

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

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PARISH CLERGY

Reverend J. Jerome Wild, Pastor
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.

Website: <u>www.stteresaofavilaparish.com</u>



PARISH STAFF

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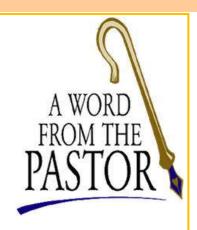
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Dear Parishioners,

"Blessed are those who mourn, who grieve."

Many times while celebrating Mass I look out at the Assembly and see parishioners who are grieving the death of a loved one.

It may be a spouse, brother or sister, parent, child or dear friend.

In our desire to build a stronger community of faith we are organizing a Bereavement Group.

I am currently meeting with a group of parishioners to structure the leadership and the format for the group. In the coming weeks I will share the specifics with you.

At this time, if you have an interest in participating in the group or would like to receive further information please email the Parish Office at sta.busmgr@gmail.com.

Please include your name and contact information.

Father Jerry Wild

Blessings,





February 13, 2022 \$3,601.00. January Online giving \$12,911.00.

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

**Upcoming Collections for 2/27/202 Snow Removal

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Every Tuesday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Beginning at 1 PM in Church, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:15 PM.

By now, you may have received, in the mail, the annual Stewardship Appeal letter for 2022.

Part of good stewardship is recognizing that God has filled all our hearts with a need and desire to give back to God and others as a simple gesture of faith that shows the power of gratitude to change and transform our lives. It is in this sprit that I ask you to focus on your stewardship of treasure in this season of thanksgiving and to prayerfully consider and discern the financial amount our Lord is calling you to give to our parish that is planned, proportionate to your means, sacrificial and brings you joy. It is my hope that those who are more fortunate or who have not experienced economic hardship will continue to give more generously, especially in times of crisis. May we all respond in the best way we are able to do so!

You have the option of returning the enclosed Stewardship of Treasure commitment card by mail, in the parish collection basket, or by pledging online at www.osvonlinegiving.com. Your gifts matter and make a difference. I am filled with gratitude for the generosity and caring that our parishioners express in so many ways. May God bless and be with all of us and give us the grace to be all that we can be!

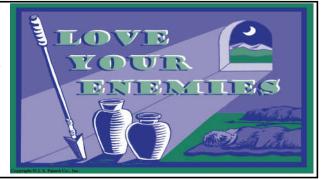
February 20, 2022 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>First Reading</u> — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

<u>Second Reading</u> — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

<u>Gospel</u> — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).



Mass Intentions, and Special Observances

Saturday, February 19th:

4:15 PM Richard Tenfelde—

Tenfelde Family

Sunday, February 20th:

9:00 AM Charles DeLisle—

E. DeLisle

11:00 AM Carmen & Carmella DeSanto—

The Woodward Family

Monday, February 21st:

10:00 AM Memorial Fund Members—

Tuesday, February 22nd:

7:00 AM George Alessio—

Jim Maguire

Wednesday, February 23rd:

7:00 AM Christopher Kernozek—

Ron Savage

Friday, February 25th:

7:00 AM Carolann Anderson—

Greg Gehringer

Saturday, February 26th:

4:15 PM Florence Camaoni—

Damask Family

Sunday, February 27th:

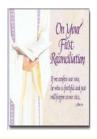
9:00 AM Edward Bofinger—

Ed & Patty Kershner

11:00 AM Jane Gambone—

Amelia Brodie

Congratulations to our parish children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance for the first time on Saturday, February 12. The journey of conversion is a lifetime one, as we seek to give our lives more to Christ. Penance is the sacrament that provides encouragement and celebrates our ongoing conversion.



James Freese
Gabriel Flores
Emma John
Caitlin Loomis
Charlotte Mohan

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

Monday, February 21

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

Tuesday, February 22

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

Wednesday, February 23

Men's Bible Study (Parish Center) 7:00 PM

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

Thursday, February 24

Prayer Shawl (Parish Center) 3:00-4:30 PM Adult Choir (Church) 7:00-7:45 PM Youth Choir (Church) 7:45-8:45 PM



Catholic Leadership

St. Teresa of Avila Parish will be participating in a parish-wide survey as part of the Called for More initiative!

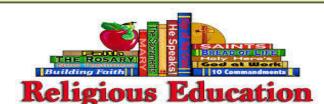
STA will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from March 2-April 4, 2022 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. The link will be available on our STA website beginning on March 2. If your prefer a paper copy you may pick up one (and return it) in the Narthex of the church.

