

MAY 7, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1260 South Trooper Road
Norristown, PA 19403-3659
www.stteresaofavilaparish.com

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend J. Jerome Wild, *Pastor*
Deacon Francis C. Lally, *Permanent Deacon*
Reverend Richard M. Jacobs, *Sunday Assistant*
Reverend Francis E. Kelly, *Pastor Emeritus*

LITURGY

Saturday Vigil: 4:15PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00AM
Holy Days: As published in the bulletin
Daily Mass: 10:00AM Monday
7:00AM Tues., Wed., & Fri.
Communion Service: 8:00AM Saturday
Confession: Saturday 3:15PM
or by appointment
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday 7:30AM-8PM
Rosary: Monday, 6:30PM

PARISH STAFF

Heidi L. Reese, *Business Manager*
Mare Barbuto, *Coordinator of Music Ministry*
Sarah Stong, *Adult & Children's Choir Director*

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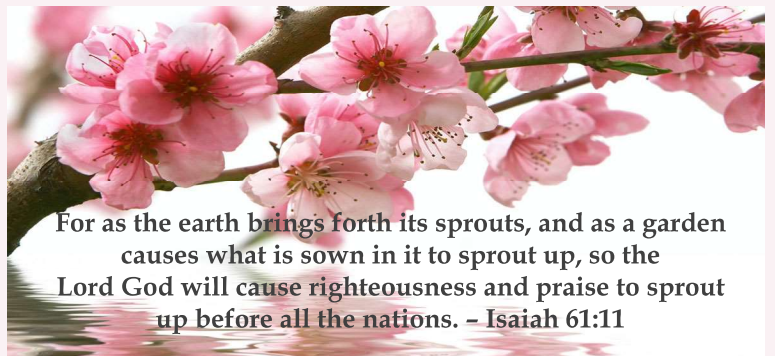
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OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. - Isaiah 61:11

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, May 17, 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.

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*The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing that I shall want.
In verdant pastures, He gives me repose... -Isaiah 61:11*

PASTOR'S PEN
A word from the heart

My Dear Parishioners,

Springtime is a season for renewal and rebirth...and also a time for ever-increasing personal and family schedules! Weddings, sports, yard work, outings, and barbeques abound and often we may feel as if we are literally RUNNING from one event to another. The obligations pulling us from one to the next with little time to slow down and reflect.

As important as it is to tend to the lawn and garden of your home, it is even more important to tend to the garden of your faith and your soul. This place, reserved only for you and God to visit, is a cherished and blessed place. One that can bring great peace and serenity, but only if it is visited.

I was spending some time of reflection recently walking on the trails of Valley Forge Park. I realized that I was caught in my own thoughts, looking down at the path in front of me...missing out on all of the glory of God's gift of nature around me. I literally stopped, raised my head, and looked around.

I happened to be on the very top of one of the highest hills in the park, and my view was one of gorgeous green, rolling hills on all sides. I was struck suddenly with gratefulness and praise for the incredible landscape and surroundings that were right in front of me. A veritable garden for my soul that I was walking through, but not VISITING. I PRAISED God right there for this beautiful backdrop, the sunshine of the day, and the blessing to have the ability to spend time surrounded by it all.

PRAISE. It is the product of gratefulness. And gratefulness only comes from awareness of what is right before us.

In this busy time of year, be sure to create some quiet time each day to be deliberately present to Jesus, The Good Shepherd. He will guide and lead you. Let's both remember to visit the garden of our soul; to tend to it so that it is free from the weeds of despair, and can grow ever more beautiful for the glory of God.

PRAISE Him, the Faithful Father who will never let us fall, and Who loves us unconditionally.

In Christ's love,

Father Jerry Wild



**NUTRITIONAL
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Manna Sunday Is Coming!

Manna bags will be distributed at all of our Masses on the weekend of May 13th and 14th. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag to church on Saturday May 20th or Sunday May 21st. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. If you are not able to bring a filled bag, feel free to donate online instead!

www.Yougivegoods.com/ndsmannafooddrive

Thank you for your generosity
to people in need due to emergency!

Eucharistic Adoration at STA

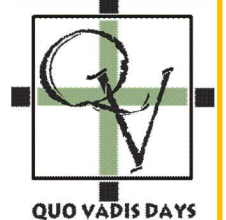
All are invited to join us for
Eucharistic Adoration in our
Chapel any time from 7:30AM
until 8:00PM on Tuesdays.



Quo Vadis Days 2017

**June 26-29, 2017
Black Rock Retreat Center**

Retreat for young men
graduating
8th - 12th grade



QUO VADIS DAYS

Cost to register is \$35 / person

Gather with the Philadelphia Seminarians and other high school men for 4 days of dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool and a lake, basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and more. Programs also available for Junior High!

