



# Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

December 24-25, 2017

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

## PARISH CLERGY

**Reverend J. Jerome Wild, Pastor**

**Deacon Francis C. Lally, Permanent Deacon**

**Reverend Richard M. Jacobs, Sunday Assistant**

## LITURGY

<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	4:15PM
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00AM & 11:00AM
<b>Holy Days:</b>	as published in the bulletin
<b>Daily Mass:</b>	10:00AM Mondays 7:00AM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
<b>Communion Service:</b>	8:00AM Saturdays
<b>Confession:</b>	3:15PM Saturdays, or by appointment
<b>Eucharistic Adoration:</b>	Tuesdays 7:30AM to 8PM
<b>Rosary:</b>	6:30PM Mondays

## PARISH STAFF

**Ursula Lawrence, Parish Secretary/Receptionist**

**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, CRE/YM**

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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**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 January 17, 2018 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.



My Dear Parishioners,



Christmas means different things to different people. To most, it is a heartwarming time with family and friends. To many children, it's about presents and Santa. To merchants, it means a season when many retailers finally begin making money.

But if you were to go back seven hundred years before the birth of Christ and ask the prophet Isaiah what it means to him, he would tell you Christmas is about the birth of a special child:

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* (Isaiah 9:6) This profound message is that God Himself would come to earth as both King and Savior.

Most Jews were waiting for the Messiah to deliver Israel from Roman oppression. They were looking for a Messiah of power and authority. But God had a different plan. He chose to send His son as a humble servant whose primary mission was to die for our sins.

Jesus is both fully human and fully God. Isaiah had said as much when he foretold the Messiah coming to earth as both child and Mighty God. Confirming the words of Isaiah, the apostle Paul writes of Jesus:

*"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."* (Colossians 1:15-17)

What would motivate the Creator of everything that exists to step down from his lofty position as the sovereign ruler of the universe to become one of us? Jesus tells us that he came because God loves us; each of us.

The wonderful meaning of Christmas is that Jesus came to rescue us from the death sentence caused by our sin, and to give us hope and peace with God. He did it because he cares for you and me, and wants to adopt us into his family; now and forever.

Why not take time this Christmas to reflect on God's great gift to you? The one who created you is the same one who came to earth and died for you!

In a world filled with corruption and selfishness, there is tremendous hope in knowing that God cares. And he promises eternal life to all who believe in Jesus. Can you think of a greater reason to celebrate Christmas?

Christmas Blessings!

*Father Jerry Wild*

## Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances

<b>Sat. December 23</b> 4:15 PM	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Valerie Keebler
<b>Sun. December 24</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Morris LaSorda Kristina Popelarski
<b>Sun. December 24</b> 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM	<b>Christmas Eve Masses</b>
<b>Mon. December 25</b> 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM	<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>
<b>Tues. December 26</b> 7:00 AM	<b>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</b> Mario Santoro
<b>Wed. December 27</b> 7:00 AM	<b>St. John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b> Robert Sowers
<b>Fri. December 29</b> 7:00 AM	<b>St. Thomas Becket, Bishop/Martyr</b> Quagliariello Family
<b>Sat. December 30</b> 4:15 PM	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Donald Wright
<b>Sun. December 31</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>The Holy Family</b> Valerie Hildebrand Keebler Rosalie Capaldo



## Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all of our recently deceased parishioners, especially:

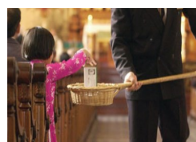
**Anne Deskiewicz and Beatrice Brown**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the all-faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

### Please pray for the healing of:

Nino Gulotta, Viola Clark, Joan Moore, Gerry Sauermech, Jane Mieckowski, Jeanette Mallon, Loretta DeMito, Bob O'Donnell, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Sarah Neve, Eileen Swiech, Pat Leberman, Shannon Austin, Frank Coll, Barrie Gehrlein, Max Maertzig, Don Pell, Eli & Ella Vivian, Clara DaSilva, Helen Garcia, Eduardo Rojo, Michael Semach, 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, Margaret Cesare, Lawrence Reynolds, Jim Uckele, Jennifer Owens, Jack Walsh, Peggy Walsh, Al Caza, Terry Strainick, Debbie Scott, Bill O'Neill, Butch Cunningham, Don Barbuto, Barbara Breitbarth, Steven Kehoe, Rosemary Schlichtig, Diane Benton, Tony Polvino, Cecelia Heitzenrater, Baby Samantha Patterson, Elise Pancio, Mollie Bowe-McCarthy

**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 Larnar; Captain Valerie Smith; Msgr. Timothy R. Whalon; 1st Lt. Jaysen Satterwhite.



