

Church of
Church of Saint Teresa of Avila

Easter Sunday ~ April 5, 2026

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Pastor

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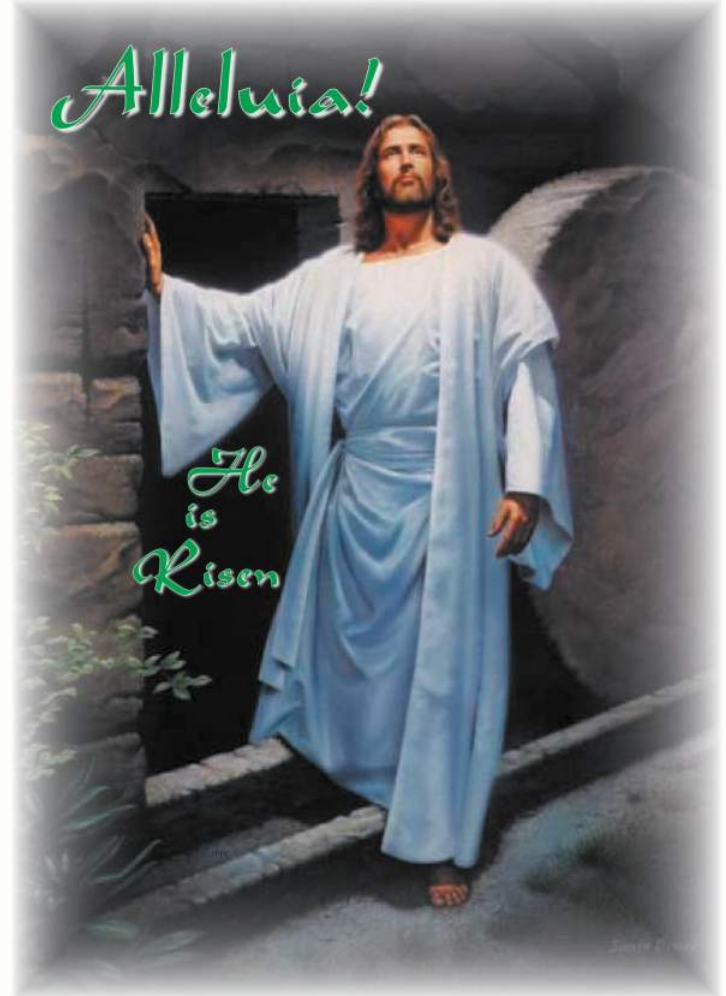
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Mass Schedule

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 3:00pm-3:30pm
in the Reconciliation Chapel

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

Church open for Private Prayer:
Monday Through Friday
9:00am-3:00pm

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A Word from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus came into our world, lived, died and rose again before we human beings even considered responding to God, simply to demonstrate that love for us, to manifest the truth that God is love.

The Divine Lover is still knocking, waiting at the doorway of our souls to bring to fruition a life without bounds; this destiny is offered to us now in this world. And it continues beyond this realm of time and space. This is the true miracle proclaimed by the resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus is far more profound than a dead body being resuscitated to its former life. The resurrection of Jesus is about a whole new way of being alive. It involves life that is no longer definitively bound by the reality of death. The mission of every parishioner is to go forward to carry this good news to all who are within our wonderful parish of St. Teresa's and beyond. Jesus is alive and we will see him again. Our loved ones are alive, and we will see them again. Because of *His Resurrection*, we, too, can live forever.

Thank you for your commitment to contributing to the quality of life of our community of faith at St. Teresa by giving of your time, talent and financial treasure. Know that I am deeply grateful to be sharing this journey of life in the Risen Christ! This Easter and throughout the year, may you and your loved ones – know peace and live it – understand love and give it—have happiness in God and share it.

