



Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

December 31, 2017
The Holy Family

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

Saturday Vigil: 4:15PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00AM
Holy Days: as published in the bulletin

Daily Mass: 10:00AM Mondays
 7:00AM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Communion Service: 8:00AM Saturdays
Confession: 3:15PM Saturdays, or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 7:30AM to 8PM

Rosary: 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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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.



PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart



My Dear Parishioners,

On this first Sunday after Christmas the Church places before us for our reflection the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The family is part of God's plan for us. God wants our families to be holy. The family is the basic unit of society and the Church; we could say the family is a little church.

It is in the family that we first learn to communicate. It is in the family that we learn what love is. It is in the family that we first learn to forgive and to pray. It is in the family that we first learn about God and Jesus and Our Lady. It is in the family that first we learn our values and what is good and bad. The future of humanity depends on the family because it is through families that society continues.

There are many attempts to destroy the family in our times but if the family will be destroyed in western society, the western world will crumble because all humanity comes through the family. There are many attempts today to redefine the family but they do not reflect God's plan for the family.

As the Church places the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph before us this weekend, we should not think that they did not have challenges. Just like every family, they had to face and overcome difficulties and these are just some of the trials we see them facing as we read the Gospels.

What helped the family through all these tests was their prayer and faith just as prayer and faith help our families through difficulties.

The family is not an accident.; the family is part of God's plan. God wants your family to be the best it can possibly be and the best place for children. God wants your family to be holy. The Holy Family had many trials as does every family and overcame them through prayer and faith. Our families also overcome challenges through prayer and faith remaining united in love as did Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Blessings!

Father Jerry Wild

Mass Intentions, Saints and Special Observances

Sat. December 30 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass Donald Wright
Sun. December 31 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	The Holy Family Valerie Hildebrand Keebler Rosalie Capaldo
Mon. January 1 10:00 AM	Solemnity of Mary
Tues. January 2 7:00 AM	St. Basil the Great Robert Sowers
Wed. January 3 7:00 AM	Christmas Weekday Anne Deskiewicz
Fri. January 5 7:00 AM	St. John Neumann, Bishop First Friday Doris Bonner
Sat. January 6 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass Michael Cotteta
Sun. January 7 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	The Epiphany of the Lord James Roberto Dan Skelton



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, January 1, 2018

No PREP until Jan. 8, 2018

Tuesday, January 2

Legion of Mary (GS Conf. Rm.)	1-2:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration	7:30 AM-8:00 PM
Shannondell Mass	10:00 AM

Wednesday, January 3

Band Rehearsal (Church)	7:00 PM
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Thursday, January 4

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, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

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



The Rose of Life this weekend is
Donated by
Margaret Daywater
In Memory of
Sisters Liz, Tammy & Debbie



Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all of our recently deceased parishioners, especially:
Beatrice Brown and James Jones.

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 Burmingham, 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 Keprta, 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.



December 24 Offering \$10,082
Christmas Offering \$33,038

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



On Sunday, December 3, 2017,
St. Teresa of Avila Church
Welcomed through the saving
waters of Baptism:
Olivia Francesca DiBlassio
Ailish Marie Mitchell*
Madlynn Grace Singleton



Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School



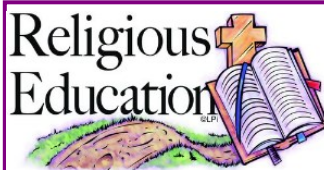
Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School has been voted "BEST GRADE SCHOOL" by the readers of the Times Herald and its affiliates! Come and learn why MTC's enrollment has grown; be a part of the MTC community!

MTC EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE
Grades PreK 2, PreK 3, PreK4, PreK 5 and Kindergarten
JANUARY 19 at 9AM

MTC OPEN HOUSE DATE: January 28th
Learn more about MTC's grades PreK 2, PreK3, PreK 4, PreK 5 and Kindergarten through 8th 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. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is coming!

Save the date: February 24, 2018



STA Parish Religious Education Program

UPCOMING CALENDAR

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



LEGION OF MARY INVITATION

The Legion of Mary members assist the Pastor in duties such as home visitation, RCIA, distributing Catholic literature, medals and more. If you have felt Mary calling to you, now is the time to come and learn what the Legion has to offer. The next meeting is Tues. Jan. 2 from 1-2:30 PM in the Good Shepherd Conf. Rm. in the parish center. Men and women are welcome to attend.

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.



THANK YOU! We collected over 250 gifts and \$2000 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: a home for retired priests in Darby, and the Legion of Mary Brother House in Norristown.





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

Our next class will be held at 7:00 PM on **Wed. Jan. 17, 2018**

The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



Start the new year in STYLE!



STA hooded sweatshirts and long-sleeve t-shirts in adult size L and XL are **available for immediate delivery**.

STA ornaments (\$10), car magnets and brass bookmarks are also available for a free will donation.

Please contact the parish office to get yours today!
(610) 666-5820 or 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.

Mass for those suffering from addiction

All are invited to join together for a Mass for those suffering from addiction at St. Eleanor Catholic Church in Collegetown on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM in

Please note that the parish office will be **closed** on Mon. Jan. 1 and Tue. Jan. 2 in observance of the New Year's holiday.



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Save the Date: First Reconciliation

STA will celebrate First Reconciliation with our parish grade 2 children on Sat. March 3, 2018 at a 10:00 AM service in the church. All are welcome to join us for this Sacrament of Healing!



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

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

