

February 2, 2020

THE PRESENTATION

OF THE
Lord

Since he blessed them and said to Mary his mother...

"...Behold, this *child* is destined for
the fall and rise of many in Israel."

~Luke 2:34

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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: 4:15PM
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

Gina MacDermott, Admin. Asst. to the Pastor
Ursula Lawrence, Parish Secretary/Receptionist
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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

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.

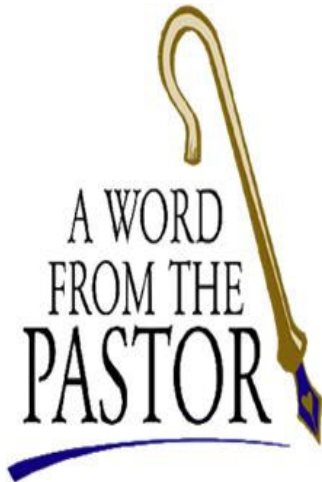
PARISH REGISTRATION is held in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses on the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. You may also register at the Parish Office on weekdays during business hours.

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, March 18 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 the story of the Presentation, Luke gives us a preview of the major themes he will develop in his gospel. The first one that strikes us is that God is not always present with us in the story of our lives in the way we expect. Jesus, the long awaited Messiah, is born poor. His parents are not even able to offer the customary lamb of the well-to-do, but only "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Then Simeon, inspired by the Holy Spirit, recognizes the child Jesus to be the promised one of God, yet sensed that the child's mother would know deep sorrow. Michelangelo's famous marble sculpture expresses the meaning of this sorrow as we see the grieving Mary holding the crucified, lifeless body of her son on her lap. That God's way of bringing salvation would bring such a painful death to the Messiah and such sorrow to his mother is surely contrary to our human logic and expectation.

The special grace of the Eucharist today, through our deeper communion in the life of the Risen Lord, is the gift of praying with unconditional trust in our Father's love in our time of distress and suffering. This is the bond of love in Christ which will transform our meaningless suffering into life-giving grace for others.

Blessings,

Father Jerry Wild

Offering totals:

1/26/2020 \$7,497.00.

Snow Removal \$1,493.00.

Thanks to your generosity, the following plumbing repairs have been made this month.

- **Trap Replacement in the Parish Center \$4300.00**
- **Landscaping/Storm clean-up \$650.00.**

As you know, the vitality of our parish depends on your faithful stewardship and generous support. - Father Wild

Altar Servers Needed:

We are welcoming youth in Grades 4 thru 9:

- *Who are looking to grow their faith and love of the Lord.*
- *Who are willing to serve the parish once or twice a month.*
- *Who love our Lord and are open to serving Him at the Altar.*



If you can say yes to any of the above, then please contact Deacon Dave 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 contact Deacon Dave Matour via email matourd@verizon.net.

Gratefully in the Lord,
Father Jerry Wild

We're Back!

After a brief hiatus, and at the request of Father Wild, **YOUTH MINISTRY** is returning to STA under the leadership of Deacon Dave Matour and Mrs. Sue Matour. Youth in Grades 7 to 9 are invited and encouraged to continue their journey of faith as disciples of Jesus Christ, by gathering with their peers twice a month (Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm) for service, faith, and fun. Occasional weekend service projects during the year are also planned.



The first gathering is **Monday, February 24th** and we look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about this great opportunity, or for questions, contact the Matours at STAvilaYouth@gmail.com

God Bless You!

Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances

Sat. February 1 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass Thomas McNichol
Sun. February 2 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Whalon Frances Bartoszek
Mon. February 3 10:00 AM	Weekday Eleanor Crouse
Tues. February 4 7:00 AM	Weekday Thomas McNichol
Wed. February 5 7:00 AM	Weekday Tomas Martinez
Fri. February 7 7:00 AM	First Friday Agnes Lafata
Sat. February 8 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass John W. Walsh
Sun. February 9 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Brigid McGill Dick Recktenwald

The Rose of Life for this week
is requested by
John Rafferty, Jr.
In memory Rita & John , Sr. Rafferty



A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany." The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

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Eucharistic Adoration at St. Teresa
All are invited to join us for Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel any time from 7:30 am until 8:00 pm., on Tuesdays.

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

Sunday, February 2

Children's Liturgy of the Word (Mass) 11:00 AM
Adult Choir (Church) 12:00 PM

Monday, February 3

PREP Level 1-6 6:30 –7:45 PM
Rosary (Chapel) 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4

PREP Level 7 6:30-7:45 PM
Eucharistic Adoration 7:30AM-8 PM
Schola Choir (Church) 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 5

Brothers in God Meeting (Good Shep. Rm.) 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 6

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, February 8

Communion Service (Chapel) 8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study (Fac. Rm.) 8:45 AM
Confessions (Chapel) 3:15 PM

SACRAMENTS

A Life of Grace

Q. What are these symbols of God's love for us?

A. The Catholic church recognizes seven sacraments. We believe that the Lord has left the Christian community with these seven signs of love which touch us during the key moments of our lives. When we begin life, **baptism** unites us with the risen Lord and all our fellow Christians. As we mature and begin to more fully accept and live the Christian life, **confirmation** showers us with the strength of the Holy Spirit to live faithfully for the Lord. The **eucharist**, the sacred meal which commemorates and re-enacts the Lord's sacrifice on the cross for our salvation, symbolizes and brings about our union with God.

