

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

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PARISH CLERGY

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Deacon Francis C. Lally, Permanent Deacon
Reverend Richard M. Jacobs, Sunday Asst.
Reverend Kail C. Ellis, OSA, Sunday Asst.

LITURGY

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Daily Mass: 10AM Mon., 7AM Tues., Wed., Fri.

Confession: 3PM to 3:30PM Saturday, in the Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is being celebrated in the Chapel, not in the Reconciliation Room.

Masks are strongly recommended regardless of vaccine status. Those who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering or mask.

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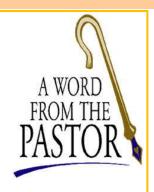
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Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the Old Testament, we read of how God continually called straying women and men back into right-relationship with Himself. The Hebrew Scriptures are filled with signs and stories that reveal God's covenant-love — His relationship — with His Chosen People: the rainbow after the great flood (Genesis 9:1-<u>17</u>), Abraham's star-filled sky (<u>Gn 15</u>), the giving of the Law to Moses (Exodus 15 and 24), and the promises made to King David and his descendants (1 Samuel 7:12-13). Each of these stories remind us that while the People of Israel violated this relationship time and again, God's love and mercy remained constant. Even the first reading of this Sunday's Mass reminds us of God's abiding and merciful love: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you (Isaiah 62:5)."

Those signs and symbols of the Old Testament were only representations of God's love. On that first Christmas night everything changed. In Jesus — who is the Word-Made-Flesh — God "made his dwelling among us and we have seen his glory" (John 1:14) and the miracle at Cana was the first time that Jesus manifested his own transforming power and his glory.

Cana marked a beginning and in the transformation of the water into wine we discover that Jesus wasn't simply another prophet or holy man. He was God's "Beloved" and he holds the power to transform — to recreate and renew — the elements of earth and, more importantly, the hearts, minds, and souls of his followers.

In the coming weeks of Ordinary Time, we will hear the stories of how this transforming and saving work, begun in Cana, changed the lives of Jesus' disciples, as we're invited to reflect on how that transforming power continues to shape us today.

Blessings,

Father Jerry Wild

Offering Totals:



January 9, 2022 \$3,655.00. December Online Giving \$12,898.00.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish depends on your faithful stewardship and your generous support.

**Upcoming Collections for 1/23/2022 Snow Removal

> VILLA SAINT JOSEPH 1436 Lansdowne Ave Darby, Pennsylvania 19023-1298

Dear Fr. Wild, Lori Tedjeske and Parishioners,

We have received the Christmas gifts and they brought much cheer to the priests of Villa Saint Joseph. It was especially welcoming during a time of social isolation. We pray that you continue to inspire others by giving back and working to make an impact in your community. Thanks again for safely sending your love.

Sincerely, Anita Ingram, MSW Social Service Coordinator Villa St Joseph 1436 Lansdowne Ave Darby PA 19023



Online Giving

Thank you for the support and generosity you have shown to the parish, most recently during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ordinary operating budget of the parish (parish utility bills, facility maintenance and upkeep, pastoral and educational salaries and benefits) relies upon Sunday collections.

Your generosity allows us to function as a vibrant community of faith.

The Online Giving option is a wonderful way to maintain your generous giving even during travel or vacations out of the area.

To make your offering online, please go to **www.osvonlinegiving.com**

Thank you!

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.

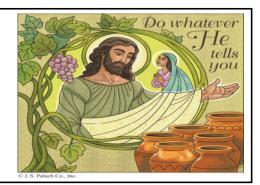
— 1saiah 62:2

January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96). **Second Reading** — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).



Mass Intentions, and **Special Observances**

Saturday, January 15th:

4:15 PM Cynthia Italiano—

Zollers Family Sunday, January 16th:

9:00 AM Anthony Gambone, Jr.—

Mary Jacianis

11:00 AM Umberto Ziccardi—

Teresa Ziccardi

Monday, January 17th

10:00 AM People of the Parish—

Father Wild

January 18th: Tuesday,

7:00 AM John McGill-

Karen McCluskev

Wednesday, January 19th:

7:00 AM Ann and Howard Wyandt—

Joe and Diana Rava

Friday. January 21st:

7:00 AM Jacqueline McGettigan—

Nino Gulotta

January 22nd: Saturday,

Catherine Toth— 4:15 PM

Dorothy Wilmanski

January 23rd: Sunday,

9:00 AM Norman Inferrera, III—

John Family

11:00 AM Monica Joyce—

Peter Joyce

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

Monday, January 17

Women's Bible Study (Good Shep) 10:30 AM

PREP Weekly Lesson

Tuesday, January 18

Eucharistic Adoration Church) 1:00 PM to Benediction (Church) 7:15 PM

Wednesday, January 19

Men's Bible Study (Parish Center)

