



Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

November 5, 2017

The Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Heidi L. Reese, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor

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

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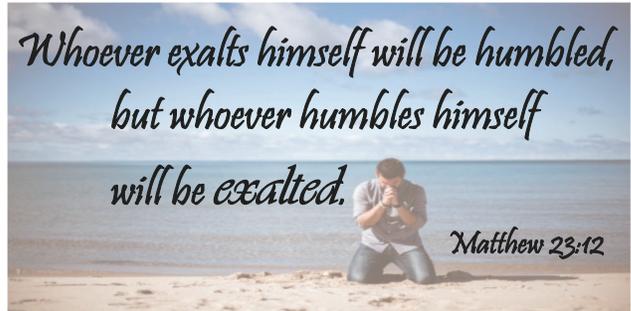
MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

405 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Principal: Christine Pagan

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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, November 15, 2017 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.



"Therefore, the Pharisees, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example.

For they preach but they do not practice." -Matthew 23:2-3

PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart



My Dear Parishioners,

What is a hypocrite? Some are accused of hypocrisy when their walk does not measure up to their talk...but in some cases that may be an indication of weakness, not hypocrisy. "Hypocrite" comes from the Greek word **hupokrites** meaning "an actor under an assumed character", or a stage-player. A true hypocrite is someone who pretends to be something or someone he or she is not, and really has no intention of becoming. It can be someone who pretends to be a friend, but is really an enemy in disguise.

Jesus addresses hypocrites in His day, in particular a group of scribes and Pharisees. This group were among the most religiously conservative of that time, yet some of the harshest words that Jesus ever spoke were directed towards them. In just one speech (found in Matthew 23), He called them hypocrites seven times, fools twice, blind guides five times, and serpents or brood of vipers once!

Despite such strong condemnation, we can learn from hypocrites, and Jesus directs us to do so. He tells us to "do and observe all things whatsoever they tell" us, but warns us to not follow the example of their actions. In essence, do as they say, not as they do. Specifically, Jesus warns against their propensity to create huge burdens which they then place on the people to carry, their abuse of authority, failure in teaching, and inconsistency of practice. They love the titles and places of honor bestowed upon them, but they have no compassion towards those who they lead.

This is one of those blessed opportunities that Jesus allows us to learn from others' mistakes! One of the most common experiences that has driven eager believers from the church is that of hypocrisy. What is the anecdote for hypocrisy? AUTHENTICITY! If we tell others that we are faithful Catholics, yet we live in disobedience to God, this will paint the picture of how Christians behave to those who may be seeking a stronger faith through the church. The best way that we can honor our Lord is to live a life as God intended...full of compassion, truth, a hunger for knowledge from the Bible and God's teachings, upholding the sacredness of the Eucharist, and cultivated humility. As we discussed through last weeks reading, to love your neighbor as yourself.

Through these actions, we can best back up our words, and ultimately honor and glorify our Lord!

Blessings,

Father Jerry Wild

Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

Sat. November 4 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass James McCarthy, Jr.
Sun. November 5 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Marty Moore Helen Casale
Mon. November 6 10:00 AM	Weekday Helen Moore
Tues. November 7 7:00 AM	Weekday Bryan Lee Carter
Wed. November 8 7:00 AM	Weekday Al & Shirley Stipa, 60th Anniversary
Fri. November 10 7:00 AM	St. Leo the Great, Pope Florence Bugda
Sat. November 11 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass James Maguire, Jr.
Sun. November 12 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Peter Kubilus Walter Bertha

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 for 2017 and 2018 to be dedicated for this beautiful expression.

The suggested offering is \$15 for each mass. Please contact or visit the Rector's Office



Mass Intentions

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

Monday, November 6	
Rosary (Chapel)	6:30 PM
PREP (Parish Center)	6:30 PM-7:45 PM
Legion of Mary (Church Office)	7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 7	
Eucharistic Adoration	7:30 AM-8:00 PM
Schola Rehearsal (Church)	7:00 PM
Wednesday, November 8	
Band Rehearsal (Church)	7:00 PM
Thursday, November 9	
Men's Bible Study (STA Conf. Rm.)	7:00 PM
Youth Choir (Church)	7:00 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Faculty Rm)	7:00 PM
Friday, November 10	
Christmas Bazaar (School)	5:00 PM -10:00 PM
Saturday, November 11	
Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00 AM
No Women's Bible Study	
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15 PM
Sunday, November 12	
CLOW (Chapel)	9:00 AM
#2 Family Mass (Church)	11:00 AM
Adult Choir (Church)	7:00 PM

2018 ROSE OF LIFE ENVELOPES ARE DUE!

If you have chosen and taken envelopes for the 2018 Rose of Life donations, please be sure to return them by Sunday, Dec. 17th. Envelopes with payment may be placed in the collections basket or mailed/dropped to the Parish Office.



Praying With Our Parish

During November, the Month of the Holy Souls, please pray for all of our recently deceased parishioners, especially Adele Semach, Catherine O'Brien, and John McPhelim.

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, Jerry Sauermelch, The Family of Sean Hanlon, Jane Miecowski, Jeanette Mallon, Loretta DeMito, Anne McNelis, 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, 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 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

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 Larner; Captain Valerie Smith; Msgt. Timothy R. Whalon; 1st Lt. Jaysen Satterwhite, Sgt. Major John D. Greis.

Annual Collection for St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

The financial goal of the 2017-18 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal is \$3.5 million. Please support this appeal to help the seminary to continue its necessary work in preparing priests, deacons, religious and laity for service to our parishes, schools, and other Catholic organizations. If you are not responding directly to the appeal by mail, a collection will be taken at the parish on **the weekend of November 18th and 19th.**

Please give generously and faithfully. -Father Wild



10/29/2017 Offering \$
November Online Giving \$
Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



The Rose of Life this weekend is
Donated by
Beth, Ryan, & Ashley
In Memory of
Albert & Theresa DiGiambattista



Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School

Sharing Hands,
Hearts and Minds
Educating Students from
Pre-School to 8th Grade



MTC is the regional school for St. Teresa of Avila

MTC \$10,000 Giveaway is here!



