

THEY OPENED  
THEIR  
TREASURES  
AND OFFERED  
HIM GIFTS  
OF GOLD,  
FRANKINCENSE,  
AND MYRRH.

MATTHEW 2:11

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



### 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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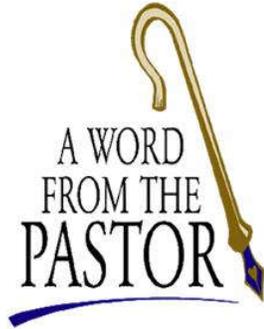
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Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this New Year, I offer you three tips to boost your prayer. Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was our parish patroness, the mystic and Carmelite reformer, St. Teresa of Avila. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

**Become aware of God's presence.** It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.

**Bring a good book.** St. Teresa, who struggled with dryness in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture, Lives of the Saints, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.

**Be honest.** It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants you to share all your experiences with Him – good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him and "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Blessings



**Offering Totals:**

**December 19 \$4,811.00.**

*Due to our printer's holiday schedule, last weekend's collection total was not available in time to publish in this weekend's bulletin. Those totals will be published in next weekend's bulletin.*

**\*\*Upcoming Collections for 1/9/2022**  
**Weekly Offering**

**EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING**

The home blessing can be done as follows:  
Using chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Maji above the outside doorways of your home. Place a cross between each of the letters. It should look something like this:

**20+C+M+B+22**

After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:

*May all who come to our home this year  
rejoice to find Christ living among us;  
and may we seek and serve, in  
everyone we meet,  
that same Jesus who is Lord of all people,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

The legendary names of the three Maji are:  
Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar.

The initials C+M+B also stand for the Latin words,  
"Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means:

**"May Christ bless this dwelling."**

The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.

**Online Giving**

Thank you for the support and generosity you have shown to the parish, most recently during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ordinary operating budget of the parish (parish utility bills, facility maintenance and upkeep, pastoral and educational salaries and benefits) relies upon Sunday collections.

Your generosity allows us to function as a vibrant community of faith.

The Online Giving option is a wonderful way to maintain your generous giving even during travel or vacations out of the area.

To make your offering online, please go to

**[www.osvonlinegiving.com](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com)**

**Thank you !**

The parish office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year. It will reopen on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at 9 am.



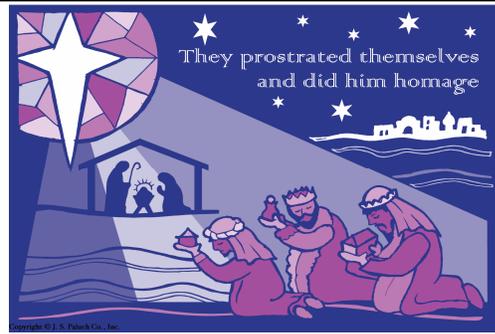
*January 2, 2022*  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).



**Mass Intentions, and  
Special Observances**

**Saturday, January 1st:**

**4:15 PM Peggy Cappiello—**  
Fr. Wild & Outreach Ministry

**Sunday, January 2nd:**

**9:00 AM Dorothy Fairbanks—**  
Beth Burkheimer

**11:00 AM Joseph Feskanin—**  
Walter Egan

**Monday, January 3rd:**

**10:00 AM Linda Ciaccia—**  
Theresa & Renato Vitullo

**Tuesday, January 4th:**

**7:00 AM Gerald Corrigan—**  
Joe Rava

**Wednesday, January 5th:**

**7:00 AM Anna Hain—**  
Rich Cherrybon

**Friday, January 7th:**

**7:00 AM Bernadette Ducar—**  
Mary Rhoads

**Saturday, January 8th:**

**4:15 PM Ann Pellechio—**  
Betty MacIntyre

**Sunday, January 9th:**

**9:00 AM In Honor of Robert Riggs—**  
Elizabeth DeLisle

**11:00 AM Norman V. Inferred III—**  
David Keefe

**Looking Ahead at St. Teresa**

**Monday, January 3**

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

**Tuesday, January 4**

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

**Wednesday, January 5**

Men’s Bible Study (Parish Center) 7:00 PM  
Adult Choir (Church) 7:00-8:30 PM

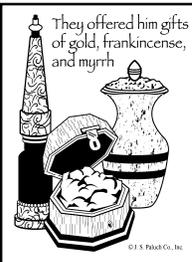
*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*  
—Isaiah 60:1

**JOURNEY TOWARD GOD**

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God’s bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God’s grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today’s readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God’s work.



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**Laying our gifts at the feet of the King.**  
The three Wise Men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king. We can also present Him with our own royal gifts. While ours may not be actual gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can still give to Him the best we have. Give God the first and the best of what you have and He will give you more than you can imagine in return.

