

MAY 21, 2017
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1260 South Trooper Road
Norristown, PA 19403-3659
www.stteresaofavilaparish.com
610-666-5820

PARISH CLERGY

Reverend J. Jerome Wild, Pastor

Deacon Francis C. Lally, *Permanent Deacon*
Reverend Richard M. Jacobs, *Sunday Assistant*

LITURGY

Saturday Vigil: 4:15PM
Sunday: 9:00AM and 11:00AM
Holy Days: as published in the bulletin
Daily Mass: 10:00AM on Mondays
7:00AM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Communion Service: 8:00AM Saturdays
Confession: 3:15PM Saturdays, or by appointment
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 7:30AM to 8PM

PARISH STAFF

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

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OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Erin Gauntner

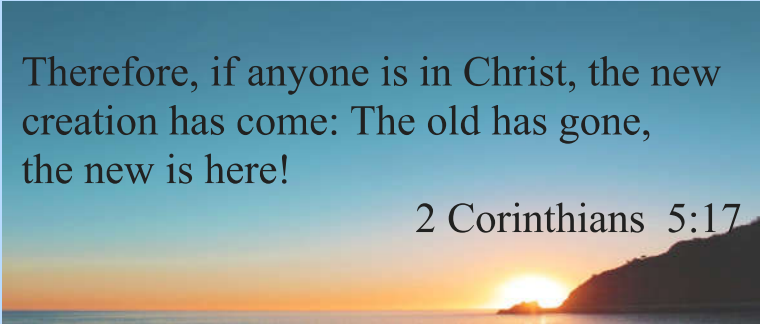
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MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

405 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Principal: Christine Pagan

Phone: 610-265-2323



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

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.

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

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"If anyone loves me, he or she will keep my word and my Father will love that person and we will make our dwelling place in him or her." John 14:23



My Dear Parishioners,

It is human nature to want to receive benefits; to have good things come to us. To want better for ourselves, our loved ones, and our faith. But the Holy Spirit (the "Paraclete"), Jesus, and the Father will come to us ONLY IF...

This conditional benefit is not a threat, but most certainly a promise. It is a promise that if we keep His commandments or His words, then the Paraclete will be given to us. So, "ONLY IF" is a condition, and it implies that we are called to struggle against the forces of egoism that prevent us from keeping God's commandments.

"Oh boy, here comes the rule book", we say. Well, let's look at what these commandments actually are, and I think we'll find that they are quite digestible:

To serve each other. To be compassionate. To live in communion with one another. Not to make rash judgements or condemn, but to forgive. To love enemies. To love beatitudes ("Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven..."). To wash others' feet.

We can only plumb the depths of His grace, to receive His presence, through surrender and willingness. Our heart must be one which is ready to give as well as to receive.

Maranatha, a two-word Aramaic formula means "come Lord Jesus". It is a call for Him to come without expectation or agenda, but with a humble openness to receive. Let us remember together the "ONLY IF" so that we can best receive the Holy Spirit as the beautiful gift that was meant for us.

Blessings, *Father Jerry Wild*



Thursday, May 25th represents the Feast of The Ascension of Our Lord.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics and commemorates the bodily **Ascension** of Jesus into heaven.

Masses will be held at
Saint Teresa of Avila at 6:30AM, 12:05PM, and 7:00PM.
Please plan to join us on this Holy Thursday.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE CALLING?

I know that the success of our Parish Religious Education Program as well as so many programs within our Parish is due almost entirely to the generosity, talents, and dedication of our many volunteers. People from all walks of life who have answered the call to **be a part of something here**...perhaps to help educate and inspire children in our Catholic faith.

For these individuals, I am so very grateful.

There are many opportunities within our church family to give of your talents and time and **the church needs you!**

This giving of your time can be for a **one-time need** or could be **part of an ongoing mission**, such as PREP. Many of the places that your

loving contributions of self require no experience...just your willingness!

Please contact the church office to find out how YOU can *make a difference in the life of our church*, today!

-Father Wild



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Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

Sat. May 20 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass Tex Keppta
Sun. May 21 9:00AM 11:00AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter Karen Baker Howard Wisegrad
Mon. May 22 10:00AM	Easter Weekday William McMillan
Tues. May 23 7:00AM	Easter Weekday
Wed. May 24 7:00 AM	Easter Weekday
Thurs. May 25 6:30 AM 12:05 PM 7:00 PM	Ascension Of the Lord Joanna Foley
Fri. May 26 7:00AM	Easter Weekday
Sat. May 27 4:15PM	Vigil Mass Joseph O'Brien
Sun. May 28 9:00AM 11:00AM	Seventh Sunday of Easter Dr. Rocque Fernandez John Iacobacci

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa's

Monday, May 22	
Rosary (Chapel)	6:30PM
PREP Closing	6:30PM
Tuesday, May 23	
Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)	7:30AM-8:00PM
Wednesday, May 24	
Band Rehearsal (Church)	7:00PM-8:00 PM
Thursday, May 25	
Ascension Thursday Masses	6:30AM, 12:05PM & 7:00PM
Saturday, May 27	
Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.)	8:45 AM
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15 PM
Sunday, May 21	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:00AM



Manna Sunday Is Ending!

