

Church of  
*Church of Saint Teresa of Avila*

Holy Trinity Sunday ~ May 31, 2026

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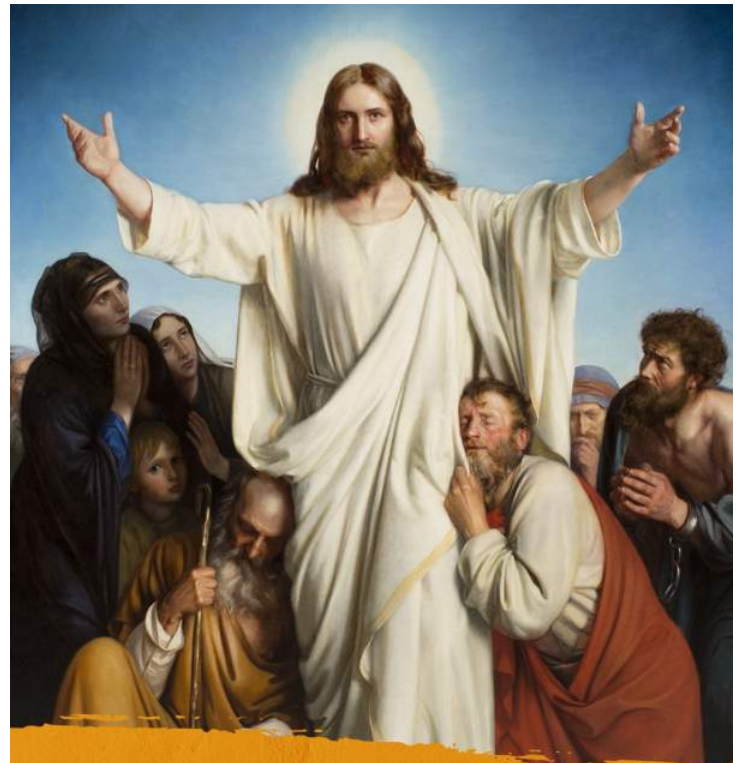
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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have **eternal life**.

JOHN 3:16

**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,

On this Holy Trinity Sunday, the Church invites us to reflect on one of the deepest mysteries of our faith: that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three Persons, yet one God.

Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we proclaim this mystery. Every baptism is celebrated in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity reveals that God's very nature is love. The Father eternally loves the Son; the Son receives and returns that love; and the Holy Spirit is the bond of that divine love poured out upon the world.

In a world often marked by division, loneliness, and self-interest, the Trinity calls us toward unity, reconciliation, and self-giving love. Families, parishes, friendships, and communities flourish when they reflect the mutual care and generosity found in the life of God Himself.

Jesus says the Spirit will guide all into truth and continues to guide the Church today. When life feels uncertain, confusing, or burdensome, we are never abandoned. The Spirit strengthens us, Christ walks beside us, and the Father lovingly holds us in His care.

Faith is not only about mastering doctrines; it is about entering into a living relationship with the God who has revealed Himself to us as Father, Son and Spirit. Mystery does not weaken faith — it deepens it.

As we celebrate this feast, may we strive to reflect the life of the Trinity; by loving generously, forgiving readily, serving humbly, and remaining united in Christ.

In Christ's love ,



**Offering Totals:**  
**May 24, 2026 \$4,025.00**

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***Celebrate the start of Summer  
with friends and fellow  
parishioners at our  
Parish Coffee Social on Sunday,  
June 14 after both Masses  
in the Parish Center.***

***Enjoy some light summer treats  
as we gather to celebrate  
Father Wild's 45th  
Anniversary of Ordination  
to the Priesthood.***

***All are welcome,  
we hope to see you there!***

## The Mass Intentions, and Special Observances

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>May 30th:</b>
4:15PM	Margaret Pellissier — Virginia Richter
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>May 31st:</b>
9:00 AM	Robert Heitzenrater— Cecilia Heitzenrater
11:00 AM	John Garate — Father Wild and STA Outreach Ministry
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>June 1st:</b>
10:00 AM	Sigbjorn Eilertsen— Barbara DeGeorge
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>June 2nd:</b>
7:00 AM	Rocco Pedota— Irene Savage
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>June 3rd:</b>
7:00 AM	Valerie & Eddie Keebler — The Troisi Family
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>June 5th:</b>
7:00 AM	Dolores Howat— Bill Howat
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>June 6th:</b>
4:15PM	Joan Donohue — Theresa DeLawrence
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>June 7th:</b>
9:00 AM	Ursula Csercsevits— Gina Russo
11:00 AM	Maureen Miller — The Miller Family



The Rose for Life is requested by  
The Troisi Family  
In Memory of  
William & Elaine Hildebrand

### Looking Ahead at St. Teresa

**Monday, June 1st:**  
Women's Bible Study (GSR) after 10AM Mass

**Wednesday, June 3rd:**  
Men's Bible Study (YM) 7:00-8:30 PM

**Thursday, May 28th:** Prayer Shawl 2-3:30PM



*The Most Holy Trinity*

## St. Teresa of Avila Parish at Shannondell

### Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Sunday, May 31, 2026

10:30am Bradford Bldg.