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
THE MOTHER OF GOD ~ January 1**

Mary has been honored as the Mother of God since the early centuries of the church. As we remember her during the Christmas season on January 1, this celebration reminds us that Jesus was divine from his very conception. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, and also Jesus, as true God and True Man.





## Religious Education

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

#### January

- 3 No Class
- 10 3rd Quarter Begins, Classes—  
Due 7gr Confirmands fee, Sponsor  
Eligibility Letter
- 16 Sunday Family Mass 11am/4th gr.  
Family Rosary—noon



### Giving Tree Thank You

Thank you to so many parishioners who participated in our Advent Giving Tree Outreach. Many people were touched by love and concern through the various avenues of grace:

- \* Parish Outreach to the Needy
- \* Retired Priest Villa (St. Joseph's)
- \* Camilla Hall/Sisters of the IHM
- \* Baby's Breath
- \* Birthright
- \* Brother's House/Legion of Mary

A special thanks to Lori Tedjeske, our Outreach Coordinator, for her generous assistance. During this time of the Covid 19 Pandemic, the economic consequences have been harsh for many people and your kindness and generosity have been a ray of light and kindness. It, also, will provide an opportunity for the various organizations to continue to help others in the name of Christ in the coming weeks and months.

*Thank you for being a part of our parish effort. May God reward you for your generosity!*

--- Fr. Jerry Wild



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for new members. We are starting on January 13, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in STA Parish Center. If you are interested in knitting or crocheting shawls or small blankets for the sick or newly baptized, please call Nancy Young at 610 539-1095 for additional information. No experience required!



## St. Teresa of Avila Parish Information

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** We always welcome new parishioners to St. Teresa of Avila Parish. Registration will be held in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses on the 1st weekend of each month. You may call or visit the Parish Office on weekdays during business hours to register.

**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.

**MATRIMONY:** Couples must make arrangements for matrimony in person with the parish clergy at least *nine* 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 the parish clergy.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** The sacrament of the *anointing of the sick* is based on Jesus' concern for the sick, his commissioning of the apostles to heal the sick and the healing ministry of the early Church. This sacrament is usually administered after the celebration of Mass or if needed during a personal visit. Parishioners who are entering the hospital for surgery, are seriously ill or desire the comfort of the sacrament in their weakness are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please contact the Parish Office at 610-666-5820, to make arrangements

**MOVING?** Please let us know by calling or emailing the Parish Office so we can update our records.



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### Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

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

Please pray for the healing of:

Julia Whalon, Patricia Chiarlanga, Madeline McGee, Jim McGauley, Deborah Hall, Maria Cancel, Juneanne Brassington, Lou Becht, Sr., Doug Woodward, Brooke Sturgis, Elise Pancio, Flavia Langan, Gabriela Buentello, Gerri Torretta, Cheryl Karvounis, Nino Gulotta, Diana Rava, and for all the sick of our parish.

(Please take note: Names submitted for prayers will remain in the bulletin for 1 month.)



### Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

#### 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 2 times a month. Our next scheduled event is (Sat) **January 8, 2022**, a "Post Christmas/New Years House Party" 5:30 P.M. @ a member's home in Havertown or Broomall, PA.

More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



#### Metanoia Young Adults

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montco that supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. To receive access to our virtual meetings and our latest information by heading to

<http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org>.

The Rose of Life for this week  
Is requested by  
Mary Wright  
In memory of  
Donald Wright



On December 19,  
St. Teresa of Avila Church  
welcomed through the  
saving waters of Baptism,  
Josephine Wynne Richards.

#### 2022 Roses for Life

#### Last Call for 2022 Roses for Life

2022 Rose for Life donations were due on 12/19/21. Envelopes may be placed in the Collection Basket, mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office. If you have taken envelopes, please return them as soon as possible. *Thank you!*



As we begin 2022, we encourage you to learn more about the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal and see how you can support the work of the talented faculty, staff, and incredible students of the seminary. Your gift makes a profound impact on our seminary community and the future of our faith.

Visit [stcharlesseminaryappeal.org](http://stcharlesseminaryappeal.org) to learn more.



Looking for a special way to honor someone special or remember a loved one no longer with us?

Remember Mass Intentions

The 2022 Mass Book is open.

The suggested offering is \$15 for each Mass. Please visit the Parish Office M-F from 9-3, to secure a date for your special Intention. Please consider the needs of others to have announced Masses said. *Thank you!*

#### 2022 St. Teresa of Avila Calendars

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Calendars for 2022 are available at the doors of the church. This year's calendars feature Religious Art. Many thanks to Bacchi and Szpindor-Meyers Funeral Homes for graciously sponsoring these beautiful calendars for our parish.

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.