7:00 PM Adult Choir (Church) 7:00-8:30 PM

Thursday, January 20

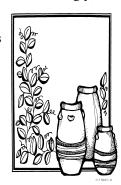
Prayer Shawl (Parish Center) 3:30-4:30 PM

REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

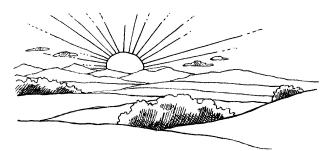
Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the

Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **January 16, 2022**

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Religious Education

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

January

- Sunday Family Mass11am/4th gr. Family Rosary—noon
- Weekly Lesson
- 24 Weekly Lesson
- 29 Saturday, 7th gr Retreat for Confirmation, 9am- 12pm



New Year's tools to grow in Holiness:

Daily Prayer—start in the morning and pray throughout the day.



Weekly Mass—the Mass is a sacrifice and meal. We receive Jesus' body as real food for our souls.

Monthly Confession—frequent Reconciliation Sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable and gives us grace to keep trying for holiness.

Due to the change in tax laws, donation summaries for 2021 will be sent out by request only.

If you would like to receive your donation summary for 2020, please contact the parish office at 610-666-5820

or email to starectory@verizon.net

The Rose of Life for this week
Is requested by
John and Sheri Beale
In memory of
Frances M. Beale





The Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for new members. We are starting on January 13, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in STA Parish Center. If you are interested in

knitting or crocheting shawls or

small blankets for the sick or newly baptized, please call Nancy Young at 610 539-1095 for additional information.

No experience required!



St. Teresa of Avila Parish Information

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 We always welcome new parishioners to St. Teresa of Avila Parish. Registration will be held in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses on the 1st weekend of each month. You may call or visit the Parish Office on weekdays during business hours to register.

BAPTISM is usually celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00. Please call or visit the Parish Office on Monday—Wednesday from 9am to 2:30 pm at 610-666-5820. Parents must attend our Pre-Jordan Class prior to their child's baptism. We look forward to helping you to prepare for this beautiful sacrament of the beginning of our life (of grace) in Christ.

MATRIMONY: Couples must make arrangements for matrimony in person with the parish clergy at least *nine* 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 the parish clergy.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is based on Jesus' concern for the sick, his commissioning of the apostles to heal the sick and the healing ministry of the early Church. This sacrament is usually administered after the celebration of Mass or if needed during a personal visit. Parishioners who are entering the hospital for surgery, are seriously ill or desire the comfort of the sacrament in their weakness are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please contact the Parish Office at 610-666-5820, to make arrangements

MOVING? Please let us know by calling or emailing the Parish Office so we can update our records.



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Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

Tony Genaro, Sr

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

Please pray for the healing of:

Rachael McFillin, Baby Julian Michael, Hannah Neff, Julia Whalon, Patricia Chiarlanga, Madeline McGee, Jim McGauley, Deborah Hall, Maria Cancel, Juneanne Brassington, Lou Becht, Sr., Doug Woodward, Brooke Sturgis, Elise Pancio, Flavia Langan, Gabriela Buentello, Gerri Tornetta, Cheryl Karvounis, Nino Gulotta, and for all the sick of our parish.

(Please take note: Names submitted for prayers will remain in the bulletin for I month.)

Last Call for 2022 Roses for Life

2022 Rose for Life donations were due on 12/19/21. There are 4 dates that have not been turned in. If you have taken these envelopes, please return them as soon as possible. Return in the Collection Basket, mail or drop off at the Parish Office. *Thank you!*



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

Remember Mass Intentions

The 2022 Mass Book is open.

The suggested offering is \$15 for each Mass. Please visit the Parish Office M-F from 9-3, to secure a date for your special Intention. In consideration of others we will be limiting the number of announced Masses to 5.

After that, you may try again in 2 months.

Thank you!



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St. Agnes



A beautiful 12-year old girl from a wealthy family who was martyred in the year 304, for being a Christian.

"Christ has made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to him whom the angels serve."

Wonderous Child

In the Gospel scene at Cana, we see Mary turning to her own child, Jesus. Perhaps she recalled the power of the Spirit that had flowed in her womb at his Incarnation, leading her to discern that surely he must have Spirit-given gifts that could help with the impending crisis at the wedding. As at her Annunciation, she may not have been completely certain, at first, exactly how this would come about, but in faith at Cana she turned to Jesus. In faith, her words, "do whatever he tells you" echoed her reply to Gabriel: "Let it be done to me as you say." In faith, she knows whatever words the Word will speak are bound to bring another inbreaking of the Spirit, another manifestation of God's reign. And she is right. Her wonderous child, John the Evangelist tells us, performed his first wonder there, and signaled the presence of the divine in the everyday. Copyright©2022, J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



Several people have made us aware that cars have been leaving the parking lot at a very high rate of speed, posing a danger to our parishioners.

We ask all who come to our Church to be mindful of the care of every person in the parking lot. *Thank you!*

