

Church of
Saint Teresa of Avila

Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 16, 2025

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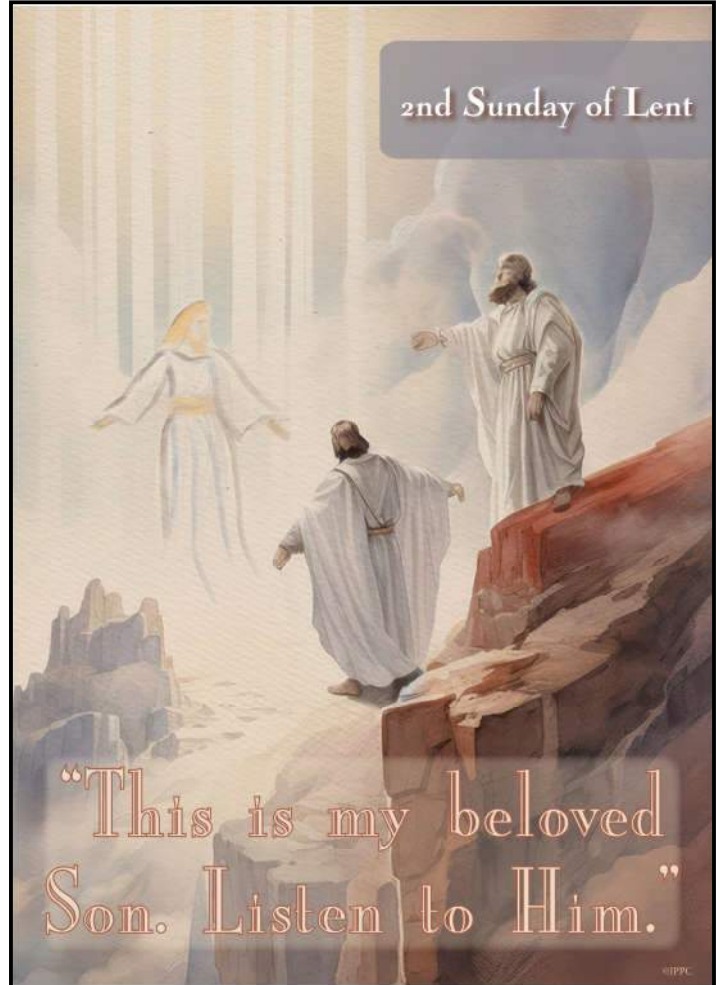
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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:15pm

Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am

Daily Mass: Monday @ 10:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday @ 7:00am

Holy Days and Holidays
as announced

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30
in the Reconciliation Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration:
Every Tuesday 10:00am to 3:00pm

Church open for Private Prayer:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
And Friday, 9:00am—3:00pm

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A Word from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent so that they radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

In the Transfiguration account in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah who appear with him. He is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the beloved Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration experience is a Christophany, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really IS. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory waiting for those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

The Transfiguration offers us a message of encouragement and hope. Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord, that through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses we may grow closer to him in his suffering and may share in the carrying of his cross so that we may finally share the glory of his Transfiguration.

Blessings,



Offering Totals:

March 9, 2025 \$4,282.00.

February Online Offering \$13,743.00

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have contributed to our annual Stewardship Appeal campaign for 2025. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

****Upcoming Collections for 3/23/2025****

Weekly Offering

Easter Flowers

Lenten Taize Ecumenical Prayer Service

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Lenten Taize Ecumenical Prayer Service on Tuesday evening, March 11.

It was a wonderful gathering in this season of Lent to pray and reflect on the riches in God's saving action for our salvation in Christ.

I am deeply grateful to Robert and Adriana Prester who suggested this event and were able to donate the services of the Parson Brown Singers who led the singing at this Taize prayer service.

