



Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

August 27, 2017

The Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

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 Assistant

LITURGY

Saturday Vigil:	4:15PM
Sunday:	9:00AM & 11:00AM
Holy Days:	as published in the bulletin
Daily Mass:	10:00AM Mondays 7:00AM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Communion Service:	8:00AM Saturdays
Confession:	3:15PM Saturdays, or by appointment
Eucharistic Adoration:	Tuesdays 7:30AM to 8PM
Rosary:	6:30PM Mondays

PARISH STAFF

Heidi L. Reese, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor

Mare Barbuto, Coordinator of Music Ministry

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MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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*"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth
will be loosed in heaven."*

Matthew 16:29



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, September 20, 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.



"Then he commanded his disciples, that they should tell no one that he was Jesus the Christ."

-Matthew 16:20



My Dear Parishioners,

Secrets are hard to keep. Have you ever kept one for a year, two years, ten years, without telling anyone? Have you ever kept one for an hour? A really good one?

Secrets are like beach balls being held underwater; they want to burst to the surface, they want to be let out.

Jesus, in this scripture, tells the disciples to keep his identity a secret. His conversation with Peter about his identity as the Messiah is deep and profound. Peter's confession is praised as a monumental achievement and Peter is granted so, so much authority and power because of this.

And then Jesus tells his disciples not to tell anyone he is the Messiah.

Do you really think they could keep this secret? Could you have done so, after all you had been through with Jesus?

When the first disciples meet Jesus, this is the question on their minds: is he the Messiah? Is this the promised one, the anointed one, the one we have been looking for, generation after generation? They were really asking, "Is there anything to hope for? Should we invest in this man?"

And Jesus showed them there **was** something to hope for. He showed them in miracle after miracle that he was the Messiah. And here, in Caesarea Philippi, surrounded by Roman and Greek gods, Jesus asks a pointed question.

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks. Opinions abound, in their day and in ours, about who Jesus is. How one answers this question matters a great deal in this text—and we should consider carefully how we answer it. From this story, we can be sure that simply saying what we've heard other people say isn't enough for Jesus. Jesus wants to know what we think; Jesus wants to know who we think he is.

Can we also be struck by the fact that Jesus wants to know what people say about him? He's not too cool to ask this. Jesus has a real relationship with his disciples and like all good relationships, it's mutual. There's a back and forth, a sharing of life and trust. Jesus isn't polling the whole Judean countryside. He wants to know who his disciples think he is. Peter blurts out, "You are the Messiah, the son of the living God."

How does he know this? How do you know this?

Jesus says it's an awareness, a knowledge that comes directly from God. And there's power in knowing Jesus is the Messiah. It's the power to withstand the gates of Hell, to hold the keys to the kingdom, to bind on earth and loose in heaven. In this one small moment of spiritual awakening, **Peter gets all the tools he needs for his life's work.**

Maybe that's all we need here today. Maybe we need the certain knowledge that Jesus is the anointed one, the promised one, and that we have hope. Maybe this will change our lives and change the world.

So why did he tell his disciples to keep it a secret? Maybe the secret of Jesus' identity is more training in how to exercise the power of binding and loosing, through secrecy, not mass marketing. This secrecy of his anointing is what gives him authenticity.

Maybe, just maybe, Jesus knows his disciples can't keep a secret and that they are going to leak his identity all over the Judean hillsides, and fishing villages, and synagogues, and dinner tables. Maybe he knows this about them and this is his strategy for getting his message out, one whisper at a time.

Maybe this is his strategy for us today. Maybe he wants us to leak it out too, one whisper at a time.

Blessings,

Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

Sat. August 26 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass The Basil Family
Sun. August 27 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time John B. Silverwood Edward Duffey
Mon. August 28 op&Doctor 10:00 AM	St. Augustine, Bish-
Tues. August 29 7:00 AM	Passion of St. John Baptist James Nash Syprian Gonsalves
Wed. August 30 7:00 AM	Weekday Stephanie Walsh Beilman
Fri. September 1 7:00 AM	First Friday
Sat. September 2 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass Salvatore Basile
Sun. September 3 Time 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Estther & Mary Zollers John McGill

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

Remember Mass Intentions

Many dates are available for 2017 and 2018 to be dedicated for this beautiful expression.