To register, or for more information,

All are welcome to join our PREP Community as we close out our year with Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction on Monday, May 15th at 6:45PM in the church.



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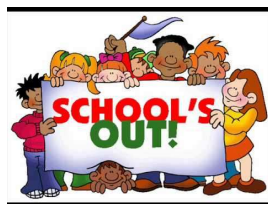
Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

Sat. May 6 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass Dolores Howat & Clyde Piatti
Sun. May 7 9:00AM 11:00AM	Fourth Sunday of Easter Betty & Louis Rodriguez Special Intention
Mon. May 8 10:00AM	Easter Weekday Catherine King
Tues. May 9 7:00AM	Easter Weekday
Wed. May 10 7:00AM	Easter Weekday
Fri. May 12 7:00AM	Easter Weekday
Sat. May 13 4:15PM	Vigil Mass Scott Anderson
Sun. May 14 9:00AM 11:00AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter Petronella Kubilus Marty Moore

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa's

Monday, May 8	
Rosary (Chapel)	6:30PM
PREP	6:30PM
Tuesday, May 9	
Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)	7:30AM-8:00PM
KOC Mtg. (Faculty Room)	7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 10	
Band Rehearsal (Church)	7:00PM-8:00 PM
Hospitality Mtg. (St. Teresa Conf. Rm.)	7:00-8:15 PM
Thursday, May 11	
Youth Choir Rehearsal (Church)	7:00-PM-8:00PM
Men's Bible Study (STA. Conf. Rm.)	7:00 PM
Prayer Shawl (School Faculty Rm.)	7:00 PM
Saturday, May 13	
Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.)	8:45 AM
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15 PM
Sunday, May 14	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM
Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)	7:00-8:30 PM

Summer is coming! May 21st...will be our last Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 a.m. mass. Thank you to all of the volunteers and to all who have joined in our time with the Lord! See you in September!



Praying With Our Parish



Please pray for all our deceased parishioners.

Please pray for the healing of:

Eileen Swiech, Rita Scotti, 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 Keppta, 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, Maureen Suter, Bill O'Neill, Butch Cunningham, Don Barbuto, Ryan Zoschg, Barbara Breitbarth, Steven Kehoe, Adele Semach, Rosemary Schlichtig, Diane Benton, Jim Roberto, John McPhelim, Tony Polvino, Mary DiCecco, Raymond Girini, Sr., Thomas Haws

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.

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.


Collections

4/30/17 Sunday Offering \$
Mother's Day Offering \$

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



The Rose of Life this weekend is
Donated by
Mary Wright
in Memory of
Julia Polito

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Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School

Sharing Hands, Hearts and Minds
Educating Students from Pre-School to 8th Grade

2017-2018 Enrollment is Open!

If you have considered a Catholic education for your child, now is the time to take a closer look. We invite you to come for a tour and learn more about MTC School! Enrollment is open, and we are accepting applications from Early Childhood Programs through Eighth Grade.

Did you know...

- ⇒ MTC offers Grades 1 through 8 with Honors Math starting in 4th grade, engineering and creative writing electives for the middle school, and many leadership opportunities for all students?
- ⇒ Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and Pre-K 5 and Kindergarten all offer both full and half days?
- ⇒ Sprouts is our 2-day-a-week program for 2 year old children?
- ⇒ MTC offers Student Council and Junior National Honor Society memberships?

Grants and Financial Assistance:

The **Foundation for Catholic Education** will be giving a Welcome Grant to all MTC First Grade students in the amount of **\$1,000 towards their tuition for the 2017-2018 school year!**

Any new student to MTC in grades 2nd through 8th will receive **\$2,000** off their tuition for the first year, **\$1,000** off their tuition for the second year, and **\$500** off their tuition for the third year! Families can apply for **financial assistance** through **SMART**:
www.smartaidforparents.com

For more information or to receive an enrollment packet, please contact Patsy Swope at 610-265-2323 x225 or patsy.swope@mtcschool.org.



STA Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

2017-18 PREP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registrations for the 2017-18 PREP session are due by **May 31, 2017**. Please contact Mrs. Erin Gauntner, CRE for information and forms:
(610) 666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net.

Important PREP Dates:

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| May 8 | Classes |
| May 15 | PREP closing: Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction in church at 6:45PM. Students please report on time to class at 6:30PM; parents head to the church. Students will be dismissed from church. |
| May 22 | YM Movie Night |



St. Teresa of Avila VBS 2017
Join us for **Hero Central VBS**
July 10-14
from 9:00-12:00 daily!

