

APRIL 23, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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Norristown, PA 19403-3659
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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

Heidi L. Reese, *Business Manager*
Mare Barbuto, *Coordinator of Music Ministry*
Sarah Stong, *Adult & Children's Choir Director*

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OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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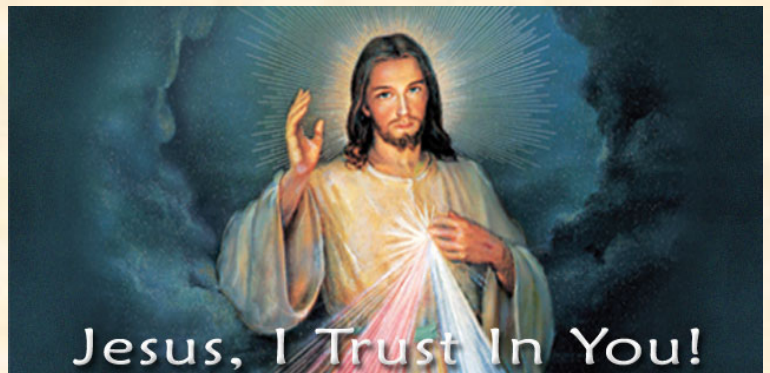
MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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.

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, 5/17/17, 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,

You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor, tutor disadvantaged kids, or help build or repair houses in poor areas. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example—prayer. In the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46)—their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other.

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In Christ's love,

Fr. Jerry Wild



THANK YOU! Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to church or the parish center by **April 30**.

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 and then Sacraments/PREP.

Quo Vadis Days 2017

June 26-29, 2017

Black Rock Retreat Center

Retreat for young men graduating
8th – 12th grade

Early Bird Registration till April 1st: \$20 /person
After April 1st: \$35 / person

Gather with the Philadelphia Seminarians and other high school men for 4 days of dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and more.



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.

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Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

Sat. April 22 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass John Silvestre
Sun. April 23 9:00AM 11:00AM	Second Sunday of Easter Nicholas & Barbara Verratti Grace Hriston & Friends
Mon. April 24 10:00AM	St. Fidelis, Priest & Martyr Charles DeLisle
Tues. April 25 7:00AM	St. Mark, Evangelist Valerie Hildebrand Keebler
Wed. April 26 7:00AM	Easter Weekday Gertrude Buro
Fri. April 28 7:00AM	St. Peter Chanel Priest & Martyr
Sat. April 29 4:15PM	Vigil Mass Rachel & Albert Smrek
Sun. April 30 9:00AM 11:00AM	Third Sunday of Easter Margaret Patete Marty Moore

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa's

Monday, April 24	
Rosary (Chapel)	6:30PM
PREP/YM	6:30PM
Finance Council Mtg.(Good Shep. Rm.)	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 25	
Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)	7:30AM-8:00PM
Mass at Shannondell	10:00 AM
Pastoral Council Mtg. (Good Shep. Rm.)	7:00 PM
Schola Rehearsal (Church)	7:00PM-8:30PM
Wednesday, April 26	
Band Rehearsal (Church)	7:00-8:00 PM
Thursday, April 27	
Youth Choir Rehearsal (Church)	7:00-PM
Men's Bible Study (STA. Conf. Rm.)	7:00 PM
Prayer Shawl (School Faculty Rm.)	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 29	
Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.)	8:45 AM
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15 PM
Sunday, April 30	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM
Parish Coffee	10:00AM-Noon
Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)	7:00-8:30 PM



National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 4th is the National Day of Prayer. People of faith across the nation will join in intercessory prayer for our governmental leaders, local communities, and the most vulnerable among us.

Praying With Our Parish



Please pray for all our deceased parishioners.

Please pray for the healing of:
Rita Scotti, Pat Leberman, 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, 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, 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, John McPhelim, Tony Polvino, Mary DiCecco, Raymond Girini, Sr.

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.

Please help us keep our Parish Prayer List current. Contact the Parish Office at 610-666-5820 or starectory@verizon.net to add or remove names from the list.

Collections

4/16/2017 Easter Offering \$16,766.00
Regular Sunday \$ 8,237.00

Thank you for your generous stewardship!



The Rose of Life this weekend is
Donated by John Rafferty, Jr.
in Memory of
Rita B. & John Rafferty, Sr.

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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!

If you are considering a Catholic education for your child, now is the time to schedule a tour. We are accepting applications for Early Childhood thru 8th grade. As a further incentive, \$1000 grants are available for all MTC 1st grade students. While \$2000 is available for any new 2nd-8th grade students. These grants are only for the 2017-2018 school year and only for new students. For more information or to receive an enrollment packet, please contact Patsy Swope at 610-265-2323 x225 or patsy.swope@mtcschool.org.

All-American Fund Run Information

WHAT IS THE FUND RUN?