The suggested offering is \$15 for each mass.
Please contact or visit the Rectory Office to secure a date for your special Intention...



Mass Intentions

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa's

Monday, August 28 Rosary (Chapel) Hospitality Meeting	6:30PM 7:00 PM
Tuesday, August 29 Eucharistic Adoration	7:30 AM-8:00 PM
Wednesday, August 30 Band Rehearsal (Church)	7:00PM-8:00 PM
Thursday, August 31 Men's Bible Study (STA Conf. Rm.) Adult Choir (Church)	7:00 PM 7:00 PM
Saturday, September 2 Communion Service (Chapel) Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.) Confessions (Chapel)	8:00 AM 8:45 AM 3:15 PM



Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our deceased parishioners.


Please pray for the healing of:

Jeanette Mallon, Loretta DeMito, Anne McNelis, Bob O'Donnell, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Sarah Neve, The Family of Martin Kern, The Family of Aileen Beirne, Eileen Swiech, Pat Leberman, Shannon Austin, Frank Coll, Barrie Gehrlein, Max Maertzg, 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, Margaret Cesare, Lawrence Reynolds, Jim Uckeke, Jennifer Owens, Jack Walsh, Peggy Walsh, Al & Dorothy Caza, Terry Strainick, Debbie Scott, Bill O'Neill, Butch Cunningham, Don Barbuto, Barbara Breitbarth, Steven Kehoe, Adele Semach, Rosemary Schlichtig, Diane Benton, John McPhelim, Tony Polvino, Cecelia Heitzenrater, Baby Samantha Patterson

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 Larner; Captain Valerie Smith; Msgt. Timothy R. Whalon; 1st Lt. Jaysen Satterwhite, Sgt. Major 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.



8/20/2017 Sunday Offering \$7,831
8/20/2017 Catholic University \$1,065
August Online Giving \$5,308

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



The Rose of Life this weekend is
Donated by
Barry & Marilyn Keis
In Memory of
Rita Strohecker



Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School

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

MTC is the regional school for St. Teresa of Avila

We want to welcome STA families to MTC!

*All incoming first graders from STA will not only receive \$1000 Welcome Grant but an additional \$500 Grant for your first grade year.

*Transfer students in grades 2 through 8th will receive a \$2,000 transfer grant for their first year, \$1,000 for their second year and \$500 off their third year.

*If a STA parish student transfers into the MTC 6th grade in September, they will receive an additional \$500 off tuition next year.

*Now is the time to come and learn more about Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School.



Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School has been voted "BEST GRADE SCHOOL" by the readers of the Times Herald and its affiliates! The MTC faculty and staff are thrilled to have received this recognition and are committed to academic excellence in the coming year!

MTC School News: We are thrilled to announce that after a long search we have acquired our new 3rd Grade Teacher! Maria Langenhorst brings great talents as an educator, as well as a solid background in classroom experience. In her own words...

My name is Maria Langenhorst and I graduated from Saint Joseph's University with a degree in elementary education and special education. I've worked as a substitute teacher for the past few years while on school breaks and completed my student teaching last year in Lower Merion School District in a third grade classroom and a fourth and fifth grade learning support room. I have wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember and cannot wait to create a positive learning environment with my students as we challenge each other this coming year. I am sure they will teach me just as much as I teach them and I look forward to supporting them in every way that I can and getting to know everyone in the community.

Maria is an excellent addition to our staff and I know you will all join me in making her feel at home in our family.

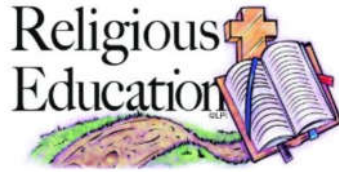
MTC Registration: There are still limited spaces available. Call today or visit our website at: www.mtcschool.org.

There are many opportunities for grants and financial assistance. If you would like to hear more about MTC, take a tour or receive an enrollment packet, please contact Patsy Swope, Director of Enrollment Management: 610-265-2323 x225 or patsy.swope@mtcschool.org.

