

MARCH 5, 2017

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend J. Jerome Wild, *Pastor*
Deacon Francis C. Lally, *Permanent Deacon*
Reverend Richard M. Jacobs, *Sunday Assistant*
Reverend Francis E. Kelly, *Pastor Emeritus*

LITURGY

Saturday Vigil: 4:15PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00AM
Holy Days: As published in the bulletin
Daily Mass: 10:00AM Monday
7:00AM Tues., Wed., & Fri.
Communion Service: 8:00AM Saturday
Confession: Saturday 3:15PM
or by appointment
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday 7:30AM-8PM
Rosary: Monday, 6:30PM

PARISH STAFF

Christine Tate, *Parish Business Manager*
Kay Morris, *Administrative Assistant to the Pastor*
Mare Barbuto, *Coordinator of Music Ministry*
Sarah Stong, *Adult & Children's Choir Director*

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OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY Erin Gauntner

Coordinator of Religious Education & Youth Ministry
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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. *Next weekend will be a Registration Weekend.*

BAPTISM is usually celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00PM. Please call Mrs. Gauntner at 610-666-0167 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 7:00PM on Wednesday, 3/15/17, 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 & 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.

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from the Pastors Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

So, we begin the journey of Lent, the time in which we seek to more firmly united to the Lord and to share in the mystery of His Passion & Resurrection.

“Return to me” – says the Lord – *return with all your heart*: not only with a few outward deeds, but from the depth of ourselves. Indeed, Jesus calls us to live prayer, charity and penance with consistency and authenticity, overcoming hypocrisy. May Lent be a beneficial time to “prune” falseness, worldliness, indifference: so as not to think that everything is fine if I am fine; so as to understand that what counts is not approval, the search for success or consensus, but *the cleansing of the heart & life*; so as to find our Christian identity, namely the love that serves not the selfishness that serves us.

Let us embark on the journey together, as Church, by receiving ashes....and keeping our gaze fixed on the crucifix. Jesus, loving us, invites us to be reconciled with God and to return to *HIM*, in order to find ourselves again!

Blessings,

Fr. Jerry Wild



Strong Catholic Families Strong Catholic Youth

Parents/guardians of parish children entering K-6 (Fall 2017) in public, home-school, or non-Catholic private school in Fall 2017 are invited to join us for a special presentation on STRONG CATHOLIC FAMILIES by Michael Theisen, NFCYM . Monday, March 20th: 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the STA Parish Center All Purpose Rooms. Doors open at 6:15 PM.. All STA parishioners and families are welcome to this event At least one parent/guardian from each PREP family is requested to attend: registration materials for the 2017-2018 PREP Session will be distributed at this gathering. PREP students will remain in class during the presentation. Childcare will be provided for children age 2-5 in the STA conference room during the gathering; drop-off be-

Save the Date!

3rd Annual Lenten Soup Dinner & Talk
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
5:45PM—6:45PM
7:00PM—John Paul Kasperowicz



Our speaker will be John Paul Kasperowicz from Ministry of the Single-Hearted on *Love in the Family: Why is the family so important for the future of the Church and passing on of the faith?*

Families are encouraged to attend. Childcare including Lenten activities will be provided by our Youth Group during the presentation. To register for this free event, call the parish office or sign up in the Church vestibule by March 10th. When registering, please provide the number of adults and kids attending and whether childcare is needed.

Free will offerings will be graciously accepted to benefit Catholic Relief Services.

Please contact Joanna Nice at nicers333@gmail.com if you would like to make soup, donate an item, or help serve at this event.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:00PM in St. Teresa of Avila Church on Fridays in Lent.

Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

Sat. March 4 4:15PM	Vigil Mass David Michner
Sun. March 5 9:00AM 11:00AM	First Sunday Of Lent Rocco Matarazzo Margaret & Henry Pointer
Mon. March 6 10:00AM	Lenten Weekday Keith Hitchens
Tues. March 7 7:00AM	Lenten Weekday Ingeborg Dell
Wed. March 8 7:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Eleanor Marsella
Fri. March 10 7:00 AM	Lenten Weekday Mary Brady
Sat. March 11 4:15PM	Vigil Mass Adelaide Santoleri
Sun. March 12 9:00AM 11:00AM	Second Sunday of Lent John McGill Marty Moore

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa's

Monday, March 6	
Rosary (Chapel)	6:30PM
PREP	6:30PM
Tuesday, March 7	
Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)	7:30AM-8:00PM
Schola Rehearsal (Church)	7:00-8:00PM
Wednesday, March 8	
Guitar Band (Church)	7:00PM-8:00PM
Thursday, March 9	
Men's Bible Study (STA Conf. Rm.)	7:00PM
Prayer Shawl (School Faculty Rm.)	7:00PM
Youth Choir (Church)	7:00PM
Friday, March 10	
Stations of the Cross	7:00PM
Saturday, March 11	
Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00AM
Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.)	8:45AM
Confirmation Retreat	9:00AM-4:00PM
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15PM
Sunday, March 12	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:30PM

WHAT'S COOKING?

