



# Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

September 3, 2017

The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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 & 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**  
**Sarah Stong, Adult & Children's Choir Director**

**Office Hours:** M-Th. 9:00AM - 4:30PM  
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## OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

**Erin Gauntner, Coordinator of Religious Education &  
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## MOTHER TERESA REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

405 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

**Principal:** Christine Pagan

**Phone:** 610-265-2323

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*For the Son of Man will come with his  
angels in the Father's glory, and then he  
will repay all according to his conduct.*

*Matthew 16:27*

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.

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*"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,*

*but whoever loses their life for me will find it.' "* *Matthew 16:21-23*



My Dear Parishioners,

As we read through the passage in Matthew 16:21-28 is "the rest of the story". It is a continuation from Matthew 16:13-20, in which Peter acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God. Now Jesus is telling his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem to complete his God-given mission to save the world by dying on the cross.

Naturally this comes as a shock to the disciples. After all, why would God send someone to do something as ungodlike as dying? And if dying was necessary, why couldn't it be done on the battlefield instead of on a cross. It's no wonder Peter rebukes Jesus. After all, here he was...a fisherman who believed Jesus, but who could not understand the true purpose of Jesus' mission. He, like many of the Jews, thought that the Messiah would be a military ruler who would drive out the Romans and restore Israel to the glory days of the reign of King David.

Jesus told his disciples that he was going to lead them into battle-and they should not expect to come away unscathed. In fact, they should not be surprised if they died on the battlefield. They would be facing the forces of evil, and those forces were strong enough to wreak havoc. God would win the ultimate battle against evil, but in the meantime his disciples could expect the fight of their lives. It is a fight we are still involved in today.

Peter rebuked Jesus because he took seriously his new role as the rock on which the church was built. He took his role so seriously that he thought he had a responsibility to make sure that Jesus' ministry would be successful. He thought it was his duty to rebuke Jesus, but Jesus put him in his place. His place was behind Jesus as a follower-a role we also have to play in our own lives today.

Peter, like Satan, tried to deflect Jesus from the way of God, and Satan tries to deflect us from God's way today. Satan has lots of traps to put in our path, and because he is smart, he knows that the best time to trap us often comes after some great victory. In Peter's case, it was just after Jesus told him that he was going to be the rock that the church would be built on. Peter wanted Jesus to follow the wide, smooth road of a worldly life that leads to death and sin. Jesus knew he had to travel on the narrow, rough road of life with God, and it is the same road we as Christians have to travel today.

Jesus wasted no time in dealing with Satan, and neither should we. Peter had fallen for the enemy's temptations of allowing his thoughts to turn inward to himself and his desires for the nation of Israel. So Jesus moved quickly to put an end to Peter's wrong way of thinking. We must never allow the thoughts of pride or sin to linger. We must keep our focus set on God, and ask Him to reveal His perfect will to us. He knows the plan and outcome of our lives. We can trust him fully because He knows exactly what the future holds for us.

What a blessing for us to hold strong in a faith that assures us in this uncertain world that Our Lord has it all already decided, planned out, and knows the outcome. Our job is only to trust in Him every day.

Blessings,

*Father Jerry Wild*

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## Mass Intentions, Saints & Special Observances

<b>Sat. September 2</b> 4:15 PM	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Salvatore Basile
<b>Sun. September 3</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Esther & Mary Zollers John McGill
<b>Mon. September 4</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Catherine Sobel
<b>Tues. September 5</b> 7:00 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Louis & Alice Cashore
<b>Wed. September 6</b> 7:00 AM	<b>Weekday</b> Dorothy Caza
<b>Fri. September 8</b> 7:00 AM	<b>Nativity of the BVM</b> Dorothy Caza
<b>Sat. September 9</b> 4:15 PM	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Marianna DiGuglielmo
<b>Sun. September 10</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Tracie Sukley Francis Bartoszek



## Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our deceased parishioners.

Please pray for the healing of:

Jane Miecskowski, Jeanette Mallon, Loretta DeMito, Anne McNelis, Bob O'Donnell, Raoul Garcia, Joe Lehman, Heather Bollinger, Sarah Neve, Karen Welch and her infant daughter Lillian, The Family of Aileen Beirne, Eileen Swiech, 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 Burmingham, 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 Uckele, 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 Lerner; Captain Valerie Smith; Msgt. Timothy R. Whalon; 1st Lt. Jaysen Satterwhite, Sgt. Major John D. Greis.

