



Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

September 17, 2017
The Twenty-Fourth 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

Office Hours: M-Th. 9:00AM - 4:30PM

Fri. 9:00AM-4:00PM

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"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

As many as seven times?" asked Peter.

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times, but seventy times seven." - Matthew 18:21-35

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, September 20, 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.



*"Wrath and anger are hateful things,
yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful
will suffer the Lord's vengeance, for
He remembers their sins in detail.
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then, when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven." -Sirach 27:30*



My Dear Parishioners,

Some versions of this passage refer to "anger and a hot temper" as "horrible things", noting that sinners "have both". If we sit with that for a moment, we could probably think of plenty of times that we allowed a hot temper to rule our thoughts and actions...quite possibly to the detriment of someone who was not a deserving recipient. Those harsh and angry words said in the heat of the moment are hard to take back after the fact, and the lasting hurt caused may take a long time to heal.

The passage goes even further to warn us that "if you forgive someone who has wronged you, your sins will be forgiven when you pray. But, you cannot expect the Lord to pardon you while you are holding a grudge against someone else. You yourself are a sinner, and if you won't forgive another person, you have no right to pray that the Lord will forgive your sins." (Sirach 28:2-4, Good News Translation) That is quite a poignant statement, and one that we should take with great heed. It tells us that expecting God to forgive our sins while we hold the sins of another against them is unacceptable to the Lord.

The reading then reminds us of the parable which tells of the servant who was brought before his master and ordered to pay a large debt that he owed. He could not pay the debt on demand, and the servant and his entire family was condemned to be sold and cast away. The servant begged for the master's mercy and promised to repay, and the master—moved by compassion for the servant— forgave the entire debt. The servant later came across a peer who owed him a far lesser amount. The servant began to choke the other and sent him to jail until the debt was paid. The master caught wind of this behavior, and in punishment sent the previously forgiven servant to the torturers!

Looking further, in Matthew chapter 7, verses 3-5 is it written: "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the horrible speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Let us pray for patience, a cool head, the ability to release our grudges...and remember to remove our own plank so that only then may we indeed see clearly to help our brother with his tiny speck.



Blessings,

Father Jerry Wild

Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

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| Sat. September 16 | Vigil Mass |
| 4:15 PM | Jerry Royds |
| Sun. September 17 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9:00 AM | Deceased Members of Santoleri Family |
| | Gene Caucci |
| 11:00 AM | Weekday |
| Mon. September 18 | |
| 10:00 AM | |
| Tues. September 19 | Weekday |
| 7:00 AM | Ron Johnson |
| Wed. September 20 | Weekday |
| 7:00 AM | Theresa Terotta |
| Fri. September 22 | Weekday |
| 7:00 AM | Philip Alan Schumacher |
| Sat. September 23 | Vigil Mass |
| 4:15 PM | Margaret and Ed Logan |
| Sun. September 24 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 9:00 AM | Helen Burns |
| 11:00 AM | Frank & Mary Jane Gehrlein |

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 Rectory Office to secure a date for your special Intention...



Mass Intentions

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

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| Monday, September 18 | |
| Rosary (Chapel) | 6:30 PM |
| PREP (Parish Center) | 6:30 PM-7:45 PM |
| PREP Parent Mtg. (Church) | 6:30 PM |
| Tuesday, September 19 | |
| Eucharistic Adoration | 7:30 AM-8:00 PM |
| Wednesday, September 20 | |
| Band Rehearsal (Church) | 7:00PM-8:00 PM |
| Pre-Jordan Class (School) | 7:00 PM |
| Thursday, September 21 | |
| Men's Bible Study (STA Conf. Rm.) | 7:00 PM |
| Adult Choir (Church) | 7:00 PM |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry | 7:00 PM |
| Christmas Bazaar Mtg. (Good Shep. Rm.) | 7:00 PM |
| Friday, September 22 | |
| Parish Family Bingo (School) | 6:00 PM-8:00 PM |
| Saturday, September 23 | |
| Communion Service (Chapel) | 8:00 AM |
| Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.) | 8:45 AM |
| Confessions (Chapel) | 3:15 PM |
| Sunday, September 24 | |
| CLOW (Chapel) | 9:00 AM |



Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our deceased parishioners.