**Offerings**  
**December 17 - \$9309**

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

### Please Consider Christmas AND Sunday Offering to Support our Parish

Each year, we rely on generous Christmas contributions to support the many ministries of our Parish. Your sacrificial offering to the parish is important to parish stewardship and greatly appreciated. Through these ongoing gifts we are able to fund staffing needs, building operation and maintenance costs, and the many services our parish provides. This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday with Christmas on Monday. Please consider offering your regular Sunday gift and an additional Christmas gift to the Parish. If you receive a contribution envelope packet, you will find envelopes for both a Christmas offering and an offering for Sunday, December 24. You may give at Mass or you may wish to contribute electronically. We understand that you may be traveling to visit loved ones this Christmas and we want to make it easy to remember our parish during this joyful time. Thank you for your generous contributions at Christmas and throughout the year!



### Mass Intentions

Looking for a special way to honor someone special or remember a loved one no longer with us?

### Remember Mass Intentions

Many dates are available in 2018 to be dedicated for this beautiful expression. *The suggested offering is \$15 for each mass.* Please contact or visit the Parish Office to secure a date for your special Intention.

## Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

### Monday, December 25: Christmas Day

No PREP until Jan. 8, 2018  
Parish office closed

### Tuesday, December 26

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM-8:00 PM  
Parish office closed

### Wednesday, December 27

Band Rehearsal (Church) 7:00 PM

### Thursday, December 28

Men's Bible Study (STA Conf. Rm.) 7:00 PM  
Youth Choir (Church) 7:00 PM  
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Faculty Rm.) 7:00 PM

### Saturday, December 30

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

### Sunday, December 31

CLOW (Chapel) 9:00 AM  
Adult Choir (Church) 7:00 PM

The Rose of Life this weekend is  
Donated by  
Deacon Frank & Dolly Lally  
In Memory of  
Dennis & Rose Glavin





## Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School



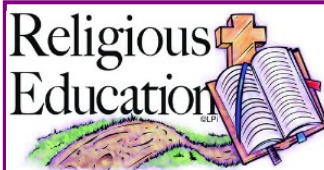
Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School has been voted "BEST GRADE SCHOOL" by the readers of the Times Herald and its affiliates! Come and learn why MTC's enrollment has grown; be a part of the MTC community!

**MTC EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE**  
**Grades PreK-2, PreK-3, PreK-4, PreK-5**  
**and Kindergarten**  
**JANUARY 19 at 9AM**

**MTC OPEN HOUSE DATE: JANUARY 28**  
 Learn more about MTC's grades PreK-2, PreK-3, Pre-K 4, PreK-5 and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade!

If you would like to hear more about MTC, take a tour or receive an enrollment packet, please contact Patsy Swope, Director of Admissions: 610-265-2323 x225 or [patsy.swope@mtcschool.org](mailto:patsy.swope@mtcschool.org). Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is coming!

*Save the date: February 24, 2018*



## STA Parish Religious Education Program

### UPCOMING CALENDAR

2017

**DEC. 25**

**NO Classes- Christmas holiday**

2018

**JAN. 1**

**NO Classes- Happy New Year!**

**JAN. 8**

PREP classes resume + music instruction, First Holy Communion parent gathering in church with Fr. Wild at 6:30PM

**JAN. 14**

Family Mass at 11:00 AM, Levels K/1

**JAN. 15**

MLK Jr. Day of Service, Community Outreach 6:30-7:45 PM in the gym

**JAN. 22**

Classes

**JAN. 29**

Classes & YM; *staff mtg. following dismissal*

### 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 to them, usually once or twice every six weeks. **Readings, lesson plans, and activities are provided.** There is a great deal of exciting interaction between the children and leader; it is a very rewarding experience for all involved!

