

A leper came to Jesus and begged him:  
"If you wish, you can make me clean."  
Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,  
"I do will it. Be made clean."  
The leprosy left him immediately.

MARK 1:40-42

# SIXTH Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2021

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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

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](http://www.stteresaofavilaparish.com)



### PARISH STAFF

**Gina MacDermott**, Admin. Asst. to the Pastor  
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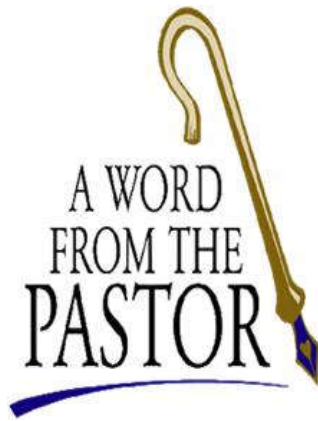
### MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

405 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

**Principal:** Christine Pagan

**Phone:** 610-265-2323

**Website:** [www.MTCschool.org](http://www.MTCschool.org)



Dear Parishioners,

It's important to remember that our word "Lent" comes from the Old English word for "springtime." This gives us a wonderful insight into what the days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday are all about: a season when faith and the virtues of the Christian life grow and flower within our hearts and souls.

The good works of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting help us focus our attention on what is most important in life. And, if we can think of our Lenten penance as a "good work" to be taken on, and shift our focus away from what we "give up," we will find that our Lenten prayer and devotions will be richer and more fruitful.

But there's more at stake because, as we reflect on all of this, we have to remember that Lent isn't an end in itself. *The purpose of the season of Lent is to help us prepare for Easter when we will renew our baptismal commitment.*

In the end, every Easter Sunday we are given an opportunity to renew the promises of our baptism. This means rededicating ourselves to live as Christians in the world and to continuing the mission of Jesus, especially for the poor and those in need. The forty days of Lent are a time for us to get back to the basics of who we are as followers of Jesus. This is why Henri Nouwen was able to describe Lent as "a time of returning to God ... a time of refocusing, of reentering the place of truth, of reclaiming our true identity."

Blessings



**Offering Totals:**

**February 7, 2021 \$7,313.00.**

**January Online Giving \$12,652.00.**

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

**Please note:** Due to the pandemic the distribution of ashes will follow an alternative form that is quite symbolic and used by the Church in other parts of the world. Following the Liturgy of the Word, the Priest says the prayer of blessing of the ashes as usual and then sprinkles the ashes with holy water. Then he addresses all those present only once with the formula given in the Roman Missal, **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."** The faithful will present themselves to receive the ashes and the priest or minister will sprinkle some of the blessed ashes on the top of the head of those who approach and bow their heads to receive them. They then silently return to their pew.



No doubt we enter this holy season of repentance with a lot on our minds and hearts. Let's mend our world and our nation together, committing to common good as we seek to heal body and soul. Let's reimagine community through the benevolent eyes of JESUS!

**\*Ashes will be distributed on Wed., Feb. 17, at 6:30 AM, 12:05 PM, and 7:00 PM in the Church.**

**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.
- **Weekly 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.

*Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent\* and Good Friday.*

*Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.*

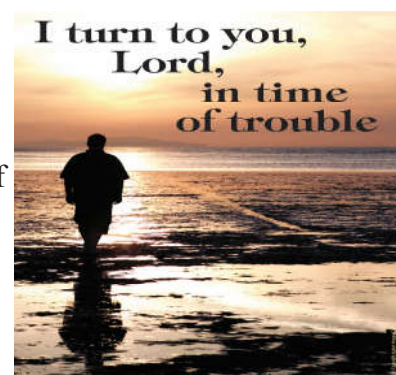
**February 14, 2021**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

**Psalm** — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

**Second Reading** — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

**Gospel** — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).



**Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances**

<b>Sat. February 13</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	4:15 PM	Audrey Cimino
<b>Sun. February 14</b>	<b>6th Sun. in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00 AM	Charles DeLisle
		11:00 AM	Betzler Family
<b>Mon. Feb. 15</b>	<b>Presidents' Day</b>	10:00 AM	Richard Parish
<b>Tues. February 16</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	7:00 AM	Martin Sabin
<b>Wed. February 17</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Mass
		12:05 PM	Liturgy of the Word/Communion
		7:00 PM	Memorial Fund Members
<b>Fri. February 19</b>	<b>Weekday</b>	7:00 AM	Thomas Savage
	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	7:00 pm	
<b>Sat. February 20</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	4:15 PM	In Remembrance of Fr. Wild's Birthday
<b>Sun. February 21</b>	<b>1st Sun. in Lent</b>	9:00 AM	Margaret Rakowski
		11:00 AM	William & Marie Zack

**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 Greater Philadelphia Area.



*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 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.

**The Rose of Life for this week**  
**Is requested by**  
**Elizabeth DeLisle**  
**In memory of Charles DeLisle**



**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.

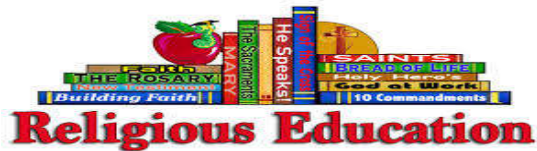


Becoming an Altar Server offers a young person the opportunity to grow in faith and the love of the Lord; and to learn the importance of the Mass, the center of our Faith. In short, it is a way to become closer to our Lord through service to His people.

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](mailto:starectory@verizon.net)

Gratefully in the Lord,  
Father Jerry Wild



## 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

- 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](mailto:sta.busmgr@gmail.com).

On behalf of the STA Youth Ministry Program and Fr. Wild—thank you to all who responded so generously to being the hands and feet of Christ and supporting those in our local communities who are experiencing food insecurity. We collected an AMAZING abundance of food for distribution to Martha's Choice Marketplace and The Patrician Society. Thank you for your witness to our faith and for being the light of Christ present in our world!



STA Youth Group sorting for The Patrician Society. From left to right: Vincent Csercveits, Max King, Sue Matour, Michelle John, Jeremy Csercevits, Deacon Dave Matour, Gabriel Petrecz, Evan Petrecz and Ian Goetz.

## 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](http://www.stteresaofavilaparish.com).

Please contact the parish office, 610-666-5820 or [starectory@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4395)

### Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

**Catherine LeSage and Kathryn Canavan**  
(mother of Kelly Schubach)

**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, 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, 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](mailto: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, Feb. 16:** Virtual Trivia Night with Prizes

**Tues, Feb. 23:** Holy Hour MMR Parish, Montgomeryville

#### 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 event is (Sun) Feb. 21st @ 5:00 P.M., an outdoor well heated tent & lit, for safety purposes @ Enotecca Tredici Restaurant, located at 915 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

#### Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School

**Practice Entrance/Scholarship Test:** For 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders on Sat. and Sunday – April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Open House:** Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>



More information and registration can be found at [gmahs.org/visitgwynedd](http://gmahs.org/visitgwynedd).

#### Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Prospective students are invited to join us for events this spring! 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Test - Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice - Saturday, April 17 Registration is open at [www.msjacad.org/practicetest](http://www.msjacad.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@msjacad.org](mailto:admiss@msjacad.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/>

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

