

Join a Ministry & Get Active at STA!

St. Teresa of Avila Parish offers many opportunities to get active in our faith community. Please consider joining one or more of the following ministries.

1. Altar Servers

The Ministry of Altar Server offers young parishioners (4th Grade through High School) the opportunity to grow in faith and the love of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the source & summit of our Catholic Faith. **Contact:** Ken & Jan Orner, 610-630-8427, jsorner@msn.com / stakorner@hotmail.com

2. Adult Altar Servers/Funeral Server Ministry

Our Adult Altar Server Ministry provides altar servers for funerals during the school year. **Contact:** Jan & Ken Orner, 610-630-8427, jsorner@msn.com

3. Arts & Environment Ministry

Our Arts & Environment Ministry prepares our sanctuary for the various liturgical seasons and Holy Days.

Contacts:

Alice Ellis, 610-631-9078/alicecellis1016@gmail.com
John Giuliani, 610-630-6064/j.giuliani@verizon.net

4. Bible Study – Men's

The Men's Bible Study Group meets at 7:00PM on Thursdays in our St. Teresa of Avila Conference Room. The group studies and discusses the Bible in order to better understand the Word of God and apply it their own growth in faith. All Catholic men are invited to attend. **Contact:** Chris Kernozak, 610-666-5945/ biblestudysta@gmail.com

5. Bible Study – Women's

Women's Bible Study Group meets at 8:45AM on Saturdays in the School Faculty Room. The members examine and discuss the Scripture readings for the Sunday Liturgy to better prepare for Sunday Mass, as well as to apply the Scriptures to their own lives. **Contact:** Elizabeth Kernozek, 610-666-5945, eakern@gmail.com

6. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program (CLOW) provides an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word for children age 4 through 4th grade. The program generally runs from September through June. Adult volunteers are needed to lead the program on a rotating basis. **Contact:** Erin Gaunter, *Coordinator of Religious Education & Youth Ministry*, 610-666-0167/staprep@verizon.net

7. Christmas Bazaar Committee

Our Christmas Bazaar is held in mid-November and is the largest fundraiser for the parish. Included in this annual event are crafts, baskets, raffles, silent auctions, children's games, vendors, and delicious food. Many volunteers and donations are needed to serve in various capacities to make this event possible. **Chairperson:** Kim McDonald, mcdonaldr@comcast.net

8. Eucharistic Adoration Team

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar in our Chapel on Tuesdays from 7:30AM until 8:00PM. All are invited to come for prayer and worship during this time. Members of our Eucharistic Adoration Team commit to visit with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis – usually one hour a week or one hour every other week. **Contact:** Alice Ellis, 610-631-9078/alicecellis1016@gmail.com or Mike Powers, 610-666-1493/maugustpowers@yahoo.com

9. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass & also bring Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners.

Contact: Ken Orner, 610-630-8427/stakorner@hotmail.com

10. Garden Club

Our Garden Club assists in beautifying the grounds around the church. **Contact:** Elizabeth DeLisle, 610-666-0770/bdelse@aol.com

11. Greeter Ministry

Greeters welcome all who come to St. Teresa of Avila Parish to worship with us. All that is necessary to serve as a greeter is a willingness to offer a smile and a friendly hello to all who enter our doors for Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this ministry as an occasional or regular greeter. Greeters begin opening doors approximately 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass.

Contact: Bill Meier, 610-666-7958/wjmeier29.comcast.net

12. Hospitality Committee

The purpose of the Hospitality Committee is to assist with various parish social functions. Parishioners are needed to help plan various social events, sell tickets after Masses, help with set-up and clean-up, decorate, and bake desserts. Past social events have included Fall Parish Socials, a Spaghetti Dinner, a Lenten Soup & Talk, and a Parish Picnic.

Contact: Joanna Nice, 610-539-1136/nicers333gmail.com

13. Hospitality Committee-Coffee Team

The Parish Coffee Team is a sub-committee of the Hospitality Committee. Parish Coffees are offered periodically throughout the year to promote fellowship within our community of faith. Members of the Parish Coffee Team help set up for the coffees, assist during the coffees, clean up after the coffees, and/or bake goods. **Contact:** Jennifer Gambino, 610-631-0555/jennifergambino@yahoo.com.

14. KOC Pope John Paul I Council 7565

We are a Roman Catholic fraternal organization for Men committed to our faith. Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism—these four characteristics make up the founding principles of the K of C, which dates back to the late 1800's! We serve the parish communities of St. Teresa of Avila and Visitation BVM. **Contact:** Grand Knight Mark McGovern, 484-686-4955, kofc.markmccgovern@gmail.com

15. Lectors

The Ministry of Lector offers the opportunity to grow in faith and the love of the Lord, and to serve the people of God as a Minister of the Word. Training is provided and will be arranged to accommodate the lector's schedule.

Contact: Sue Matour, 610-666-1542, smatour63@gmail.com

16. Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk

Our Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk is located in our Church vestibule. Volunteers are needed to help monitor the kiosk and make suggestions regarding faith formation materials. Contact the Parish Office at 610-666-5820 if you are interested in assisting with this program.

Love God. Love Your Neighbor. Make Disciples of Jesus.

