

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*
Maureen Clark, *Administrative Assistant to the Pastor*
Mare Barbuto, *Coordinator of Music Ministry*
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



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. Gaunter 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 Fr. 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 that we can update our records.

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS.



from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

People in Jesus' time had just as many anxieties and worries as we do. So is Jesus telling people not to be concerned for their families or the poor when he tells us not to worry about food or clothing? No; concern is not the same as worry. Concern is love that asks what I can do for someone else in need. Worry is fear that I can't do anything to help either myself or others. Love leads us to act on the problem; fear tempts us to flee from the problem.

So Jesus encourages us with examples from the natural world. The birds are fed and the grass is clothed with flowers, all through no efforts of their own. Jesus is not saying that we can drift through life with no purpose and still get whatever we want. He gives us a definite purpose--to seek first the kingdom of God. If knowing and loving God is the center of our lives, then we have no time or inclination for fear and worry.

When we seek to bring the kingdom of God into reality, we are concerned for all the poor, the sick, the dying. The Kingdom means seeing God in others, so that when we see those who are sick or in trouble, we are seeing Jesus on the cross. When we help someone whose faith is weak, they may see Jesus in us. And they can help us to understand Jesus' words, "You cannot serve both God and mammon." We can't serve God when we are worrying about paying bills, saving for retirement, or getting the kids through college. But if we put God's kingdom first in our lives, "all these things will be given [us] besides" (Matthew 6:33).

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Blessings,

Fr. Jerry Wild



STA Parish Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, 3/4/17, 5:30PM to 7:30PM

**Enter Your Best Tasting Chili!
Eat & Vote on the BEST tasting Chili!**

\$5.00 to Come Eat & Vote!

Kids under 12 eat free! Please Join Us!

Categories of Winners: Best Chili, Hottest Chili, Most Unique Chili, Best Table Decorations.

Bake Sale: Baked goods will be available for purchase at the Chili Cook Off!

Information Forms are available on our website and the entrances to Church.

Please contact Lorraine Tenney at lorrainektenney@msn.com if you have questions or would like to donate to the event.

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

Station of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:00PM in St. Teresa of Avila Church on Fridays in Lent, beginning this Friday, 3/3/17.

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Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

Sat. Feb. 25 4:15PM	Vigil Mass Deborah Scott
Sun. Feb. 26 9:00AM 11:00AM	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Richard Auris Wanda Orsini
Mon. Feb. 27 10:00AM	Weekday Vita Sada
Tues. Feb. 28 7:00AM	Weekday Maite Chapin
Wed. March 1 6:30 AM 12:05 PM 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Mass Communion Service Mass
Fri. March 3 7:00 AM	St. Katherine Drexel Donna Brosius (Healing)
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

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa's

Monday, February 27	
Rosary (Chapel)	6:30PM
PREP & Youth Ministry	6:30PM
Tuesday, February 28	
Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)	7:30AM-8:00PM
Mass at Shannondell	10:00AM
Schola Rehearsal (Church)	7:00-8:00PM
Wednesday, March 1	
Ash Wednesday Services at 6:30AM, 12:05PM, 7:00PM	
Thursday, March 2	
Men's Bible Study (STA Conf. Rm.)	7:00PM
Prayer Shawl (School Faculty Rm.)	7:00PM
Youth Choir (Church)	7:00PM
Friday, March 3	
Stations of the Cross	7:00PM
Saturday, March 4	
Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00AM
Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.)	8:45AM
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15PM
Sunday, March 5	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM-8:30PM



During the Month of February, St. Teresa of Avila Parish welcomed through the saving water of Baptism the following children:
Logan Anthony Terranova
Wyatt James Down
Emerald Anne Astheimer

Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our deceased parishioners.



Please pray for healing for: Shannon Austin, Frank Coll, Michael Conroy, Ida Farior, Sandra Ferlaine, Barrie Gehrlein, Catherine King, Max Maertzig, Rachel McFillin, Don Pell, Barbara Ostapowicz, Eli & Ella Vivian, Julianna Hilend, Clara DaSilva, Anna Mirable, Helen Garcia, Larry Reber, Eduardo Rojo, Michael Semach, Robert Whalon, Jean Brosso, Connie Cane, Jeanette Collins, Marie Miller, Holly Witlin, Sinead Hughes, Samuel Casale, Vicki Russo, Tamara Proietto, Ron Roberts, John Bubser, Jack MacDonald, Emil Gaveglio, Ray Tenney, Raymond Girini, Bart Cahan, Maureen Cahan, Ann Mirabile, Steve Hedrick, Nancy Cantral, Sandy Orth, 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 Keptra, 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, Charles DeLisle, Steven Kehoe, Adele Semach.

Please pray for all those who serve our country: Vincent Bergandino, MGySgt Darin Chinavare; Cmdr. David L. Cute, Jr. USN; Lt. Craig Dziewatkowski; 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

2/18/17 Offering \$9,199.00
 Snow Removal \$1,622.00

Thank you for your generous stewardship!



March 1, 2017 is Ash Wednesday. We will offer ashes at the following services in the Church:

6:30AM Mass
12:05PM Communion Service
7:00PM Mass



The Rose of Life this weekend is donated by Barry & Marilyn Keis in memory of Cathy & Theresa Goodwin & Michelle Kendall



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 Substitute Teachers: Substitute teachers needed. School experience preferred. Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School. If interested please contact Christine Pagan, Principal, at 619-265-2323

MTC Transfer & First Grade Grants: MTC is proud to announce the following grants to assist families in making an MTC education a reality: The Transfer Grant & the Welcome Grant. The **Transfer Grant** is offered to any new student entering grades 2-8. \$2,000 will be awarded for the first year at MTC, \$1,000 for the second year, and \$500 for the third year. The **Welcome Grant for First Grade** is a one-time \$1,000 grant given by The Foundation for Catholic Education to any 1st Grade student.