#### Please prayerfully consider volunteering with us for:

- CLOW Leader:** Commitment involves lesson preparation and Mass time only. Volunteers receive CLOW 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 be involved? Adult aides are needed to assist the Leader and help 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 keep order during the Liturgy. Teen volunteers should be at least 13 years old.

Available and Interested? Please contact Erin Gauntner at (610) 666-0167 or [staprep@verizon.net](mailto:staprep@verizon.net)



## Thank You

*to all who provided gifts for our annual Giving Tree. I truly appreciate your support of this wonderful parish tradition of charitable giving during the holy season of Advent!*

*- Fr. Wild*

We collected over 340 gifts and over \$2200 in gift cards for Birthright in Pottstown, A Baby's Breath in Collegeville, the Aquinas Center in South Philadelphia, Saint Mary's Franciscan Shelter for families in Phoenixville, Camilla Hall of the IHM Sisters in Malvern, Villa St. Joseph in Darby, and the Legion of Mary Brother House in Norristown.

### Eucharistic Adoration at St. Teresa

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





### 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. We generally celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the first and third Sundays of each 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. If you would like to register for our Pre-Jordan Class, schedule your child's baptism, or have any questions regarding celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Teresa's, please contact Erin Gauntner in the Office of Religious Education: 610) 666-0167 or [staprep@verizon.net](mailto:staprep@verizon.net)

Our next class will be held at 7:00 PM on **Wed. Jan. 17, 2018** in the Good Shepherd room in the Parish Center.

### 2018 St. Teresa of Avila Calendars

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Calendars for 2018 are available at the doors of the church. This year's calendars feature Religious Art. Many thanks to Bacchi Funeral Home for graciously sponsoring these beautiful calendars for our parish.



The parish office will be **closed** on Mon. Dec. 25 and Tues. Dec. 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The parish will also be closed on Mon. Jan. 1 and Tue. Jan. 2, 2018 in observance of New Year's Day.

### Celebrate our 100th Year in Style!



Hooded sweatshirts (\$30) and long-sleeve t-shirts (\$20) in adult size L and XL are **available for immediate delivery**. Adult size S, M, all Youth sizes and short-sleeve t-shirts are available to order.

STA 100<sup>th</sup> glass ornaments (\$10), car magnets and brass bookmarks are also available for purchase.

Please contact the parish office to get your today! (610) 666-5820 or [starectory@verizon.net](mailto:starectory@verizon.net)

### Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

**Where is God? How to find Him, know Him, love Him.** Philly Young Adult Retreat with Fr. Nathan Cromly of Eagle Eye Ministries. January 5 to 7, 2018 at Mother Boniface Spirituality Center in Philadelphia. Check out <https://anthe Philly.com> for more information. Please contact PhillyRetreat@gmail.com with any questions.

### The Main Line Singles Dinner Club (Ages 52-66)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to dine together and share common interests twice a month. Our next scheduled events are: Sat. Jan 6 at 5:30 PM our "Post Christmas/New Year's House Party" and Sun. Feb. 4 at 5:00 PM a "Super Bowl Sunday House Party". For more information please call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

### How are we saved?

Please join us on Wednesday, January 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 502 Ford St., Bridgeport, PA for a Patricians Meeting sponsored by the Legion of Mary. Get your questions answered! More info: [r.edel.lukens@villanova.edu](mailto:r.edel.lukens@villanova.edu) or 610-256-7125 The society of the Patricians is an informal group of adult Catholics who meet monthly under the direction of Fr. David Ousley to learn more about the Catholic Faith so that they can better share it with others. Please come, and bring a friend! Light refreshments will be served and free literature will be available.



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### Music Ministry News

**Adult Choir - Sundays 7-8:30PM for Masses one to two times per month**

**Requiem (Funeral) Choir - second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:00PM**

**Youth Choir - Thursdays 7-8:00PM for Masses one to two times per month**

### Come try us out!

Contact Sarah Stong for more information: [stachoirdirector@gmail.com](mailto:stachoirdirector@gmail.com)

**Help Wanted...** instrumentalists to play occasionally throughout the year (brass, woodwind, strings). **No long term commitment!**