17. Martha's Helpers

Martha's Helpers offer service to the Lord by cleaning our church. Martha's Helpers clean the church on Wednesday mornings in preparation for Sunday Mass, funerals, weddings, and other activities. We are looking to expand our Martha's Helper Ministry to include a second team that would clean the church every other week.

Weekly Team Contact: Marie Baker, 610-539-0172, billandmbaker@comcast.net

18. Metanoia Young Adult Group

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 and meet fellow Catholics in the area.

Contact: metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com

19. Music Ministry

Our Music Ministry enhances our liturgy through the power of music and helps foster active participation in the Mass. Currently, our Adult Choir practices on Sunday evenings from 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Our Guitar Band meets from 7:00PM to 8:00PM on Wednesdays, and our Youth Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. We recently started a Requiem Choir & a Schola Choir.

Coordinator of Music Ministry: Mare Barbuto, 610-983-3262, marebarbuto@verizon.net

Choir Director: Sarah Stong, 484-919-1886, stachoirdirector@gmail.com

Guitar Band Director: Mare Barbuto, 610-983-3262, marebarbuto@verizon.net

20. New Parishioner Registration Team

Our New Parishioner Registration Team assists with registering new parishioners after all the Masses on our "Registration Weekends" – generally the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. **Contact:** Dave Matour, 610-666-1542, matourd@verizon.net & Gerry Ellis, 610-631-9078, gerryellis222@gmail.com

21. Outreach Ministry

Our Outreach Ministry offers outreach to various parishioners in need such as those who are homebound or are grieving the loss of a loved one. Outreach also supports members of our community in need such as women and children in crisis situations. **Contact:** Adele Semach, 510-539-8426, adesem@verizon.net

22. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry supports our Bereavement (Outreach) and Pre-Jordan Ministries, as well as other outreach. This group meets on Thursday nights at 7:00PM in the School Faculty Room. Experienced knitters and those who would like to learn to knit are welcome. **Contact:** Nancy Young, 610-539-1095, ncyoungathome@aol.com

23. Pre-Jordan Team

The Pre-Jordan Team consists of parishioners who have volunteered to help prepare new parents for their infants' baptisms and the responsibilities of Christian parenting. **Contact:** Deacon Frank Lally, 484-938-7650/ FCLallyjr@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: All volunteers who have any possible contact with children must comply with the Archdiocesan policy regarding volunteers. For more information, please visit <http://childyouthprotectin.org/index.php/staff-volunteers/information-for-volunteers>.

24. PREP Team

Our PREP Team consists of Catechists, Classroom Aides, Office Assistants, and other volunteers that support our **Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)**. PREP provides religious education and sacramental preparation to all parish children in grades 1st through 6th not attending Catholic school. PREP classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:30PM to 7:45PM during the School Year. First Level only is also offered from 10:00AM to 11:00AM on Sundays.

Contact: Erin Gauntner, *Coordinator of Religious Education & Youth Ministry*, 610-666-0167/staprep@verizon.net

25. RCIA Team

The RCIA Team is a group of parishioners who take an active part in preparing individuals and families for the Sacraments of Initiation. Individuals interested in getting more information regarding RCIA should call the Parish Office. Parishioners interested in assisting in this ministry should contact Deacon Lally. **Contact:** Deacon Frank Lally, 484-938-7650, fclallyjr@gmail.com

26. Rosary Group Team

The Rosary Group leads the rosary at 6:30PM on Mondays in our Chapel. Prayer is offered for the parish and for the personal intentions of those present.

Contact: Barry Keis, 610-783-1133

27. Shannondell Ministry

Ministry to the residents of Shannondell and its companion nursing facility, The Meadows, enables our sick and homebound to remain a part of the greater family of St. Teresa of Avila Parish. Masses, Communion Services, the Rosary, Communion Calls, and other services are offered through our this Ministry. **Contact:** Al Caza 610-382-4203/acaza@sdlifestyle.com & Dick Hammel, 610-382-9242/dikhammel@consergroup.com

28. Surrogate Godparents

Surrogate Godparents work in pairs to prepare the sanctuary for our Pastor or Deacon to administer the Sacrament of Baptism, greet families as they arrive, participate in the Baptismal Liturgy, and restore the sanctuary to its original condition when the Baptism is completed. **Contact:** Cecilia Heitzenrater, 610-783-5289/c.heitzenrater@aol.com

29. Ushers

Ushers offer service by making parishioners and guests feel welcome and comfortable as we gather for our Eucharistic celebration. Our ushers also assist with taking up the collection and distributing the bulletins. **Contact:** Rich & Michelle Souder, 610-676-0810, richard.souder@pjm.com

30. Vacation Bible School Team

Our Vacation Bible School Team runs a one-week Bible School camp in the Summer. Volunteers are needed to serve as Group Leaders and to work with small groups of children on crafts, music, games, and snacks. **Contact:** Erin Gauntner, *Coordinator of Religious Education & Youth Ministry*, 610-666-0167/staprep@verizon.net

31. Youth Ministry

The STA Youth Ministry grows disciples by welcoming all youth to explore their faith in a community of acceptance. The group is open to all parish youth 7th through 12th grade. STA Youth Ministry fosters spiritual and social growth through Christian love and service. **Contact:** Erin Gauntner, *Coordinator of Religious Education & Youth Ministry*, 610-666-0167/staprep@verizon.net