Blessings,

Fr. Jerry Wild



**The Mass Intentions, and
Special Observances**

Saturday,	March 15th:
4:15 PM	Salvatore Basile, Sr.— Edith Basile Beerer
Sunday,	March 16th:
9:00 AM	Theresa Simonds— Evelyn Calhoun
11:00 AM	Confirmation Mass—
Monday,	March 17th:
10:00 AM	Jack Rava— Joe & Diana Rava
Tuesday,	March 18th:
7:00 AM	John & Bridgid McGill— Karen & Eamon McCluskey
Wednesday,	March 19th:
7:00 AM	Joseph & Catherine Simpson— Marie & Bill Baker
Friday,	March 21st:
7:00 AM	Theodore Giballa— Teta Family
Saturday,	March 22nd:
4:15 PM	Dr. Thomas Hallinan— Tom & Anna Marie Canniere
Sunday,	March 23rd:
9:00 AM	John Abramczyk— Mark Sepnefski & Family
11:00 AM	Mary Hanlon— Mark Hanlon

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

Monday, March 17th:	
Women's Bible Study (GSR)	After 10 AM Mass
Wednesday, March 19th:	
Men's Bible Study (YM)	7:00 to 8:30 PM
Thursday, March 20th:	
Prayer Shawl (Faculty Rm.)	3:00 to 4:30 PM
Friday, March 21st:	
Stations of the Cross (Church)	7:00 PM

**St. Teresa of Avila Parish
at Shannondell**

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
Sunday, March 23, 2025
10:30am Bradford Bldg.

Monthly Mass: Tuesday, April 8, 2025
10:00am - Ashcroft Bldg.

Monthly Communion Service, the Meadows
Monday, April 7, 2025
1st Floor at 1:45pm

Rosary: Wednesdays, 3:00pm
Ashcroft Bldg.



Palm Weaving

All are invited to join us as we begin to weave beautiful palms for Palm Sunday.

Experienced weavers or first-timers are welcome, we would love to show you how it's done!

We will meet on Wednesday, April 2nd from 9am to 12pm and Sunday, April 6th from 12pm to 3pm in the Parish Center.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 26 to the Parish Office at 610-666-5820 or starectory@verizon.net so we can plan for everyone.

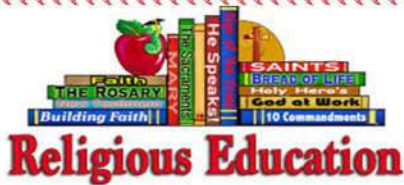
We look forward to seeing you there!



In Celebration of EASTER our Parish Families are invited to *HOP* on over to St. Teresa's Church for our fun filled Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday April 13th after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses.



Bags will be provided to be filled with as many easter eggs your little ones can find.



Religious Education

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

March

- 16 Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:00am Mass
- 17 Weekly Lesson
- 24 Weekly Lesson
- 29 Saturday ~ Retreat in the Church for 3rd Level Students, 9am to 10:30am
- 31 Weekly Lesson ~ **Confessions in the Church 3rd through 6th**

April

- 7 Weekly Lesson
- 13 Sunday 11:00am Family Mass All Grades/ **Palm Sunday**
- 14 Weekly Lesson - Practice for 3rd Level First Holy Communion 6:45pm in the Church
- 21 **No Class Easter Monday**
- 27 Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 11:00am Mass

Praying With Our Parish
Please pray for all our recently deceased.

Mary Bossone, Anita Tassone and Doris Shaughnessy
(mother of Maureen Strubinger).

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:

Father Joseph McLaughlin, Savannah Rose Jensen, Tina Moyer Justin DiFilippo, Michelle Short, Mike McKenna, Robyn DiDonato, Lisa DiDonato, Maria Rojo, David Cute, Jason Molinet, Joan Moore, Bill Lynch, Allan Anderson, Mike Poserina, Susan Dhanjal, Doug Woodward, Ruby Mariano, Gerri Lorenzi, Bill Crowley, Rachael McFillin, Michael Hamilton, Wendy Becker, Emma Schlegel, Esther Brassington, *and for all the sick of our parish.*

(Please take note: Names submitted for prayers will remain in the bulletin for 1 month.)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: St Teresa of Avila Parish Center

WHEN: Monday thru Thursday, July 14-17
TIME: 9:00am to 12pm, includes snack time
FEE: \$100.00 (includes four days)

Please contact the Parish Office at 610-666-5820 or email staprep@verizon.net for more information.

