

Church of  
*Church of Saint Teresa of Avila*

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2026

**Reverend J. Jerome Wild, Pastor**

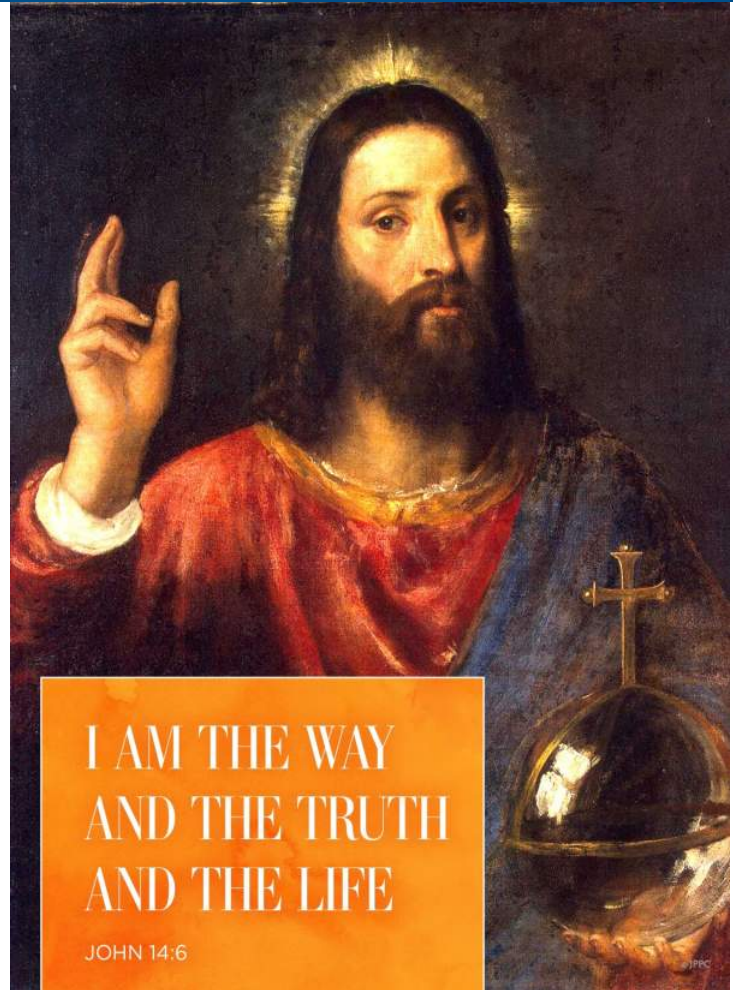
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JOHN 14:6

**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,

Easter season continues, we move beyond celebrating the Resurrection as a past event, rather, live it in our daily lives. On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, Jesus gives a command: “*Love one another. As I have loved you, as you should love one another.*”

At the heart of Christian life, Jesus calls us to love not only when it is easy, but in a way that reflects His self-giving and faithful love. Love that requires patience, sacrifice, and a willingness to put others before ourselves.

We are not left to do this alone. The Risen Lord is with us, strengthening us through His grace. Every act of kindness, every moment of forgiveness, and every quiet sacrifice becomes a sign of His presence alive in us.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we see the early Church growing despite hardships and challenges. The disciples encouraged one another and remained faithful, trusting that God was guiding them. Their example reminds us that even in difficult times, we are called to persevere in faith and love.

This week, consider where God may be inviting you to love more deeply—perhaps within your family, toward someone in need, or by offering forgiveness. Often, it is in the small, everyday acts of love that God’s grace is most clearly revealed.

As Easter people, we are called to be witnesses of Christ’s love in the world. May we live that call with sincerity and joy.

In Christ’s love,



**Offering Totals:**  
**April 26, 2026 \$ 5,130.00**

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**\*\*May 10, 2026\*\***  
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***Ascension Thursday***  
***May 14, 2026***

***Mass Schedule***

***Vigil Mass***

***Wednesday, May 13***  
***5:00 PM***

***Thursday, May 14***  
***7:00 AM & 12:05 PM***



***Ascension***  
***of the***  
***Lord***

### The Mass Intentions, and Special Observances

**Saturday, May 2nd:**  
 4:15PM Jeannette Damask—  
 Bill & Family

**Sunday, May 3rd:**  
 9:00 AM Joan Hilinski—  
 Jacqueline Conrad

11:00 AM Mary & Dominick Nocetti—  
 Pat DeNicolo

**Monday, May 4th:**  
 10:00 AM In Honor of St. Anne—  
 Theresa DeLawrence

**Tuesday, May 5th:**  
 7:00 AM Intentions of the Troisi Family—  
 The Troisi Family

**Wednesday, May 6th:**  
 7:00 AM Rita & Joe Malask —  
 Pat DeNicolo

**Friday, May 8th:**  
 7:00 AM Rachael Rava McFillin—  
 The Sbei Family

**Saturday, May 9th:**  
 4:15PM Jeanne Harper—  
 Fr. Wild & Outreach Ministry

**Sunday, May 10th:**  
 9:00 AM Josephine Zofcin—  
 Sepnefski Family

11:00 AM Rachael Rava McFillin—  
 Joe & Diana Rava



The Rose for Life is requested by  
**Mom & Dad Rava**  
 In Memory of  
**Rachel Rava McFillin**