### Monthly Mass:

Tuesday, June 9th, 2026

10:00am - Ashcroft Bldg.

### Weekly Communion Service:

Inn- Wednesday June 3, 2026

1st Floor at 1:30pm

Meadows—Monday, June 8, 2026

1st Floor at 1:45pm

Inn- Wednesday June 17, 2026

1st Floor at 1:30pm

Meadows - Monday, June 22, 2026

1st Floor at 1:45pm

Rosary: Wednesdays, 3:00pm

Ashcroft Building

### Praying With Our Parish

Please pray for all our recently deceased.

Myrna Knaide, Grant Burgess

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:

Stephen Burrell, Mason McDonald, 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 help us keep our list current. Contact the office to add or remove names from the list.  
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LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS.



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## STUDENT CORNER



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026! 🎓

May God continue to guide and bless each graduate as they begin the next chapter of their academic journey. We pray that they move forward with faith, courage, wisdom, and compassion, carrying with them the values and lessons they have learned throughout their years here. As a parish and school community, we are proud of their accomplishments and wish them continued success, happiness, and many blessings in the years ahead. Farewell, and may God's light always lead your way.

## Who is my neighbor?

This question matters. In the Two Greatest Commandments, Jesus calls us to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. But that raises a real, practical question: who is our neighbor? Our Lady offers a clear answer. Through her example, we begin to see that our neighbors include:

**Family:** Mary's first thought after the Annunciation was for her cousin Elizabeth. Despite the immense honor Mary had just received, she went in haste to serve Elizabeth. That sets the pattern. The first neighbors we're called to love are the ones closest to us: those in our own home and family.

**Friends:** Tradition holds that Mary and Jesus were close to the couple at the wedding in Cana. When the wine ran out, Mary didn't draw attention to herself. She noticed the need and acted, gently guiding things toward a solution. Loving our friends often looks the same—paying attention, stepping in quietly, and serving without needing recognition

**Those who suffer:** At the Cross, Jesus entrusted His mother to St. John. In that moment of deep loss, Mary and John were given to each other, able to share a bond shaped by suffering. When someone in your life is hurting, that person is your neighbor. Who is carrying something heavy right now? How can you stand with them?

**Each person we meet:** As Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Church, Mary cares for all of us, especially through her prayers. To love God is to love those He loves—which means everyone. Sometimes the most meaningful act of love we can offer is also the simplest: to pray for them, asking that they come to know her Son more deeply.



## Surprised by Hope and Joy: Growing in the meaning of the Catholic Faith!

Earlier this month, STA parishioners made a pilgrimage to St. Elizabeth's Church to attend world-renowned speaker Chris Stefanick's REBOOT event. His message was inspiring, powerful, and truly filled with the Holy Spirit. The theme of the evening was: "You are His Joy!"

Do we live our lives believing that we are the Father's joy? Are we living in the fullness of His love? If not, then perhaps we need to come to know the Divine Person of Jesus more deeply and allow our relationship with Him to bring truth in to the light.

Please join us on **Monday, June 15 at 6:30pm** in the Parish Center to hear testimony from your fellow parishioners who will share how the evening impacted their faith journey.

Come and listen. Come and share. Come and discover how God may be calling you to something greater.

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" — Matthew 14:27



## Parish Events



### May

- 30 Recitation of the Holy Rosary 3:45pm
- 31 Recitation of the Holy Rosary after the 9am and 11am Mass

### June

- 14 Parish Coffee Social — Parish Center after the 9am and 11am Mass
- 15 Surprised by Hope and Joy: Growing in the meaning of the Catholic Faith! Parish Center at 6:30 PM



### *Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended for the Summer*

The last day for Adoration will be Tuesday, June 16,

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume after Labor Day.

Please prayerfully consider spending some time with Our Lord during these remaining weeks and again when Adoration resumes in the fall.

### **What qualities can I pursue to make me a better follower of Jesus?**

Actually, when you were *baptized*, made your *First Communion*, or were *Confirmed*; the Holy Spirit conferred gifts to help you grow in strength and holiness. Recognizing these gifts and nurturing them will certainly make you a better Christian.

**Wisdom:** This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and His plan for us.

**Understanding:** Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart and the mind.

**Counsel:** Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh alternatives to make the right choice.

**Fortitude:** The ability to remain firm against pressure. (Also called courage.)

**Knowledge:** A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

**Piety:** Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve Him.

**Fear of the Lord:** The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect Him and all his creations.

*The more you use these gifts, the more you will grow in faith and holiness. Then you will certainly become a better Christian.*

## *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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