Rose of Life

***These dates are available for Rose of Life:
3/15/2020, 4/12/2020, 10/4/2020,
12/13/2020 .Please call the Parish Office if
you would like to donate in memory of a
loved one, 610-66-5820.***



Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School
has been voted

"BEST GRADE SCHOOL"

and

"One of the Best Pre-Schools"

by the readers of the Times Herald and its affiliates!

Mother Teresa Reg. Catholic School Open Tours

Come and learn more about MTC's programs from PK2 through Kindergarten and from 1st to 8th Grade! We'd love to tell you all about our exciting academic and spiritual programs here at MTC. Did you know MTC offers both half and full day pre-school programs?

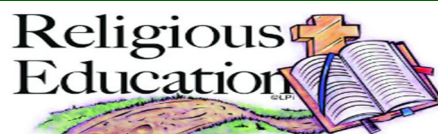
If you would like to hear more about MTC, take a tour of receive an enrollment packet, please contact our Admissions Staff at 610-265-2323 or email admissions@mtcschool.org.

Have you considered sending your child to Catholic School? MTC is proud to offer financial assistance, scholarships and grants! Make the call today!

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.

Mother Teresa Regional School is in need of substitute teachers. Please contact Ms Christine Pagan, Principal, at 610-265-2323 or Christine.pagan@mtcschool.org if you are interested



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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

February

- 3 Class
- 4 Class
- 10 Class Kid Talk - Safe Environment Program
- 11 Class - Confirmation Kid Talk
- 17 **No Class for PREP**
- 18 **Meeting for Home School Parents - 6:45 PM**
- 24 Class - PREP
- 25 **Class/Practice - Confirmation (no Sponsors)**

March

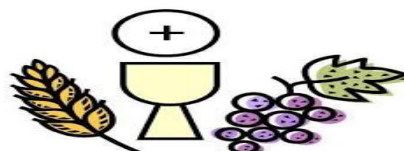
- 2 Class - PREP
- 3 **Class/Practice Confirmation - Sponsors attending**
- 8 **Confirmation - 11 AM Mass (No CLOW)**
- 9 Class - PREP
- 10 Class - Confirmation Celebration

Any questions, please contact PREP Office at 610-666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net

Congratulations to our parish children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance for the first time on Saturday, February 1st. The journey of conversion is a lifetime one, as we seek to give our lives more to Christ. Penance is the sacrament that provides encouragement and celebrates our ongoing conversion.

A reminder that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday at 3:15 pm in the Reconciliation Room that is in the parish chapel.

**Marisa Castro
Aiden Hoepfl
Santi Inzerillo
Lucas Justice
Melissa Rundle
Isabella Ruppe
Marisa Ruppe
Veronica Ryan
Molly Terranova
Lorenzo Torres-Bonilla
Daniel Waters**



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:

Diane Bentola, Eugene Yanity, Rev. Laurence Gleason
Sue Perrachia, Chip Fulmer, Jimmy Siravo, 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, 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, Sr. Dorothy Sullivan, RSM, Domenic DiPaolo,
Alyssa Lackner, Gilbert Martinelli, 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

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 2019 will be sent out by request only. If you would like to receive your donation summary for 2019, please contact the parish office at 610-666-5820 or email to starectory@verizon.net

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.

Our next scheduled event is:

(Sun.) Feb 2, 2020, 5:00 P.M., a "Super Bowl Sunday House Party" at a member's home in Havertown, PA.

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

February

Saturday, Feb. 8: Skating and Pizza Social @ Inline 309, Hatfield, **8pm-10pm**

Tuesday, Feb.11: Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima, North Wales

Tuesday, Feb. 18: Theology on Tap @ Conshohocken Brewing Company in Bridgeport

Tuesday, Feb. 25: Prayer, Penance, Pub @ Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales Fellowship to follow at Pour House in North Wales

BKHS Class of 1976 Reunion

2/8/20, 7 PM, St. Helena's Hall, Blue Bell

\$35 @ PayPal.Me/bkhs76dance

Questions: donnamelle@comcast.net



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The Catholic Charities Appeal gives people a sense of community. They have many programs to support and help those deprived and those who have nothing. We take a lot for granted in our society and need to recognize that CCA is here to help people grow and to support future generations. Love is letting go of self—a surrender of me to you. The Catholic Charities Appeal, and all the beneficiaries they support, is the perfect example of love.

- Father Duffy, Villa St. Joseph