STA Parish Religious Education Program

PREP classes begin on Monday September 11 at 6:30PM

No walk-in registrations will be processed this evening.



All parents/guardians are encouraged to join us at 7:20PM for an Open House in all classrooms.

If you wish to be on a tuition payment plan or are interested in home-school opportunities for faith formation please contact the CRE directly.

STA PREP 2017-18 Catechists and Aides

Level 1: Classroom 1

Mrs. Monica Sortino, Mrs. Stephanie Reitz-Kandy and Miss Caitlin Alano

Level 2: Classroom 2 (First Reconciliation)

Mrs. Amy Conser, Mrs. Jennifer Waters and Miss Chantal Alano

Level 3A: Classroom 4 (First Eucharist)

Mrs. Anne Lynch, Ms. Janet Malonoski, Miss Maggie Burkheimer and Miss Mimi Rosinski

Level 3B: Classroom 3 (First Eucharist)

Mrs. Rosemary Ryan, Mrs. Sheri Raeburn and Miss Katie McDonald

Level 4: Classroom 5

Mrs. Renee Hasse and Mr. Patrick McCollum

Level 5: Classroom 6

Mrs. Erica Testa and Mrs. Rosie Bucci

Level 6: Classroom 7 (Confirmation)

Mrs. Beth Burkheimer, Mrs. Stacy Bishop, Mrs. Deb Horwatt and Mrs. Renee Elsner

STA YM Kick-Off!

Mon. Sept. 25 from 6:30-8PM in the Lower Level of the Parish Center.

All youth in grades 7+ and their friends are encouraged to join us for our opening night. Snacks and drinks will be served.

***Attention Parents! CAP's (Continuous Adult Presence) needed this evening (and others).**

Please contact Mrs. Gauntner if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!



**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, September 20, 2017, in the Good Shepherd Room in our Parish Center.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word
Volunteer Opportunities!**



The Office of Religious Education recruits, trains, and schedules adult leaders and teen aides for

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW).

Leaders are scheduled according to times that are convenient to them, usually once or twice every six weeks.

Readings, lesson plans, and activities are provided.

There is a great deal of exciting interaction between the children and leader, and it is a very rewarding experience for all! Please prayerfully consider volunteering with us for:

CLOW Leader: Commitment involves lesson preparation and Mass time only. Volunteers receive CLOW training and must have Safe Environment clearances and training as required by the Archdiocese.

CLOW Aide: Not ready to be a CLOW Leader but still want to be involved? Adult aides are needed to assist the Leader and help keep order during the Liturgy. Volunteers must have Safe Environment clearances and training as required by the Archdiocese.

Teen Aide: Confirmed teenagers are encouraged to serve as aides and help keep order during the Liturgy. Teen volunteers should be at least 13 years old.

**Available and Interested?
Please contact Erin Gauntner at
610-666-0167 or staprep@verizon.net**

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

A special Mass will be held for those suffering with addiction— Saturday, Sept. 9 at 11:00AM at St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, 502 Main Street, Phoenixville with celebrant Fr. John Newns. Please join that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

will resume at the 9:00 Mass beginning September 10th! Please encourage your children to be a part of this enriching and fun experience at Saint Teresa!

The Legion of Mary is coming to Saint Teresa



I am happy to announce that we are forming a chapter of the Legion of Mary here at Saint Teresa.

The Legion of Mary members assist the Pastor in duties such as home visitation, RCIA, distribute Catholic literature, medals and sacramental, and more. If you have felt Mary calling for you to do her work, now is the time to come and learn what the Legion can offer.

Both men and women are welcome to participate in this informational meeting.
—Father Wild

**August 28th at 7:00PM
in Narthex Office in the Church.**

For more information, please contact Bob Nowak
610-828-4654
LOMBrotherHouse@gmail.com

Music Ministry News

Season Opening Rehearsal Dates

**Adult Choir - September 10
Requiem (Funeral) Choir - September 12
Youth Choir - September 28
Come try us out!
Contact Sarah Stong for more information.**

Help Wanted

- All voices for Adult Choir - *especially Bass* men's lower voice!
- Instrumentalists to play occasionally throughout the year (brass, woodwind, strings)

