

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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February 27, 2022

A good tree does not
bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree
bear good fruit.
For every tree is known
by its own fruit.

Luke 6:43-44

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

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 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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PARISH STAFF

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A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

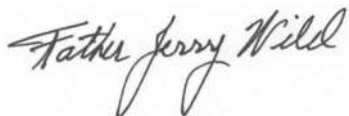
As pastor of STA my primary responsibility is to help you grow as disciples of Jesus and to equip you to go and make disciples of others. I am excited to share with you that our parish is going to participate in a parish survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute as part of the larger archdiocesan effort, Called for More. The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth. If you remember, we did this survey a few years ago and use the results to create our strategic plan.

The web-based survey will be accessible online and in paper form from March 5-April 4.

In May, our parish will receive an aggregate report of the results. We will NOT have access to individual survey responses. This survey offers us a unique and important opportunity to learn about issues of importance to our community members in a confidential and professional way. We will use these results to 1) look at opportunities to support parish growth in discipleship and 2) create goals and action plans to achieve that growth.

Thank you for your help with this!

Blessings,



Offering Totals:

February 20, 2022 \$4,899.00.

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

****Upcoming Collections for 2/27/2022**
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 spirit 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!

— Fr. Wild

February 27, 2022
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind.
 Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).
Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).
Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus.
 In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).
Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil.
 The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).



**Mass Intentions, and
 Special Observances**

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

Monday, February 28th:
 10:00 AM **Christopher Kernozek**—
 Elizabeth Kernozek

Tuesday, March 1st:
 7:00 AM **Dorothy Stahl**—
 Irene Savage

Wednesday, March 2nd:
 6:30 AM **Mass & Distribution of Ashes**—
 12:05 & 7:00 PM **Liturgy of the Word &
 Distribution of Ashes**

Friday, March 4th:
 7:00 AM **Stanley Sepnefski**—
 Mark Sepnefski & Family

Saturday, March 5th:
 4:15 PM **Mario Di Tanno**—
 Dorothy Wilmanski

Sunday, March 6th:
 9:00 AM **Stanley Sepnefski**—
 Mark Sepnefski
 11:00 AM **Thomas Ruane**—
 Rick & Janice Branagh

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

Monday, February 28
 Women's Bible Study (Good Shep) 10:30 AM
 PREP Weekly Lesson

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

Wednesday, March 2
 Men's Bible Study (Parish Center) 7:00 PM
 Adult Choir (Church) 7:00-8:30 PM

Thursday, March 3
 Prayer Shawl (Parish Center) 3:00-4:30 PM
 Cherub Choir (Church) 7:00-7:45 PM
 Youth Choir (Church) 7:45-8:45 PM

Friday, March 4
 Stations of the Cross (Church) 7:00 PM



*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 you 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!

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. The Stations of the Cross refer to a series of paintings or depictions of the events of the Passion of Christ and the prayers and rituals associated with these. There are truths to be gleaned from this practice for any believer, reminding us of Jesus' death and sacrifice to save us from sin and redeem us.



Stations of the Cross
 Every Friday in Lent
 March 4, March 11, March 18,
 April 1, April 8, April 15
 7 PM
 St. Teresa of Avila Church



Religious Education

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

February

28 Weekly Lesson— 3rd Quarter Ends

March

7 Weekly Lesson - 4th Quarter Begins
 12 Saturday, 9am—Retreat for 1st Holy Communicants
 13 Family Mass—
 11am, 2nd grade



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.



Fast & Abstinence

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Liturgies on Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM ~ Mass & Distribution of Ashes
 12:05 PM ~ Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
 7:00 PM ~ Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.



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 *by request only*. If you would like to receive your donation summary for 2021, 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
 Rob Valdivia
 In memory of
 Rui Conceicao



Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

Sandra L Cain Evans
(granddaughter of Theresa Cain)

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 1 month.)



Find peace in difficult times

If you follow news about national or world events, the reporting can rob you of peace. With stories of financial insecurity, unemployment, disease, depression, and division, how can we find peace? **Talk it out.** Bringing worries into the light and confiding them to someone we trust can cut them down to size. Even better – talk about worries with God. Prayer has the added advantage of surrendering your problems into powerful hands. “Jesus, I trust in You!” **Focus on what you can do, not what you can’t.** Stress results from feeling powerless. Focusing on what we can’t do can “paralyze” our problem-solving abilities. Start making a list of steps you can take toward solving your problem. Whatever is beyond your control, leave to God. **Immerse yourself in God’s all-powerful love.** Whether we feel it or not, whether we believe it or not, we are God’s precious children. He watches over us very closely. He knows what we can handle and is more than ready to help us with all the rest.

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.

March 2022

- Tues., March 8:** Bible Study at St. David, Willow Grove
- Tues., March 15:** Theology on Tap, Lansdale
- Tues., March 22:** Holy Hour, Mother Mary of the Redeemer Parish

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together twice a month most of the time. Our next scheduled events are:

- (Sun) Feb. 27 th @ 5:15 -6:15 P.M.** a safe seating restaurant at the new "Sushi Restaurant" located at 36 Greenfield Ave., Ardmore, PA. 19003.
- (Sat) March 12th - @ 5:30 P.M.,** a "Pre- St. Patty's/St. Joe's House Party" - safe seating, at a member's home in Havertown, PA. 19083. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

Gwynedd 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 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 Sat. March 5 at 8AM. Call Meghan Callan, Dir. of Admissions at 215.362.6160 x1850.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy Spring Admission Events



6th & 7th Grade Practice Test will be offered on Sat. March 5. Contact the Admission Team at (215) 233-9133 or admiss@msjacad.org with 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.