*The flowers on the altar  
 this weekend are lovingly dedicated  
 by Len & Mary Nespoli in celebration  
 of their 50th wedding anniversary*

### Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

**Monday, May 4th:**  
 Women's Bible Study (GSR) after 10 AM Mass

**Wednesday, May 6th:**  
 Men's Bible Study (YM) 7:00-8:30 PM

**Thursday, May 7th:** Prayer Shawl 2-3:30 PM

### St. Teresa of Avila Parish at Shannondell

#### Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Sunday, May 3, 2026  
 10:30am Bradford Bldg.

#### Monthly Mass:

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026  
 10:00am - Ashcroft Bldg.

#### Weekly Communion Service:

Inn - Wednesday, May 6, 2026

1st Floor at 1:30pm

Meadows—Monday, May 11, 2026

1st Floor at 1:45pm

Inn— Wednesday May 20, 2026

1st Floor at 1:30pm

Meadows - Monday, May 25, 2026

1st Floor at 1:45pm

Rosary: Wednesdays, 3:00pm

Ashcroft Building

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

Bruno Petrillo, Mark Scott Jr. (son-in-law of Kathy DeStefano) and Patricia Davis

**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:

Mason Mc Donald, Debbie Davis, 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.)



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**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**  
**7:00 - 9:30 PM**  
St. Elizabeth Catholic Church  
110 St. Elizabeth Dr, Chester Springs, PA



## Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary

On the weekend of May 9 & 10 we will be joined by Sister Christiana Ajagu of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary work in nine countries in Africa, Brazil, and South America. Sister Christiana will speak to us about their work in all forms of education, medical work, pastoral work, local development and assisting trafficked women and the homeless. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary rely heavily on the Mission collection to fund their mission work and respond to the numerous challenges they confront. Your support of this 2026 Mission Appeal is very much appreciated.

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## Congratulations to our children who received their First Holy Communion!



May the continual nourishment of Jesus, the Risen Lord in the sacrament of His body and blood strengthen these children and all of us to witness to Christ and contribute our very lives to the mission of the Church in spreading the Kingdom of God on earth.

Thank you to Monica Sortino, our Catechist, our Catechist Aide, Mimi McClure, and Renee Hasse, our Faith Formation Coordinator, for their loving support of our parish children.

Blessings,  
Fr. Wild

Juna  
Wyatt  
Theodore  
Veronika  
Khema

Olivia  
Grayson  
Josie  
Sylvia



## Important Message Holy Communion to the Homebound

It has been brought to my attention that lay people from the pews are approaching the Communion line carrying a pyx and expecting the Extraordinary Minister to fill it with a consecrated host.

This is not proper liturgical protocol, and it goes against the care of the Eucharist that is required by priests and Extraordinary Ministers.

It is certainly our desire to bring the Holy Eucharist to the homebound who are unable to attend Mass and are able to receive Holy Communion. We have Extraordinary Ministers who have been trained, delegated by the pastor, and approved by the Archdiocese to be Extraordinary Ministers who will bring the Holy Eucharist to the homebound and the sick.

***Please do not approach the communion line with a pyx and ask the Minister to place a sacred host in it.***

Please call the Parish Office to discuss your situation so we can address it in a way that respects the liturgical protocols for care of the consecrated host, the Body of Christ. Thanks!



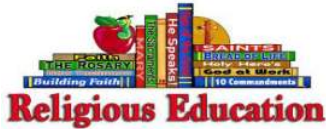
Please join us in  
*Honoring*  
*the Blessed Mother,*  
*at our*  
*May Procession*  
*Monday, May 11th at 6:45 P.M.*

**Parish Events**



**May**

- 2/3 **Registration Weekend—**  
**This weekend after all masses**
- 11 **May Procession - 6:45pm**
- 17 **Saint Monica Ministry Meeting**  
**Noon - Parish Center**
- 26 **Saint Monica Holy Hour of Petition**  
**and Hope 2pm-3pm**



**May**

- 4 **Class—May Procession Practice**
- 11 **May Procession/Close of PREP—**  
**gathering for all PREP volunteers**

*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



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**MTC READING OLYMPICS**

On April 23rd, our Reading Olympics teams proudly represented Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School at the Montgomery County competition held at St. Albert's. Our students demonstrated outstanding teamwork, dedication, and a true love of reading throughout the evening. We are especially proud to share that our Reading Racers team earned the blue ribbon, and our Elementary Team took home a Red Ribbon! We want to congratulate all of our participants for their hard work and for representing our school community so well.

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