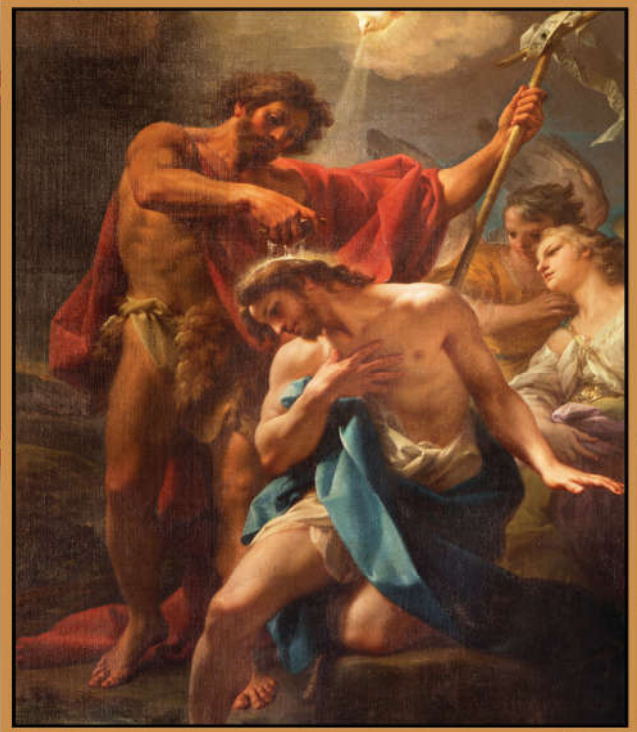


# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

*A voice came from heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased."*

*Luke 3:22*



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## *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.**

Website: [www.stteresaofavilaparish.com](http://www.stteresaofavilaparish.com)



### PARISH STAFF

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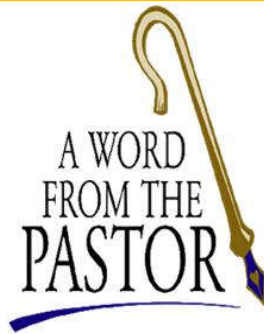
### MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. *JESUS* undertakes a baptism for the repentance of sin. Likely, this gives us pause. Jesus Christ is supposed to be the *sinless one*. Why would he receive baptism? What is it to be forgiven? The early Church asked these exact questions. Professing Jesus as the God-man, they knew that Jesus didn't need forgiveness.

Thus, our forbears saw in Jesus' baptism the sanctification of all water for the sake of *our baptism*.

Entering into the chaos of the waters, Jesus quells this chaos: Psalm 17 says..."the waters saw you, God; the waters saw you and lashed about, even the deeps of the seas trembled."

Now....when we descend into the waters of baptism, we find *CHRIST THERE!* Dying to sin & death, we rise with Christ to new life. The blessed waters become a source of healing for us. But how? How does Christ's descent into the waters save us?

Here, we must pick up on another thread... from Jesus's baptism. Although Jesus is the sinless one, although he has no need of forgiveness, *HE casts his lot with sinners*.

Blessings,



**Offering Totals:**

**December 26 \$3,517.00.**  
**Jan. 2, 2022 \$3,617.00.**

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

**\*\*Upcoming Collections for 1/16/2022**  
**Catholic Relief Services**



**BROTHER HOUSE**

*A work of the Legion of Mary*

December 29, 2021

Dear Fr. Wild,

Wow! We are once again overwhelmed by the abundant generosity of the St. Teresa's parishioners who made generous donations to the Legion of Mary Brother House! We have received an abundance of warm blankets, gloves, hats, scarves and socks - along with over \$200 in Walmart and Giant gift cards! This will be a great blessing for our needy and homeless guests that come to our Wednesday night socials. On behalf of our active Legionary brothers and the guests of Brother House, please extend our heartfelt thanks to the St. Teresa's parishioners and let them know that their intentions will be remembered in our Rosary prayers at every Brother House social. More Information about this ministry is available on CatholicPhilly.com and Facebook or by email at LOMBrotherHouse@gmail.com.

May Jesus and Mary bless them and you!

Br. Bob Nowak  
Treasurer, Mother of Mankind Praesidium  
Legion of Mary, Norristown Comitium

**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!**

*January 9, 2022*  
*The Baptism of the Lord*

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7).

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).



## Mass Intentions, and Special Observances

**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. Inferrera III—  
David Keefe

**Monday, January 10th**

10:00 AM Robert O. Savage, Jr.—  
Irene Savage

**Tuesday, January 11th:**

7:00 AM Margaret & Edward Mulholland—  
Gerrie Caucci

**Wednesday, January 12th:**

7:00 AM Rene A. Arcilla—  
Father Wild & Outreach Ministry

**Friday, January 14th:**

7:00 AM Clair T. Mellor—  
Theresa & Renato Vitullo

**Saturday, January 15th:**

4:15 PM Cynthia Italiano—  
Zollers Family

**Sunday, January 16th:**

9:00 AM Anthony Gambone, Jr.—  
Mary Jacianis

11:00 AM Umberto Ziccardi—  
Teresa Ziccardi

## Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

**Monday, January 10**

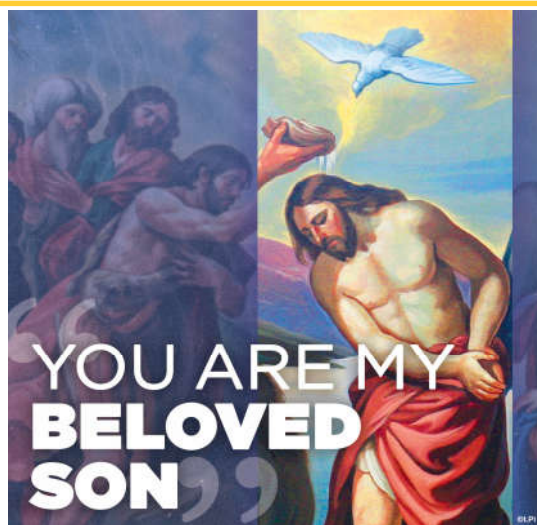
Women's Bible Study (Good Shep) 10:30 AM  
PREP Weekly Lesson

**Tuesday, January 11**

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

**Wednesday, January 12**

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



Lord Jesus Christ,  
We acknowledge you as the Messiah,  
The Son of God.

Through your anointing with the Holy Spirit  
Give us power to preach the good news,  
To heal the sick, and to free the captives.  
As Son of God, give us a renewed sense  
Of our dignity as adopted daughters and sons of  
God.

May we look with hope to our promised inheritance  
As we work to make your Kingdom a reality.  
Amen.

A heartfelt thank-you to the our Church  
Arts and Environment  
Committee for decorating  
our Church so beautifully  
at Christmas!

*Thank you to all who contributed to our 2021 Christmas Flower Collection.  
The flowers in our Church during the Christmas Season  
are offered in memory and in honor of your loved ones.*



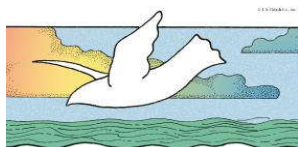


## Religious Education

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

#### January

- 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.

**Alfred Intoccia and Robert Barnes**

**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:**

Hannah Neff, 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 Tornetta, 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.)*



**BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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**The Rose of Life for this week**  
**Is requested by**  
**Fillippo Family**  
**In memory of**  
**Frank Fillippo**



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!*



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**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!*

*He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*  
— Titus 3:5

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.