A Donation that Increases 10-Fold! Great news! There is now an opportunity for individuals (not just business owners) to participate in the PA EITC program. This allows individuals to send 90% of their PA tax dollars to help fund Catholic education instead of going into the state coffers. As an example, a family earning \$100,000 typically pays about \$3,000 of Pennsylvania state income taxes. It's now possible to have these funds go to fund Catholic education instead. By participating in a special program set up by the Foundation for Catholic Education, you can support Catholic Education at a cost of just 10 cents on the dollar. In the above example, the family could donate \$3,000 to the Foundation and receive a \$2,700 PA tax credit, costing them only \$300 to send \$3,000! For more information, please contact either John Sion from the MTC School Board of Limited Jurisdiction at 610-420-0322 or Judi Neeld from the Foundation for Catholic Education by phone at 610-793-8503 or by email at jneeld@foundationforcatholiceducation.org.



What is the RCIA? RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is the process through which interested adults and older children are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith. Through the

RCIA, St. Teresa of Avila Parish offers year-round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments, and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to explore becoming a member of the Catholic Church. These opportunities are also for adult Catholics who would like to receive Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. Please call our Coordinator of Religious Education, Erin Gauntner, at 610-666-0167 if you would like more information.



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.

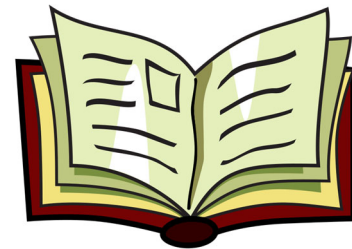
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): All children four years and older are invited to participate in our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program at our 9:00AM Mass each week. Children remain with their parents for most of Mass, but attend an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word in our Chapel, which is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

Children's Chapel/Nursery Room: Please bring your babies/children to Mass! To assist our parishioners with young children, we offer a Children's Chapel/Nursery Room at the back of the church where you can see and hear the Mass during times when you need to attend to your children. This room is open during all our weekend Masses and includes a private restroom.

Youth Ministry: Our next Youth Ministry Meeting will be held on Monday, 2/27/17, at 6:30PM in the Lower Level Youth Ministry Room.

"Crazy for You" Spring Show at Pope John Paul II
"Things are looking up" at Pope John Paul II High School! Come out and see Studio 38's production of **CRAZY FOR YOU!** This toe-tapping, non-stop musical will leave you laughing out loud and singing along to timeless Gershwin favorites such as *I've Got Rhythm*, *Embraceable You*, and *I Can't Be Bothered Now*. The show runs March 10th and 11th at 7pm; March 12th at 5pm; March 17th at 7pm, March 18th at 1 pm and 7pm. Tickets will go on sale to the public Feb. 20th at www.pjphs.org.

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.



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.**

Since godparents serve as official representatives of the Catholic community in this important role of honor and witness in the life of the child, godparents must meet the following requirements. These requirements are specified by universal Church law and the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

1. One Catholic godparent is required. If two are selected, one must be male and one must be female. There can be no more than two godparents.
2. A Catholic godparent must be at least 16 years old and must be registered with a Catholic parish.
3. A Catholic godparent must be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist) and who is living a life in harmony with the Church.
4. If married, a Catholic godparent must be *validly* married in the Catholic Church.
5. A Catholic godparent must provide St. Teresa of Avila Parish with a Certificate of Eligibility for Sacramental Sponsorship from his or her parish.
6. A baptized non-Catholic, who is a practicing member of another Christian community, may serve as a Christian Witness. A Christian Witness is asked to provide a copy of his or her baptismal certificate.
7. A non-practicing Catholic or a baptized Catholic who has left the Catholic Church and attends another denomination may not serve as a Christian Witness.

Donations on the occasion of a child's baptism are welcome and appreciated, but not required.

If you would like to register for our Pre-Jordan Class, schedule your child's baptism, or have questions regarding the requirements for godparents, please contact our Coordinator of Religious Education, Mrs. Erin Gauntner, at 610-666-167 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.wmme-philly.org. You can also contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at Applications@wmme-philly.org or call 610-449-1859.

9th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference

Registration is now open for **MAN UP PHILLY 2017**, which will be held on Saturday, 3/4/17, at St Joseph University Hagan Arena. Speakers include EWTN's Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, inspirational speaker, Kevin Reilly, former Philadelphia Eagle whose career was ended by a rare cancer that led to the removal of his left arm, and Damon Owens, director of JoyTOB and international speaker on the Theology of the Body. Acclaimed Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will provide inspirational accompaniment during a special directed Eucharistic Adoration. Register now and save \$10 (Early Bird Special) at <http://manuphilly.com/>.

Intellectual Disabilities & Autism Workshop

The Intellectual Disabilities & Autism Workshop will be offered on 3/11/17 from 9:30AM to noon at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. Parish leaders, clergy, and interested parishioners are encouraged to attend. For information or to RSVP please call 215-587-3530 or email sr.kschipani@archphila.org. Also visit the website www.opdarchphilly.org.

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.

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