- The fund run is a great day at MTC, where students will participate in running and relays to raise money for their school programs
- Students reach out to family members and friends throughout the month of April to pledge them
- There are many great prizes students can win, including dress-down passes, create your NIKE sneakers, American Girl dolls, and the chance to lead the school in the run!!
- The run takes place on **April 28th** in school

Our goal is for each student to raise \$100, or \$15,000 as a school

For further information, go to:

<http://mtcschool.org/time-mtc-2016-fund-run/>



STA Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

2017-18 PREP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

We are planning to again offer Level 1 and kindergarten PREP on Sunday mornings. Home-school tuition is \$100 per student and is available for the Archdiocesan curriculum in levels 1-6. Home-school is not available for sacramental preparation lessons (levels 2, 3, and 6). NEW this year is a tuition discount of \$25 per child extended to all volunteer catechists. Volunteers are needed in several areas in PREP, YM and Children's Liturgy of the Word; mentoring, resources and training are provided. Registration information and forms are available from Mrs. Erin Gauntner, Coordinator of Religious Education & Youth Ministry (phone: 610-666-0167, email: staprep@verizon.net)



St. Teresa of Avila VBS 2017

Join us for Hero Central VBS

July 10-14

from 9:00-12:00 daily!

Open to all children ages 4 to grade 4 (2017-18 school year) Registration fee: \$25 for the first child per family; \$15 each child thereafter. Adult and youth (gr. 6+) volunteers needed in many areas.

Register online at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/stteresaofavilaparish/> or by calling or emailing Erin Gauntner: (610) 666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net.



Earth Day Parish Clean-Up

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for our Earth Day Parish Clean-Up on **Monday, April 24 at 6:30PM**. Parent volunteers welcome; please reply to Erin Gauntner if you can help (staprep@verizon.net). Meet in the Youth Room on the lower level of the Parish Center. Wear old clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting dirty!

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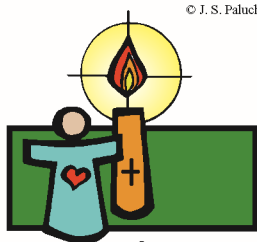


Guidelines for Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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, May 17, 2017, in the Good Shepherd Room in our Parish Center.



Altar Servers

Young ladies and gentlemen in 4th grade and above are welcome to join the Ministry of Altar Server. The honor of serving in the Holy Sanctuary offers a young person the opportunity to grow in faith and love of our Lord! Please call Janice or Ken Orrner at 610-630-8427 for further information.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

The next Parish Coffee will be Sunday, **April 30** after both Masses. If you would like to donate baked goods, fruit or another snack for the event, please contact Jennifer Gambino at 610-631-0555 or jennifergambino@yahoo.com.

Holy Martyrs Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel

Wednesday, May 17
Bus leaves 9:30 am from Holy Martyrs,
120 Allison Road, Returns 3:00 pm
Cost: \$22 (includes program fee and lunch)

Questions? Call 215-884-8575

Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA, supporting those in their 20s and 30s looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Further information is available on their Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults). Upcoming events:

*Tuesday, **April 25**: Bible Study at Corpus Christi Parish in Lansdale

* Friday, **May 6**: Star Wars Movie Night at St. Rose of Lima in North Wales

* Tuesday, **May 16**: Bible Study at Corpus Christi Parish in Lansdale

* Tuesday, **May 23**: Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company in Collegeville

* Tuesday, **May 30**: Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales

Family Fully Alive Festival

The Family Fully Alive Festival is a celebration of family with presentations on marriage, life, and spirituality along with exhibits, refreshments, and obstacle courses, bounce houses, and arts & crafts for children. Mass and confession will be available during the event. Sunday, **April 30**, St. Joseph Parish, 338 Manor Avenue, Downingtown PA. www.familyfullyalive.us

Archdiocesan Mothers of Children with Disabilities

Retreat to be held on Tuesday, **May 2**, 9:00am-2:00pm at the Malvern Retreat House. Sister Sheila Galligan, IHM will direct the retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities of all ages. Father Jim Olson will be the celebrant for Mass. There will be time for pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. Go to www.opdarchphilly.org to register or for more information, please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400.

Young Adult Retreat

Malvern Retreat House is hosting a retreat for adults ages 19-29 on **May 12-13**. Fr. Anthony Hangholt will focus on the theme *Created for Joy*. His presentations will center on the truth that when we encounter Christ the healer we are made whole and are enabled to find happiness and lasting joy. Please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

The National Catholic Singles Conference (NCSC)

Join hundreds of single Catholics of all ages at the conference on **May 19-21**, 2017 to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship, and more! Space is limited, so register now! Please call Mirjana Northrop at 888-267-8885 x8049 or natcatsingles@gmail.com for more information or to register for this event.

Fatima Centennial Jubilee

On May 13, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima!

Join in the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima's presence among us by attending some of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Fatima Centennial events!

<http://archphila.org/fatimaevents/>

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