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 unable to bring a filled bag, please feel free to donate online instead!

www.yougivegoods.com/ndsmannafooddrive

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



Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our deceased parishioners.

Please pray for the healing of:

Elizabeth MacIntyre, The Family of Aileen Beirne, 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 Uckeke, 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.

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. Jaysen Satterwhite, MSgt. John D. Greis.

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.



5/14/17 Sunday Offering \$8,916.09

Catholic Home Missions \$1,652

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



The Rose of Life this weekend is Donated by Frank & Pat Raus in Memory of Antose and Petronella Our Mothers

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Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School

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

MTC ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

If you have considered 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. Enrollment is open and we are accepting applications for all Early Childhood programs through 8th grade.

Did you know MTC:

- Offer 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, Pre-K 5 and Kindergarten all offer both full and half days.
- Sprouts is our 2 day a week program for 2 year olds.
- 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 for \$1,000 off their tuition for the 2017-18 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 the 2nd year and \$500 off their tuition the third year.

Families can apply for financial assistance by completing an application via SMART:
www.smartaidforparents.com.

If you would like to hear more about MTC, take a tour or receive an enrollment packet, please contact Patsy Swope, Director of Institutional Advancement: 610-265-2323 x225 or patsy.swope@mtcschool.org.

Turbo-charge your donations.

Give the gift of access to a Catholic education. Your donation of \$100 turns into \$1,000. \$500 transforms to \$5,000. **YOU** have the ability to make a donation of a nominal amount of money, which will immediately grow ten-fold on its way to supporting Catholic education.

The process is extremely simple. You fill out a form. Then the Foundation for Catholic Education guides you through the rest. Please contact John Sion jsion@gmail.com or 610-420-0322 or Dan McCabe danmccabe@gmail.com or 617-314-1466 at MTC for more information!



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. A \$25 late fee will be assessed on all registrations beginning June 1.

Registration packets are available for pickup in the Religious Education Office. Please contact Mrs. Erin Gauntner, CRE for information and forms: (610) 666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net.

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.



Do you have a desire to spend more time in thoughtful prayer and faith at home with your school-aged children?

**Are you unsure as to quite how?
Would you like guiding materials to help you?**

We have just what you are looking for!

Contact the Church Office for more information...



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

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



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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, July 19, 2017, in the Good Shepherd Room in our Parish Center.

Thank You to the Young Men who joined Father Wild for dinner this past week to **explore the calling of a Priestly Vocation**. More than 50 local men assembled to discuss how a life of service to God can have an incredible impact on the Catholic Community. Should you have questions or want to know more about this special life calling, **please contact Father Wild at the Church Office.**

Quo Vadis Days 2017

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

Retreat for young men
graduating
8th – 12th grade

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,
contact Sue or Dave Matour: (610) 666-1542**



Housekeeper/assistant needed for retired senior priest, partially handicapped male, local to Saint Teresa Church. Time needed is one day per week, to start. If interested, please call 610-513-2038 for more detail. Thank you!

Eucharistic Adoration at St Teresa

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



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. **Tuesday, May 23, 7:30PM:** Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales
Further information is available on their Facebook Page www.facebook.com/groups/metanoiayoungadults

Celebrate Pentecost at the Festival of Praise with Eucharistic Adoration along with Bethany Music Ministry From the **World Meeting of Families Youth Congress!** Held at St. Maria Goretti on June 4th from 7pm to 8:30pm. This is for all age with Praise, Worship, and Adoration. For more information contact: Maria Richardson, Director of Family Faith Formation and Parish Services, St. Maria Goretti Church, 1601 Derstine Ave., Hatfield, Pa 19440 marichar@comcast.net 267-664-2878

Father-Daughter Evening of Reflection at the Malvern Retreat House- Sunday, June 4th 5:00-9:00pm. Led by Deacon John Rose, this special evening for Fathers and Daughters. **Cost:** \$90 for father and one daughter. \$25 extra for each additional daughter. Dinner is included. Full amount due with registration. To register, call 610-644-0400 for more information.

**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



Gethsemani Ministry at Saint Norbert Parish in Paoli is based on an intent to reduce the stigma associated with addictions while raising awareness and providing a Catholic faith-based approach to recovery, healing and support to those in need.

Gethsemani Prayer Evenings for Addictions are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 PM and are for all for communal prayer and to offer intentions for those struggling with addictions, loved ones supporting them and workers involved in recovery (e.g., counselors, rehab programs, and others). Adoration, Reconciliation and fellowship offered. Come to pray or just to talk. **12 Step Spirituality Faith Sharing Group** meets on the second Sunday of the month at 7:30 PM open to participants in all 12-step programs.

All are welcome to share in this time of healing and support.
**St. Norbert Parish, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, PA 19301
610.644.1655**