Sacred Heart Rectory (Bridgeport, Montgomery County) is looking for a dinner cook for Monday thru Thursday. Must have at least 3 years experience. Food shopping and kitchen cleaning are also expected. If interested, please call Ed Scott at Sacred Heart Rectory at 610-275-1750 for additional information.

Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our deceased parishioners.



Please pray for the healing of: Shannon

Austin, Frank Coll, Barrie Gehrlein, Max Maertzig, Don Pell, Eli & Ella Vivian, Clara DaSilva, Helen Garcia, Eduardo Rojo, Michael Semach, Robert Whalon, Jean Brosso, Jeanette Collins, Tamara Proietto, Ron Roberts, John Bubser, Jack MacDonald, Ray Tenney, Marilyn Keis, Gloria DiSanto, Kaytie O'Hara, 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, Robert C. McBall, Sr., Donna Hicks, Kristine Schafer, Thomas Dietzler, Chip Capinski, Janice Gilpin, Kathy Hall, Catherine Fisher, Sr. Dorothy Sullivan, RSM, Domenic DiPaolo, Alyssa Lackner, Gilbert Martinelli, Gloria Keppta, Dottie Keim, Tina Moyer, Bob Wikel, Margaret Cesare, Lawrence Reynolds, Jim Uckele, Jennifer Owens, Barbara Fox, Jack Walsh, Peggy Walsh, Al & Dorothy Caza, Terry Strainick, Debbie Scott, Maureen Suter, Bill O'Neill, Butch Cunningham, Don Barbuto, Ryan Zoschg, Barbara Breitbarth, Steven Kehoe, Adele Semach, Rosemary Schlichtig, Diane Benton, Jim Roberto, Catherine King.

Please pray for all those who serve our country:

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; 1st Lt. Valerie Smith; Msgt. Timothy R. Whalon; 1st Lt. Jaysen Satterwhite.

Collections

2/26/17 Offering \$10,072

Aging and ill Priests. . . . \$2,769

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Baptism Preparation

Our next PreJordan Class will be held on Wednesday, 3/15/17. Please call our Coordinator of Religious Education, Erin Gauntner at 610-666-0167 to register for the class and/or schedule your child's baptism.



The Rose of Life this weekend is donated by John C. Rafferty, Jr. in memory of Rita B. Rafferty

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Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School

Sharing Hands, Hearts and Minds
Educating Students from Pre-School to 8th Grade
2017-2018 Enrollment is Open!

MTC Looking for Recess Help: We have been struggling to find volunteers for recess all year. We need one hour day each day in order to run recess. If you are available to help please email Charlene Lattanze at charlene.lattanze@mtcschool.org. The time is 11:50 to 12:15 daily.

MTC Renovations Taking Place in the Building: The 2nd floor of our building suffered damages as a result of water damage from the recent storms. As a result, we are replacing the ceilings and lighting in 4 classrooms, as well as the floor in the library. The renovations will be taking this week and next.

MTC Mulch Fundraiser Has Officially Begun! We are asking all MTC families to consider purchasing their mulch from the fundraiser and asking local family, friends, and neighbors as well. Loughran Landscaping will be donating 15% of the proceeds directly to MTC and donating mulch to the school and church grounds! Our goal is to have each student sell 10 yards of mulch! Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 sellers!

MTC's Fifth Annual Father/Daughter Dance: It's almost here so get out those dancing shoes and start planning your attire. The dance is on Saturday, March 25th from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. This Year's Theme: "MTC Luau". Please RSVP by March 17th. Note: A Father can be any special man in your life. Feel free to dress formal or informal, but all clothing must be MTC appropriate. All grades are invited. The cost is \$25 per family. This will help to cover the cost of the DJ. Any questions, please contact Chrissy Mobley at cmobley526@hotmail.com.