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

<b>Monday, September 4</b>	
Rosary (Chapel)	6:30PM
Legion of Mary (Vestibule Office)	7:00PM
<b>Tuesday, September 5</b>	
Eucharistic Adoration	7:30 AM-8:00 PM
Pastoral & Finance Council Mtg.	7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, September 6</b>	
Band Rehearsal (Church)	7:00PM-8:00 PM
<b>Thursday, September 7</b>	
Men's Bible Study (STA Conf. Rm.)	7:00 PM
Adult Choir (Church)	7:00 PM
Christmas Bazaar Mtg. (Good Shep. Rm.)	7:00 PM
<b>Saturday, September 9</b>	
Communion Service (Chapel)	8:00 AM
Women's Bible Study (Faculty Rm.)	8:45 AM
Confessions (Chapel)	3:15 PM
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	
CLOW (Chapel)	9:00 AM

Please help us keep our Parish Prayer List current.

Contact the Parish Office at 610-666-5820 or [starectory@verizon.net](mailto:starectory@verizon.net) to add or remove names from the list.



8/27/2017 Sunday Offering \$8,661

August Online Giving \$5,308

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!



The Rose of Life this weekend is

Donated by

John Rafferty, Jr.

In Memory of

John Rafferty, Sr.

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## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

**At MTC, we continue to work to build our community, and to welcome family members into our school life.**

**Lunch and Recess Volunteers are a vital part of our day here.**

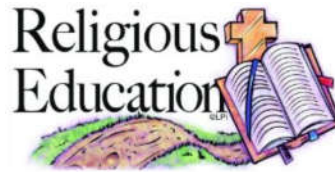
It is also a great opportunity to meet other parents, and make your child happy to see you!

We are asking families to sign up for **4 days throughout the year** (or more). We are one of a few schools that does not charge families who don't volunteer, and it is our goal to continue that trend.

**K-8 Families:** Please visit this link to sign up:  
[tinyurl.com/y94qbplf](http://tinyurl.com/y94qbplf)

For families of our PK full day students, we ask that you email Mrs. Bonkoski with your availability [meghan.bonkoski@mtcschool.org](mailto:meghan.bonkoski@mtcschool.org)

**MTC Registration: There are still limited spaces available. Call today or visit our website at: [www.mtcschool.org](http://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](mailto: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.**

**All PREP parents and guardians are requested to attend a prayer service and information gathering with Father Wild on Monday September 18 at 6:30PM in the church**

### 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!



### **The Knights Corner** **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR** **FOOTBALLMANIA FUNDRAISER**

Thank You all from The Knights of Columbus to those who supported our Footballmania fundraiser. If you missed the ticket sales outside church, and still wish to purchase a ticket, You can purchase your ticket **any time up to September 7<sup>th</sup>** online by visiting our website at [www.koc7565.org](http://www.koc7565.org). For more information on the sweepstakes or if you are interested in joining the Knights, please contact our treasurer, John Gatto at 484-919-2368 or email: [footballmania7565@gmail.com](mailto:footballmania7565@gmail.com)

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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, 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**

## Around the Archdiocese & Local Area

**Pre-Cana Program offered for all engaged couples planning to marry**—at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Phoenixville, PA on Saturday – **September 16, 2017**. The Program begins at 8:00 AM and ends after the 4:00PM Mass. It includes lunch, snacks and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day Program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the St. Mary Parish Office for an application: 610-933-2526 or visit their website [www.stmaryassumption.org](http://www.stmaryassumption.org) - click on Parish Information and then Sacraments/PREP.



## 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 Christmas Bazaar Committee is in need of your time and talent!!

Please join our Christmas Bazaar Committee and be a part of this successful and fun parish and community event. We need additional help on our Committee to continue this long standing and very anticipated event. We invite anyone that can offer their time and talent to contact Kim McDonald at [mcdonaldrk@comcast.net](mailto:mcdonaldrk@comcast.net) and plan to join us for our first meeting on **September 7, 2017 at 7pm** in the Good Shepherd conference room.

The **Christmas Bazaar Committee** is in need of baskets for the basket raffle, and any NEW items, (raffle or silent auction items) such as IPADs, bicycles, vacation accommodations, etc. Won't you consider a donation of something **FABULOUS** to help raise funds for the parish through our much-anticipated **Christmas Bazaar**? These items can be dropped off at the Church Office or contact Kim McDonald at [mcdonaldrk@comcast.net](mailto:mcdonaldrk@comcast.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.



## The STA Chapter of The Legion of Mary

held its informational meeting last week, and the response for involvement was grand! The subsequent meetings will be held on Monday evenings, with the next meeting being **Monday, September 11th at 7:00PM** in the office of the Church Vestibule. Questions? Contact Bob Nowak at [LOMatSTA@gmail.com](mailto:LOMatSTA@gmail.com).