



# Saint Teresa

## of Avila Parish

August 6, 2017

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

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**  
**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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### OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

**Erin Gauntner, Coordinator 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**

**Phone: 610-265-2323**



**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, July 19, 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.

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*"As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his throne. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A surging river of fire was flowing, coming out from where he sat. Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was convened, and the books were opened. As my visions of the night continued, I looked, and there before me was one like a Son of man, coming on the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."*



My Dear Parishioners,

This reading is a beautiful description of an incredible event that occurred high on a mountaintop during which Jesus was called before the "Ancient of Days" (or the "Ancient One"...God, the Father) and given sovereign power and glory through His everlasting dominion. This dominion is promised to never pass away and never be destroyed. It is an epiphanous moment— an episode where Jesus Christ is revealed as he truly is – not merely a fairly special man, or a marvelous teacher, or even a man full of kindness and compassion, but he is shown to be *God himself, revealed to us in all His glory*. 'Transfiguration' in Greek is 'Meta-morphos' – from which we get metamorphosis – a change from one thing to another. Jesus indeed went through a *glorious metamorphosis* right there and before all.

But what happens after we come down from that mountain? Let's remember, however, that the experience of God in our epiphanies need not be so dramatic. God can be found in the stillness and quietness of our own prayers, in the Stations of the Cross, in the Rosary, in the Benediction, in the Eucharist. God is to be experienced in the hushed moments as well as the glowing mountain top. These quiet experiences of God, with all the comfort and all the reassurance it offers, is no less valid and no less pivotal.

We follow a Jesus who is not just for Sunday best, not just for the bright hilltop displays, and *not restricted to only those who think themselves worthy of being a Christian*, but we follow a Jesus who came to earth with the sole purpose of saving us *all*, regardless of how good or bad we think we are. How glorious and humbling for us to know that Christ does not save His "special love" for just a few. His love is for all, available to all, and given freely to all. Let us follow in His example of unconditional love as we go back to our "normal lives" after the glorious experience on the mountaintop.



Blessings,

*Father Jerry Wild*

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## Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

<b>Sat. August 5</b> 4:15 PM	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Charles DeLisle
<b>Sun. August 6</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b> Charles DeLisle Maureen McCluskey
<b>Mon. August 7</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Mary DiCecco
<b>Tues. August 8</b> 7:00 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Charles DeLisle
<b>Wed. August 9</b> 7:00 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Luca Ziccardi
<b>Fri. August 11</b> 7:00 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Carl Schilling
<b>Sat. August 12</b> 4:15 PM	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Pasquale "Pat" Bora
<b>Sun. August 13</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Marty Moore Marjorie Eilertsen

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's

<b>Monday, August 7</b> Rosary (Chapel)	6:30PM
<b>Tuesday, August 8</b> Eucharistic Adoration	7:30 AM-8:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, August 9</b> Band Rehearsal (Church)	7:00PM-8:00 PM
<b>Thursday, August 10</b> Men's Bible Study (STA Conf. Rm.)	7:00 PM
<b>Saturday, August 12</b> Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.)	8:45 AM
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15 PM



## Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our deceased parishioners.

Please pray for the healing of:

Loretta DeMito, Anne McNelis, Bob O'Donnell, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Henry Conrad, Sarah Neve, The Family of Martin Kern, Elizabeth MacIntyre, 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, Laha 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, Bob Wikel, Margaret Cesare, Lawrence Reynolds, Jim Uckele, Jennifer Owens, Jack Walsh, Peggy Walsh, Al & Dorothy Caza, Terry Strainick, Debbie Scott, Bill O'Neill, Butch Cunningham, Don Barbuto, Ryan Zoschg, Barbara Breitbarth, Steven Kehoe, Adele Semach, Rosemary Schlichtig, Diane Benton, John McPhelim, Tony Polvino, Cecelia Heitzenrater

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](mailto:starectory@verizon.net) to add or remove names from the list.



**7/30//2017 Sunday Offering**  
**\$8,618**

**July Online Giving \$5,188**

*Thank you for your faithful stewardship!*



**The Rose of Life this weekend is  
Donated by  
The Toner Family  
In Memory of  
Monica C. Joyce**

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## 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

### We want to welcome STA families to MTC!

\*All incoming first graders from STA will not only receive \$1000 Welcome Grant but an additional \$500 Grant for your first grade year.