In Christ's love ,



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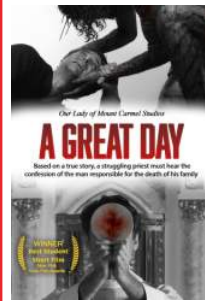
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****Upcoming Collections****

****April 12, 2026****

Weekly Offering



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY EVENT

“A GREAT DAY”

Short Catholic Film

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th, at 12:30 PM in the St. Teresa Room, our parish will present “A Great Day” a short film about a struggling Priest who

must hear the confession of a dying man who was responsible for the death of his family. This powerful short film captures the heart of our Catholic Faith, revealing the profound beauty of true forgiveness, healing, and spiritual renewal through God's healing grace.

“God is a God who forgives because He loves His creatures. But forgiveness can only penetrate and become effective in one who is himself/herself forgiving.”

—Pope Benedict XVI



I would like to extend my sincere thank you to all those who participated in Palm Weaving and helped decorate our church for Palm Sunday. Your time and care added beauty and meaning to our celebration.

I would also like to thank the members of our Outreach Ministry for bringing Easter joy to our homebound parishioners through thoughtful visits and treats.

May God bless you for your service to our parish!

—Fr. Jerry Wild



Please note that the parish office will be closed on Monday, April 6. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 9:00 AM.

The Mass Intentions, and Special Observances

Saturday, April 4th:
 (no confessions)
 11:00 AM Blessing of the Easter Food
 7:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday April 5th:
 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses
 Easter Sunday
 The Resurrection of the Lord

Monday, April 6th:
 10:00 AM Charles Centola, Sr. —
 Mahoney Family

Tuesday, April 7th:
 7:00 AM Pat Joe Mannion —
 Eamon & Karen McClusky

Wednesday, April 8th:
 7:00 AM Virginia Bofinger —
 Kershner Family

Friday, April 10th:
 7:00 AM Tina Moyer—
 Stanley Family

Saturday, April 11th:
 4:15PM Rachael Basile Smrek—
 Edith Basile Beerer

Sunday April 12th:
 9:00 AM Nicholas & Barbara Verratti—
 Ken & Marianne Zollers
 11:00 AM Gene Caucci—
 Gerry Caucci



The Rose for Life is requested by
 Anne & Tom Whalon
 In Memory of Adelaide Santoleri

Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

Monday, April 6th:
 Women's Bible Study (GSR) after 10 AM Mass

Wednesday, April 8th:
 Men's Bible Study (YM) 7:00-8:30 PM

Thursday, April 9th:
 Prayer Shawl 2-3:30 PM

**St. Teresa of Avila Parish
 at Shannondell**
Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
 Sunday, April 12, 2026
 10:30am Ashcroft Bldg.
Monthly Mass:
 Tuesday, April 14th, 2026
 10:00am - Ashcroft Bldg.
Weekly Communion Service:
 Meadows - Monday, April 13th, 2026
 1st Floor at 1:45pm
 Inn (rehab) - Wednesday, April 15th, 2026
 1st Floor at 1:30pm
 Meadows - Monday, April 27th, 2026
 1st Floor at 1:45pm
Rosary: Wednesdays, 3:00pm
 Ashcroft Bldg.

Praying With Our Parish
Please pray for all our recently deceased.
 Ken Orner, Brian McKenna (son of parishioner Jeanette McKenna), Joey Lynch (brother of parishioner Kelly Dilullo)
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:
 Stan Phillips, Vince Hauser, Judy Hinman, Robert O'Brien, Elaine Nowak, Nicole Melfi, Pat DeNicolo, Kyle Dolga, Alice Ellis, Pat Petrowicz, Peter Sheward, Rudy Capone, Theresa Fodor, Aaron Bloom, Theresa Cute, Beth King, Savannah Rose Jensen, Justin DiFilippo, 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, 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.)



Thank you to all who contributed to our 2026 Easter Flower Collection. The flowers in our Church during the Easter Season are offered in memory/honor of your loved ones.



LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS.