All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Wild and our various ministries as we plan for the future to strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results in May at which time we will share what we have learned with the parish community.

Thank you for helping us with this important project!

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

February

- Safe Environment Forms due to Parish Office
- 21 **No Classes**—Presidents Day
- 28 Weekly Lesson– 3rd Quarter Ends





CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Gifts made to the
Catholic Charities
Appeal will provide vital
support to hundreds of
thousands of people in
need. These individuals
are served by a range of
organizations, programs,
and ministries throughout
the Archdiocese of
Philadelphia.

The beneficiaries of the Catholic Charities Appeal focus on five key areas:

- Social Services
- Education
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life
- Local Mission Activities
- Clergy

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 215-587-5650 or Email cca@thecfgp.org.

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

If you would like to receive your donation summary for 2021, please contact the parish office at 610-666-5820or email to <u>starectry@verizon.net</u>

BAPTISM



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.



Rediscover God's love for you

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). In these challenging times, being grounded in God's personal, powerful love is key to staying strong, positive, at peace, and able to handle whatever happens. A time of uncertainty is a good time to strengthen our connection with God and experience His love when we need it most.

Make room. God's loving presence may be easy to miss, especially if we do more talking than listening. Sometimes prayer means we talk at God instead of to Him. It is best to listen in the silence of our hearts. In prayer, open your heart to hear what He has to say. "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:10).

Embrace the Sacraments. More than just symbols, Sacraments are personal encounters with God's unlimited love and grace. For example, in Confession, we receive Christ's powerful, healing love. In the Eucharist, we encounter Jesus and his love for us, "in the flesh" (Matthew 26:26-28) at every Mass.

Find a devotion that helps you focus on God and better understand His love for you: the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, praying novenas, reciting litanies, attending daily Mass. Devotions highlight some aspect of God's intensely personal love for us and gives us ways to respond.



The Rose of Life for this week
Is requested by
Deacon Frank & Dolly Lally
In memory of
Lally & Glavin Parents

Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

Kathryn Galezniak

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

Please pray for the healing of:

Ed Wallace, Ralph Garcia, Mark Ellis, Adam Krasucki, Kris Burns, Stephen Chando, Claire Sheiman, Bill Miller, Joe Greco, Irene Hagerman, Rachael McFillin, Hannah Neff, Juneanne Brassington, Doug Woodward, and for all the sick of our parish.

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



LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us

how to live and act his disciples, rooted of God for humanity. his later speech another as he loves with a God-like love, today's psalm about



in the world as in the radical love It reminds us of about loving one us, in other words the kind we see in God's mercy.

How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God

but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

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Altar Flower Memorials

If you wish to remember a loved one or special occasion with a gift of altar flowers for our Sunday Liturgy, please contact the Parish Office at 610-666-5820. An offering of \$100 is requested.

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!

Around the Archdiocese & Local Area



Metanoia Young Adults

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Mont. County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our upcoming events are listed below and begin at 7:30pm on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted.

February 2022

Tues., Feb. 22: Holy Hour, Mary Mother of the Redeemer Parish

Fri. Feb. 25: Indoor Rock Climbing at Gravity Vault, Radnor at 7pmPre-registration required - see facebook or contact us for details: metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com

Gwynedd † Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School: Mercy Academy High School 6th & 7th Grade Practice Test

All 6th and 7th grade girls are invited to register for the practice test at Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School. Tests will be offered on Sat., April 23 & Sun., April 24. Registration fee is \$40. Register: gmahs.org/admissions

Lansdale Catholic 7th Grade Practice Scholarship Exam -



LC will hold their Practice Scholarship Exam on Saturday, March 5 at 8AM. Students from regional

public, private and parochial schools are encouraged to register online at https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/ portal.php, please USE ACCESS CODE Z8 or call Meghan Callan, Director of Admissions at 215.362.6160 x1850.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy Spring Admission Events

6th & 7th Grade Practice Test will be offered on Saturday, March 5. Personal tours are offered throughout the spring by appointment. Learn more about visit opportunities and events at msjacad.org/spring22. Please contact the Admission Team at (215) 233-9133 or admiss@msjacad.org with any questions.

A Retreat for Widows March 11-13

Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212 ~ 609-884-3829 Join with other widows as we look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. We hope to discover how in the sharing of our stories we continue to find strength and hope. There will be time for sharing in small groups, Eucharist and other appropriate liturgies. Beach walks, socials and nice conversation are included! Cost: \$145pp



www.capemaymarianists,org You can sign up online or call us to register.