\*Transfer students in grades 2 through 8<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$2,000 transfer grant for their first year, \$1,000 for their second year and \$500 off their third year.

\*If a STA parish student transfers into the MTC 6<sup>th</sup> grade in September, they will receive an additional \$500 off tuition next year.

\*Now is the time to come and learn more about 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! The MTC faculty and staff are thrilled to have received this recognition and are committed to academic excellence in the coming year!

**Summer Reading!** MTC students don't forget to do your summer reading assignments. It is a great way to keep your skills sharp during the summer. Enjoy reading and relaxing this summer!

**MTC Registration:** There are still limited spaces available. Call today or visit our website at: [www.mtcschool.org](http://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 Institutional Advancement: 610-265-2323 x225 or [patsy.swope@mtcschool.org](mailto:patsy.swope@mtcschool.org).



## STA Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

### 2017-18 PREP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registrations for the 2017-18 PREP session were due by May 31, 2017. A \$25 late fee will be assessed on all registrations beginning June 1.

Registration packets are available for pickup in the Religious Education Office. Please contact Mrs. Erin Gauntner, CRE for information and forms: (610) 666-0167 or [staprep@verizon.net](mailto:staprep@verizon.net).

### The Legion of Mary is coming to Saint Teresa



*I am happy to announce that we are forming a chapter of the Legion of Mary here at Saint Teresa.*

The Legion of Mary members assist the Pastor in duties such as home visitation, RCIA, distribute Catholic literature, medals and sacramental, and more. If you have felt Mary calling for you to do her work, now is the time to come and learn what the Legion can offer.

**Both men and women are welcome to participate in this informational meeting.**

—Father Wild

**August 28th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center.**

For more information, please contact

Bob Nowak

610-828-4654

[LOMBrotherHouse@gmail.com](mailto:LOMBrotherHouse@gmail.com)



**Do you have a desire to spend more time in thoughtful prayer and faith at home with your school-aged children?**

**Are you unsure as to quite how? Would you like guiding materials to help you?**

**We have just what you are looking for! Contact the Church Office for more information**

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**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, July 19, 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**

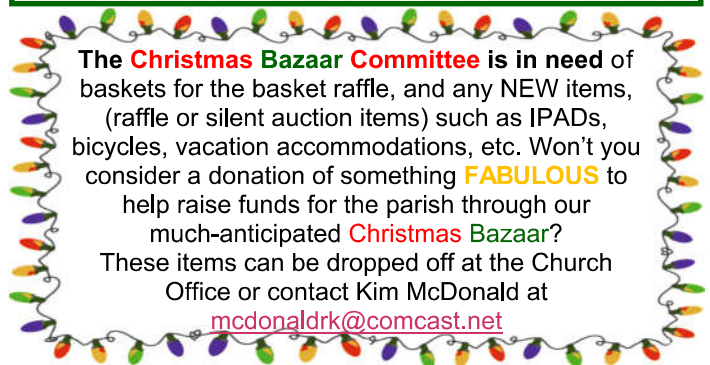
**Charismatic Healing Mass at Saint Katharine of Siena-** Thurs eve 7:30-9:00PM, Living your faith passionately in 2017 can happen, by freeing ourselves from the distractions of the world and self while asking Jesus for His help. Join for an evening of live worship and praise music and prayer. For more information, call Paul at 610-687-8835.

**A special Mass will be held for those suffering with addiction—** Saturday, Sept. 9 at 11:00AM at St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, 502 Main Street, Phoenixville with celebrant Fr. John Newns. Please join that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

**Metanoia Young Adults monthly "Theology On Tap"—** Tuesday August 22nd at 7:30PM at Appalachian Brewing Company, Collegetown. "Relativism: An Invitation To A Response" will be the topic this month, presented by Mr. James Despres, Professor and Acting Chair of the Philosophy Department at St. Borromeo Seminary.

**The Christmas Bazaar Committee  
is in need of your time and talent!!**

Please join our Christmas Bazaar Committee and be a part of this successful and fun parish and community event. We need additional help on our Committee to continue this long standing and very anticipated event. We invite anyone that can offer their time and talent to contact Kim McDonald at [mcdonaldrk@comcast.net](mailto:mcdonaldrk@comcast.net) and plan to join us for our first meeting on **September 7, 2017 at 7pm** in the Good Shepherd conference room.



**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](mailto: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.**