Calling all 6 to 10 year old children to our four day summer school Bible study. Using Scripture, we will Walk with Jesus and journey from his humble beginnings in Bethlehem to his adult ministry proclaiming the Kingdom of God. Join us as we incorporate quick crafts, music and lots of movement to ensure the kids have lots of fun!!

WALKING WITH JESUS



Ministry Schedule

Lectors:

Saturday, March 22
4:15pm - D. Hengemihle
P. Petrowicz

Sunday, March 23
9:00am - J. John
S. John

11:00am - P. Quinn
R. Jennings

Extraordinary Ministers:

Saturday, March 22
4:15pm - M. Baker
S. E. Lenahan
K. Schubach

Sunday, March 23
9:00am - D. Lally
L. Humphrey
K. Zadroga
11:00am - C. Hasse
R. Hasse
N. McGrath

Altar Servers:

Saturday, March 22
4:15pm - K. Landry
L. Nevulis

Sunday, March 23
9:00am - E. John
Need
11:00am - J. Chapman
L. Chapman

Ushers:

Saturday, March 22
4:15pm - P. Leberman
W. Elliott
B. Hengemihle
K. Burns

Sunday, March 23
9:00am - D. Humphrey
L. Nespoli
Need
Need
11:00am - F. Marks
W. Miller
C. Chapman
Need

Parish Events



March

- 21 Stations of the Cross ~ Church 7pm**
- 23 Saint Monica Ministry Meeting 12pm
Parish Center**
- 25 Saint Monica Ministry Holy Hour
of Petition & Hope**
- 29 Recitation of the Holy Rosary
after the 9am and 11am Mass**
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Lenten/Easter Schedule Highlights

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 3:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays during Lent, at 7:00 PM.

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)
Saturday, Vigil Mass April 12 at 4:15 PM
Sunday, April 13 at 9:00 & 11:00
Blessed Palms will be distributed at all Masses.

HOLY THURSDAY
April 17
(No morning Mass)
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
April 18
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY
April 19
(No Confessions on Holy Saturday)
Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00 AM
Easter Vigil Liturgy at 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
April 20
Regularly Scheduled Sunday Masses at
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Archbishop Perez: Trust and Hope

Archbishop Nelson Perez has invited us to take part in planning the future of the Church in Philadelphia. This initiative is called Trust and Hope.

How can we participate?

First go to <https://trustandhope.org> and watch the video; and then read the Archbishop's letter. Next sign up for one of the Archdiocesan Consultation Sessions and learn even more. Dates and locations can be found on the website.

On Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 6:30pm
in the STA Parish Center there will be an opportunity for parishioners to come together to discuss the Pastoral Letter and the vision of Archbishop Perez.

The next important step is to **Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI)**. The DMI is an interactive way of assessing the spiritual health of parish life. It is an anonymous survey that provides insights into how well we are forming missionary disciples in our parish. The DMI asks you about your experiences here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

Visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/xta766> to take the survey or contact the Parish Office for a paper copy.



An Invitation from Archbishop Pérez



In February
St. Teresa of Avila Church
welcomed the following
new parishioners:
Carmen, Danielle & Sonny Scalzo,
Henry Veitz,
Thomas, Karla & Charlotte Swan



IHM Companions in Prayer and Ministry

Please join Sister Maryann Weidner, IHM for the IHM Companions in Prayer and Ministry meeting on Wednesday, March 26 from 3-4pm in the Parish Center.

This meeting focuses on the monthly IHM virtue, faith sharing and special prayer intentions.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

MAUREEN MULLIN MAHONEY

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