Please pray for the healing of:

Joan Moore, Jerry Saurmilt, The Family of Sean Hanlon, Jane Miecskowski, Jeanette Mallon, Loretta DeMito, Anne McNelis, Bob O'Donnell, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Sarah Neve, Karen Welch and her infant daughter Lilian, The Family of Aileen Beirne, 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, Adele Semach, Rosemary Schlichtig, Diane Benton, John McPhelim, 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 Lerner; Captain Valerie Smith; Msgt. Timothy R. Whalon; 1st Lt. Jaysen Satterwhite, Sgt. Major John D. Greis.

Please help us keep our Parish Prayer List current.

Contact the Parish Office at 610-666-5820 or starectory@verizon.net to add or remove names from the list.



9/10/2017 Offering \$8,189

Black and Indian Mission for 9/10/2017 \$1,094

September Online Giving \$5,308

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



The Rose of Life this weekend is

Donated by
Hank & Debbie Rhoads
In Memory of
Clarence Fitze



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 Welcomes Our Newest Faculty Members
Amanda Walsh,



Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School has been voted "BEST GRADE SCHOOL" by the readers of the Times Herald and its affiliates! The MTC faculty and staff are thrilled to have received this recognition and are committed to academic excellence in the coming year!

MTC 2017 School Theme:

**"Just so, your light must shine
before others, that they may see
your good deeds and glorify your
heavenly Father"**
~ Matthew 5:16

What a wonderful theme for our school year. It truly embodies what we teach our students everyday; to follow the light of Jesus through his teachings on love, compassion, and good deeds to name a few. Letting our light shine truly shows that we are all united in the same family at MTC, as followers of Jesus.

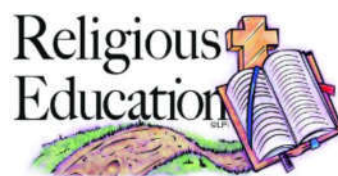
In the MTC News:

*MTC would like to welcome the 85 new students and their families to our community!

*MTC Students are collecting school supplies to send to Texas and Florida for hurricane relief. MTC students will continue to pray for all of those who are affected by these storms.

*MTC students are excited about the new "Maker Space" classroom in school. All students in grades K through 8 will be working on math, engineering and robotics in this new room. A wonderful way to expose students to more hands on learning and creating!

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 Enrollment Management: 610-265-2323 x225 or patsy.swope@mtcschool.org.



STA Parish Religious Education Program

If you wish to be on a tuition payment plan or are interested in home-school opportunities for faith formation please [contact the CRE](#) directly.

All PREP parents and guardians are requested to attend a prayer service and information gathering with Father Wild on Monday September 18 at 6:30PM in the church

STA YM Kick-Off!

Mon. Sept. 25 from 6:30-8PM in the Lower Level of the Parish Center.

All youth in grades 7+ and their friends are encouraged to join us for our opening night. Snacks and drinks will be served.

***Attention Parents! CAP's (Continuous Adult Presence) needed this evening (and others).**

Please contact Mrs. Gauntner if you would like to volunteer!



Music Ministry News

**Season Opening
Rehearsal Dates**

**Adult Choir is in session,
but we still need voices...YOURS!**

**Requiem (Funeral) Choir - October 10th
Youth Choir - September 28**

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!



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, September 20, 2017, in the Good Shepherd Room in our Parish Center.

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

Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

Villa Maria Academy High School Open House and Entrance-Scholarship Exam—the Catholic college preparatory school in the tradition of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, empowers young women to lead lives of spiritual growth, intellectual inquiry, and Christian service. Villa Maria, located in Malvern, will hold an open house for all interested students and their families on Sunday, October 28 and November 4, 2017. Eighth graders may take the exam on either date. For further information, **please contact the Admissions Office at 610-644-2551 or register online at www.vmahs.org.**

Charismatic Healing Mass—Saint Katharine of Siena in Wayne will be holding this special Mass on Thursday, September 21st from 7:00-9:00PM. They will be introducing a new format: 7-7:30PM worship and praise, 7:30-9:00PM Mass with Father Rayford Emmons as celebrant. For questions please call 610-687-8835.



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). Adoration, Reconciliation and fellowship offered. 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 19301 610.644.1655**

The Christmas Bazaar Committee is in need of baskets for the basket raffle, and any NEW items, (raffle or silent auction items) such as IPADs, bicycles, vacation accommodations, etc. Won't you consider a donation of something **FABULOUS** to help raise funds for the parish through our much-anticipated **Christmas Bazaar**? These items can be dropped off at the Church Office or contact Kim McDonald at mcdonaldrk@comcast.net

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.