Enjoy coffee, refreshments and fellowship as we celebrate the Easter Season together at our Parish Coffee Social on Sunday, April 12 after both Masses in the Parish Center.



****SPECIAL BOOK GIVEAWAY****
Free books! Young adult, fiction, history, Children's and puzzles. Help yourself! All are welcome.



Don't Just Celebrate Easter. Step Into It.

At the heart of Christianity is not just an idea or a rule of life, but an encounter with the Risen Christ and the new life of grace He offers. Easter invites us to step into that life more deliberately. Here are four simple ways to begin:

Encounter the Risen Christ. Mary Magdalene stood before Jesus and didn't recognize Him until He spoke her name (John 20:16), and her grief became joy. That encounter is possible for us. Come to Mass with intention. Don't just attend—arrive expecting to meet Him. Listen closely, pray honestly, and remember that in the Eucharist, Christ is truly present.

Practical step: Before Mass, pray, "Jesus, help me recognize You today."

Take an "Emmaus walk." Two disciples left Jerusalem discouraged, and Jesus met them on the road. He helped them to see God's faithfulness in their lives. He can do the same for you. Take time this Easter season for a quiet walk with Him. Speak openly about what's on your heart, and listen for His voice. *Practical step: Ask, "Lord, where have You been at work in my life that I haven't seen?"*

Choose mercy. Jesus gave His Apostles the power to forgive sins (John 20:21–23), ensuring His mercy would always be available. We're called to receive it—and extend it. Forgive, hold back harsh words, and choose patience. *Practical step: Identify one situation where you can offer a concrete act of mercy this week.*

Be open to mission. The Resurrection sends us out. God still calls ordinary people for His work. Your mission may be simple: show patience, reach out, or step up where needed. *Practical step: Ask, "Where am I being nudged to act?"* Then take one small step. Easter isn't just celebrated—it's lived, one step at a time.

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Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School Golf Outing

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Golf Outing

Monday, April 20, 2026

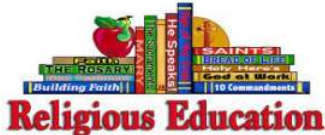
Radnor Valley Country Club
Radnor, PA



Parish Events



- April 12 Parrish Coffee Social after the 9 and 11am Masses**
- 12 Divine Mercy Sunday Movie "A Great Day" 12:30pm in the Parsh Center**
- 26 First Holy Communion—11am Mass**



April

- 6 No Class—Easter Monday
- 13 Class
- 18 Retreat for First Communicants 9am church
- 20 Class—Practice for First Communion in the Church 6:40pm
- 26 First Holy Communion—11am Mass
- 27 Class

The Trust and Hope Initiative



We are embarking on a concerted process to renew the Church of Philadelphia over the next 20 years, not by managing decline, but by investing in growth. We're moving from maintenance mode to missionary mode.

Catholic. Every Day.

Our Faith doesn't end on Sundays. It is an integral part of who we are, every *day*, and every *where*.

Three Ways to Engage

1. **Pray** with us for a bold renewal of faith, hope, and trust in our Church.

2. **Serve** Missionary hubs need missionary hearts. If God is stirring something in you, let's talk about how you can be part of Philadelphia's renewal.

3. **Stay Connected** Follow our journey. See what happens when a Church decides to trust God and hope boldly. Who knows? You might find inspiration for your own corner of the Kingdom.

Stay Connected

Follow Us On Our Journey of Renewal



STUDENT CORNER



MTC Class of 2026 Spiritual Retreat

Our 8th Grade Retreat at the Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia in Philadelphia was a meaningful day of prayer and reflection, giving students the opportunity to deepen their faith, strengthen their bond as a class, and seek spiritual guidance as they prepare for the transition to high school and the journey ahead. Rooted in faith and fellowship, this special experience offered time for quiet reflection, shared prayer, and lasting memories. It was a beautiful way to begin closing this chapter of their grade school journey.

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