11:00 AM	Antoinette & William Zack

FEAST OF FAITH ~ Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

STA BIG (Brothers In God) is looking for a few good men.

- Who yearn for Catholic Fellowship as Brothers
- Who yearn to Journey with God's Word
- Who yearn to Discern and to Listen and Learn

Come and See every Wednesday at 7pm.
Either on Zoom or in the Parish Youth Group Room (COVID-19 Dependent).

For information, email Deacon Dave at matourd@verizon.net

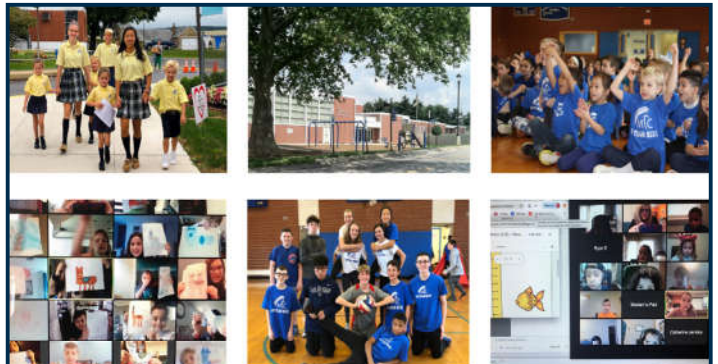


PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE DEVOTION

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.



**The Rose of Life for this week
Is requested by John Rafferty, Jr.
In memory of
Rita B. Rafferty**



Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School

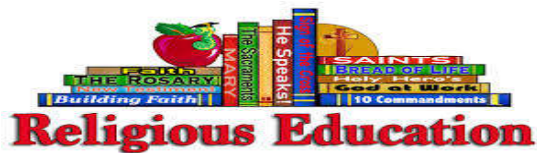


CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

IN THE CLASSROOM AND VIRTUALLY!

PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE

SCHEDULE A VIRTUAL VISIT AT MTCSCCHOOL.ORG



In the Spotlight **Catechist,**
Amy Conser



This is my 11th year with the PREP program at STA I was and aide or lead catechist for 6 years while my children were in the program, mostly working in the 6th grade classroom. After taking a few years off, I came back to teaching first grade for one year, then moved up to 2nd grade where I've been for 4 years now.

My favorite place to eat: I haven't eaten out for a whole year, so my favorite place is at my kitchen table! I'm looking forward to eating sushi at a our favorite restaurant.

My favorite color: I have two, blue and green.

My favorite sport: I play on a tennis team out of Frog Hollow Racquet Club.

What I like best about teaching our Catholic Faith:

I've always loved working with children, Watching them learn their basic prayers as we pray together each week and being able to teach them about Jesus' love and forgiveness is very rewarding. 2nd graders have a sweetness and innocence that is joy to be around, they share openly from their hearts. It is a gift each week to be reminded that everything always comes back to the basics of loving God, loving ourselves, and loving others.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

March

- 8 Weekly Lesson; **Confirmation Practice-6:30-7:30PM**
- 14 **Confirmation—11 AM Mass**
- 15. 15 Weekly Lesson; parent/student meetings (Gr. 1-6)
Third Quarter Ends
- 22 Weekly Lesson; parent/student meetings (Gr. 1-6)
Fourth Quarter Begins
- 29 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.

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.

Carol Nicholas and Catherine Hoy

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, 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, 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 Miecowski, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Eileen Swiech, Pat Leberman, Shannon Austin, Barrie Gehrlein, Max Maertz, 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 Burmingham, 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.

Around the Archdiocese & Local Area



St. Mary Polish American Society is having its annual Easter food sale to support its mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County and assisting with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church in Conshohocken, the home for the Traditional Latin Mass in the Archdiocese of Phila.

Food items include: Babkas for \$15 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese); Frozen pierogi for \$9 a dozen from Polka Deli in Port Richmond Philadelphia (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) -Smoked kielbasa for \$6 a pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond Philadelphia.

To place a food order, please email smpas@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861. Orders must be placed by Monday, March 15th. Order pick-up will be on Saturday, March 27th from 11 am to 3 pm in St. Mary's Hall under St. Mary Catholic Church at the corner of Elm and Oak Streets in Conshohocken.

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

7th Grade Practice Test -Sat., March 27 and Sun March 28,

6th Grade Practice - Saturday, April 17 Registration

is open at www.msjad.org/practicetest. Personal tours are scheduled by appointment, to reserve your tour – call (215) 233-9133. 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/>



The Knights of Columbus will be having a benefits night virtual presentation open to all parishioners. *The goal is to help inform folks about the many financial/insurance benefits a person has when they become a Knight.*

Meeting Details: Event is on **March 18, 2021** at **7pm** open to all parishioners. Presenters will include Anthony Vuolo and Jim Iannacone from the M Stoice Agency, Michael J Connolly - District Deputy, and Carlos Medina, Hispanic New Council Development

Registration: <https://forms.gle/W8vpSgyErpdBfjov6>

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

Set Clocks Ahead