Open to all children ages 4 to grade 4 (2017-18 school year) Registration fee: \$25 for the first child per family; \$15 each child thereafter. Adult and youth (grade 6+) volunteers needed in many areas.

Register online at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/stteresaofavilaparish/> or by calling or emailing Erin Gauntner: (610) 666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net.



Please join us for movie night! Monday
May 22nd at 7:00-9:00PM in the
Parish Center!

All Youth grades 6
and up are invited!
Refreshments provided and friends are
ALWAYS welcome!



It's time for Camp Guadalupe!

This year, **Living Bridges** will be having their 25th annual Camp Guadalupe at St. Francis of Assisi June 26-30th and also at Malvern Retreat House July 17-21st. The time for both sessions is 9:30AM to 2:15pm each day. All children ages 4-12 are invited to join this week-long celebration of Catholic Faith, art, music, and rich cultural traditions. Our theme for this year is **"Be The Light"**.

Contact **Living Bridges** at 610-525-4770 or email staff@livingbridges.org for a registration form.

Have you felt a calling to the possibility of a priestly vocation?

Please join us for an informational Saint Andrews Dinner hosted by Saint Eleanor Catholic Church in Colledgeville on May 11th from 5:00-7:00PM.



This special opportunity is open to all young men ages 14 and older who would like to learn more about a life of service to God and to the Church.

Please call Father Jerry Wild at the Church Office to RSVP.

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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, May 17, 2017, in the Good Shepherd Room in our Parish Center.



Addiction is the often-silent thief of lives and relationships. It has touched far too many families and taken so many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith. You are invited to a special mass for those suffering from and affected by addiction.

All are invited: Saturday, June 3rd
at 12:00 noon at Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church,
3640 Schuylkill Road, Spring City, PA 19475

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The success of our Parish Religious Education Program is due almost entirely to the generosity, talents, and dedication of our many volunteers. People from all walks of life have answered the call to help educate and form children in our Catholic faith. PREP classes are held on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. Please consider giving of your time and talents to our 2017-2018 program! Teaching experience is NOT necessary as resources and training are provided to all catechists and aides.

Opportunities are available in the following areas:

Classroom catechist or aide, substitute catechist, youth ministry, or office help and hospitality.

Please contact Mrs. Erin Gauntner, CRE for more information or to sign up: staprep@verizon.net or (610) 666-0167. Thank you for your willingness to share of your time and talents!



Upcoming Saint Teresa Outreach, "The Month of Mary"

May is said to be the "Month of Mary" and to honor Mary and all mothers, our Outreach Ministry will be collecting baby items for local mothers struggling to provide for their babies.

Some suggested items are:

- * 12-18 month old boys and girl's summer clothing
- * 12-18 month old boys and girl's socks
- * Size 3 diapers
- * Baby Wipes
- * Baby Shampoo



Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA, supporting those in their 20s and 30s looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Further information is available on their Facebook Page www.facebook.com/groups/metanoiayoungadults
Metanoia Young Adults Upcoming events:

- * Sunday, **May 14:** 10,000 Meals for Burkina Faso, Join MMR parish in their effort to send 10,000 meals to the African nation of Burkina Faso, where many suffer from chronic hunger.
- * Tuesday, **May 16:** Bible Study at Corpus Christi Parish in Lansdale
- * Tuesday, **May 23:** Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company in Collegeville
- * Tuesday, **May 30:** Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales

Young Adult Retreat

Malvern Retreat House is hosting a retreat for adults ages 19-29 on **May 12-13**. Fr. Anthony Hangholt will focus on the theme *Created for Joy*. His presentations will center on the truth that when we encounter Christ the healer we are made whole and are enabled to find happiness and lasting joy. Please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

The National Catholic Singles Conference (NCSC)

Join hundreds of single Catholics of all ages at the conference on **May 19-21**, 2017 to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship, and more! Space is limited, so register now! Please call Mirjana Northrop at 888-267-8885 x8049 or natcatsingles@gmail.com for more information or to register for this event.

Celebrate the Relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia the weekend of May 6th through 8th! For more information and the processional schedule, please visit archphila.org/fatimaevents

Separated and Divorced Retreat

A special retreat for separated and divorced Catholics will be held the weekend of June 16-18th. Catholic author, speaker, and divorce recovery expert Lisa Duffy will give several presentations, including *The Six Keys to Healing* and *Your Own Self Worth*. Please visit malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

100
years

Fatima Centennial Jubilee

On **May 13**, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima!

Join in the celebration of Our Lady of Fatima's presence among us by attending some of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia [Fatima Centennial events!](http://archphila.org/fatimaevents/)

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