ALL ENGAGED COUPLES

Planning to Marry

PRE-CANA PROGRAM

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish

Phoenixville, PA

Saturday—April 29, 2017

Program begins at 8:00am and ends after 4:00pm Mass. It includes lunch, snacks, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day Program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610-933-2526 or visit our website www.stmaryassumption.org—click on Parish Information then Sacraments/PREP.



STA Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

PREP: Please contact our Coordinator of Religious Education & Youth Ministry, Mrs. Erin Gauntner, by phone at 610-666-0167 or email at staprep@verizon.net if you have any questions regarding our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) or Youth Ministry Program.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): All children four years and older are invited to participate in our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program at our 9:00AM Mass each week. Children remain with their parents for most of Mass, but attend an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word in our Chapel, which is adjacent to the church.

Youth Ministry: Our next Youth Ministry Meeting will be held on Monday, **3/13/17**, at 6:30PM in the Lower Level Youth Ministry Room.



We trust in the mercy and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who went to the margins to encounter the poor, vulnerable and outcast. We voice our own petitions, asking for our needs and the needs of our brothers and sisters all over the world, saying, "Lord, may we love as one human family."

Encounter Innovation - The Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent?

Lent is a time to reflect more intentionally on Pope Francis' invitation. During these 40 days, we examine our own lives in an ongoing effort to "be merciful, just as [the] Father is merciful." And CRS Rice Bowl is our tool to do that. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we encounter those living in conditions of poverty around the world. 75% of Rice Bowl donations will support CRS projects around the globe. 2017 focus countries include: India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, and Ethiopia. 25% of Rice Bowl donations support the work of local food cupboards and soup kitchens in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



Guidelines for Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Teresa of Avila Parish

St. Teresa of Avila Parish rejoices with all expectant parents and we look forward to assisting our parishioners who will be planning baptisms at our church. Our parish generally celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Due to the serious responsibilities that infant baptism places on parents, those presenting their child for baptism at St. Teresa's Parish must attend our Pre-Jordan Class. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend this class prior to the birth of their child. **Our next class will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, in the Good Shepherd Room in our Parish Center.**



Children's Liturgy of the Word: Volunteer Opportunities

The Office of Religious Education recruits, trains and schedules adult leaders and teen aides for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW.) Leaders are scheduled according to times that are convenient for them, usually once or twice every six weeks. Readings, lesson plans, and activities are provided. There is a great deal of interaction between the children and leader; it is a very rewarding experience! Please prayerfully consider volunteering with us as a:

- **CLOW leader:** Commitment involves lesson preparation and Mass time only. Volunteers receive training and must have safe environment clearances and training as required by the Archdiocese.
- **CLOW aide:** Not ready to be a CLOW leader but still want to get involved? Adult aides are needed to assist the leader and help to keep order during the liturgy. Volunteers must have safe environment clearances and training as required by the Archdiocese.
- **TEEN aide:** Confirmed teenagers are encouraged to serve as aides and help to keep order during the liturgy. Teen volunteers should be at least 13 years old.

Available and interested in helping? Please contact Erin Gaunter, CRE/YM at (610) 666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net



Eucharistic Adoration at STA
All are invited to join us for Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel any time from 7:30AM until 8:00PM on Tuesdays.

Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Give your spouse the gift of quality time on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Taking the time to focus on your marriage and to increase the understanding and love is so important. The next Weekend in this area is March 31 -April 2 at the Sheraton Great Valley. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wwme-philly.org. You can also contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wwme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.

MOM—Heart of the Home

Registration is OPEN for our **23rd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal** which will be held from 9:00AM until 3:30PM on 3/18/17 at the SS. Simon & Jude Meehan Center, West Chester. Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers! Everyone is welcome! Start your Lenten season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Lisa Mladinich and Eleanor Farzetta. See our registration form for all details at www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html or contact Deb MacKenzie by phone at 484-798-7368 or email at dmackenzie@schubertb2b.com.

Archdiocesan Mass for Persons with Disabilities

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is Saturday, 4/1/17 at 10:30AM. at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. All are Welcome. To RSVP go to <http://www.opdarchphilly.org> , or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS REQUESTED!

The Archdiocese is considering resuming a print publication containing local Church news that would come out every other week. The subscription rate would be \$40 to \$50 annually. If you think you would subscribe to a regular archdiocesan publication, please email the Parish Office to indicate that you are interested in a print publication.

Archdiocesan Mass for Persons with Addictions

Join us in a Mass for those suffering from addiction. All are welcome. Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul located at 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 12:05pm. Celebrant: Rev. Dennis Gill, Rector and Pastor. Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

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