We are excited that ticket sales for the 5th Annual \$10,000 Giveaway have begun. There will only be 400 tickets sold. Don't miss your opportunity to win \$10,000. Tickets are \$100 each. For

ticket information contact Patsy Swope at: patsy.swope@mtcschool.org or go to www.mtcschool.org/mtc-fund/

Veterans Day Mass – MTC beginning a new tradition to honor Veterans at a Mass at MDP on **November 13, 2017 at 9:15.** All guests will be invited to MTC for refreshments after Mass. For more details or to let us know you will be joining us, please contact

Patsy Swope at MTC: 610-265-2323x225 or patsy.swope@mtcschool.org.

May God continue to Bless America, and all who serve.

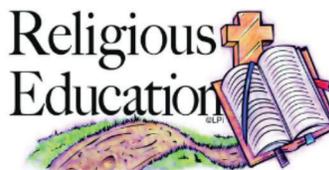


Substitute Teachers Needed: MTC is looking for substitute teachers! If you would like to apply, please contact MTC Principal, Ms. Christine Pagan: Christine.Pagan@mtcschool.org



MTC has volunteered to be a Drop Off site for Operation Gratitude's Candy Drive!! The Halloween rush often leaves a lot of extra candy, so we are asking you to **send any excess candy** you have into school so when can send it off to the troops!

MTC Registration: There are still limited spaces available. Call today or visit our website at: www.mtcschool.org. There are many opportunities for grants and financial assistance. 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.



STA Parish Religious Education Program

An evening of reflection for Parents and Guardians of Parish Candidates for First Reconciliation will be held on **Monday, November 6th at 6:30PM** in the church. Parents and Guardians of all Parish Candidates for First Reconciliation are asked to please attend this prayer service and informational gathering with Father Wild and Mrs. Gauntner.



STA PREP THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to join us in church on **Monday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 PM.** After the prayer service in church we will gather in the parish center gym to assemble hygiene kits for the Patrician Society in Norristown. Every child is asked to please donate as many as they are able of the following items (small or travel size preferred.)

The Dollar Tree is a great place to find these items.

- Level 1:** Lip balm (Chapstick) **Level 2:** Hand/body lotion
- Level 3:** Shampoo and conditioner
- Level 4:** Deodorant **Level 5:** Combs or brushes
- Level 6:** Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- YM (gr. 7-12):** Winter hats, gloves or mittens, warm socks

Donations may be dropped off to the parish center gym during normal office hours or brought in on Nov. 20.

PREP STUDENTS PLEASE REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH ON MON. NOV. 20 BY 6:30 PM and SIT WITH YOUR CLASS. THANK YOU!



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, and it is a very rewarding experience for all!

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

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, November 15, 2017, in the Good Shepherd Room

We will be rolling out our new and improved ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM in November! This new version offers the option and ability to manage your own account, add or change payment accounts—including credit or debit cards—giving amounts, dates, and more! **Heidi will be conducting a presentation to parishioners following all Masses on Nov. 18-19th.** This is your chance to see the new program first-hand, ask questions, and—if you chose—initiate your self-managed account!



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!**



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.



Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

Open House at Immaculata University—Immaculata University's College of Undergraduate Studies will host an open house on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 8:30 a.m., on the University's campus. The open house is designed for high school juniors and seniors and students interested in transferring. The event will allow prospective students to tour the campus and talk with professors, coaches, current students, and administrators from all areas of campus. Information will be presented about admissions, academic majors, social and student life, athletic and co-curricular activities, financial aid, and scholarships. Families may bring 2016 tax information and stay for an optional FAFSA workshop from noon to 2 p.m., where financial aid staff will provide assistance with filling out the free application for federal student aid. Registration and a continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the rotunda of Villa Maria Hall. For more information, please contact the College of Undergraduate Studies Office of Admission at 484-323-3060 or admiss@immaculata.edu, or register online at www.immaculata.edu/openhouse.

Dealing with Grief at the Holidays—For many people, the months of November, December and January bring with them wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's celebrations. However, for those who have recently lost a loved one, Thanksgiving and Christmas can be a difficult experience, as they are torn between the celebratory elements of these holidays and the feelings of the loss of a loved one. For those who may find the upcoming months difficult because of a recent loved one's death, you are invited to make plans to join us for a presentation of "**Grief At The Holidays**" hosted by Sacred Heart Parish Bereavement Team. Thursday, November 9th at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall located at 633 East 4th Street, Bridgeport, PA 19405 (*Entrance in Back of Vantage Academy*) Claire Drexler, a group therapy facilitator from The Center For Loss & Bereavement in Skippack will offer her professional thoughts on grieving during the holidays. **Light refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Sacred Heart rectory 610-275-1750.**



Gethsemani Ministry

at Saint Norbert Parish in Paoli is based on an intent to reduce the stigma associated with addictions while raising awareness and providing a Catholic faith-based approach to recovery, healing and support to those in need.

Gethsemani Prayer Evenings for Addictions are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 PM and are for all for communal prayer and to offer intentions for those struggling with addictions, loved ones supporting them and workers involved in recovery (e.g., counselors, rehab programs, and others). Come to pray or just to talk. **12 Step Spirituality Faith Sharing Group** meets on the second Sunday of the month at 7:30 PM open to participants in all 12-step programs. All are welcome to share in this time of healing and support. **St. Norbert Parish, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, PA 610.644.1655**