

MAY 14, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Happy Mother's Day!

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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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

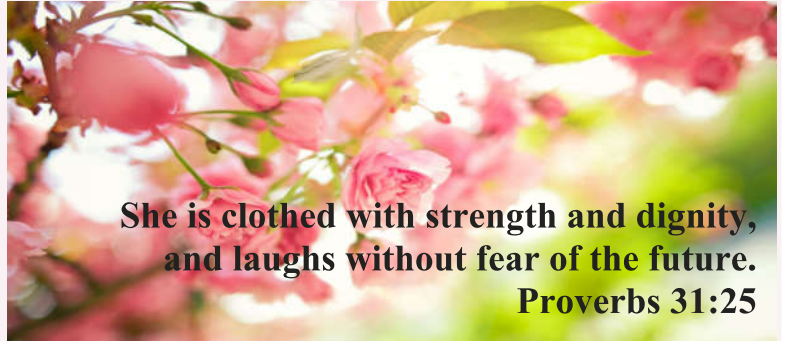
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MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

405 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Principal: Christine Pagan

Phone: 610-265-2323



**She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and laughs without fear of the future.**

Proverbs 31:25

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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*She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

—Proverbs 31:26

PASTOR'S PEN
A word from the heart



My Dear Parishioners,

Today it is with reflection upon Mothers that I write to you. These maternal presences in our world offer a softened yet firm direction for us as we navigate through life. Motherhood, therefore is truly a vocation; a calling to cooperate with God's plan of love for the world. I continue to give continual thanks for my mother, Eileen Kessel Wild who passed to eternal life on Jan. 5, 2005. She knew and loved God and this gave her a tremendous reservoir of strength for her earthly journey.

With my father, John Wild, my mother brought eight children into the world. My oldest sister, Eileen and my youngest, Mary Ellen died shortly after childbirth. My parents committed themselves to the truth that "family" is the most powerful structure of human belonging in the world. Each of her children knew they were loved by my mother and please understand that *they* were not always easy to raise!

My mother worked in a hospital as an emergency room nurse most of her life. She could be tough minded when she needed to be but was tender-hearted and compassionate to everyone. She experienced a lot of health issues in later life, various cancers & aneurysms. She handled these with grace and courage.

I have truly been graced by her tenacity, resilience, faithfulness, love and prayerfulness. These gifts have nourished my life. I know that my dear mother, Eileen, is in heaven and continues to reap the harvest of goodness that she has sowed on earth.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, both living & those with the Lord!

Blessings, *Father Jerry Wild*



Ministry of Acolyte

Congratulations to **Dave Matour** who was installed in the Ministry of Acolyte at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary last Saturday. As an *acolyte*, Dave is to serve at the altar assisting the priest and the deacon. He is also commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Please pray for Dave, his wife, Sue and their family as he continues his journey in the formation program for the ministry of the diaconate! **-Fr. Wild**

May 16th is Father Wild's 36th Anniversary to the Priesthood!

On May 16, 1981, Father J. Jerome Wild was ordained to the priesthood by John Cardinal Krol.

As Father is completing his fifth year as our pastor at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, please keep him in your prayers for good health and perseverance in his priestly ministry of service in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



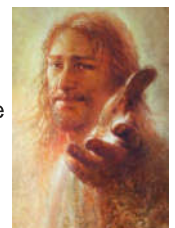
HAVE YOU HEARD THE CALLING?

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!



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Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

Sat. May 13 4:15 PM	Vigil Mass Scott Anderson
Sun. May 14 9:00AM 11:00AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter Petronella Kubilus Marty Moore
Mon. May 15 10:00AM	Easter Weekday Luke Vipin
Tues. May 16 7:00AM	Easter Weekday
Wed. May 17 7:00AM	Easter Weekday Marie & Bill Baker 59th Wedding Anniversary
Fri. May 19 7:00AM	Easter Weekday
Sat. May 20 4:15PM	Vigil Mass Tex Keppta
Sun. May 21 9:00AM 11:00AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter Karen Baker Howard Wisengrad

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa's

Monday, May 15		
Rosary (Chapel)		6:30PM
PREP Closing		6:30PM
Tuesday, May 16		
Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)	7:30AM-8:00PM	
Schola Rehearsal (Church)	7:00-8:00 PM	
Wednesday, May 17		
Band Rehearsal (Church)	7:00PM-8:00 PM	
Pre-Jordan (Good Shepherd Rm)	7:00 PM	
Thursday, May 18		
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 20		
Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00 AM	
Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.)	8:45 AM	
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15 PM	



**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 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:

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.

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.



4/30 Sunday Offering \$8,543
4/30 Mother's Day \$1,841
5/7 Sunday Offering \$9,486
5/7 Maintenance \$2,359

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



The Rose of Life this weekend is
Donated by
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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.

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 and ALL FAMILIES are 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.



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.



All parishioners, families and friends are invited to join us for the PREP closing service in church on Monday, May 15 at 6:30PM.

We will pray before the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction.

PREP students are to report on time to class at 6:30PM; parents and families please go directly to church.

Students will be dismissed to parents in church at the close of the program.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and families for another successful year of faith formation!

ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ended as we encountered our risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

We remember our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii.

Last Call! Please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at church or PREP by May 15. Thank you!



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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.

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. Further information is available on their Facebook Page www.facebook.com/groups/metanoiayoungadults
Metanoia Young Adults Upcoming events:

- ♦ **Tuesday, May 16, 7:00PM:** Theology On Tap: *Suffering and Hope* at Appalachian Brewing Company in Colledgeville
- ♦ **Friday, May 19, 7:30PM:** Planetarium Visit and Dessert
- ♦ **Tuesday, May 23, 7:30PM:** Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales

Malvern Retreat House

Friday, May 19 5:30PM-Sunday May 21 12:30PM: Mid-May Retreat for Men, Simeon Gallagher, OFMCap and member of the Mid-America Province of the Capuchin Order is the speaker, and the conference includes Mass, Talks, Private Adoration, and Stations of the Cross. All are welcome. Cost \$245. 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.

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



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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