



*"He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted...  
To announce a year of favor from the Lord." — Isaiah 61:1-2*

**August 20, 2017 — 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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*Rectory Office Hours*

Monday through Friday 8 AM - 12 PM & 1 PM - 4 PM  
 Saturday 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM; Sunday 8 AM - 2 PM

*Sunday Mass Schedule*

Saturday Anticipated Masses: 4:15 PM, 6 PM  
 Sunday Masses: 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM

*Holy Day Mass Schedule*

Please see the bulletin or call Ext. 561.

*Sacrament of Baptism:* Expectant parents must register in advance for the baptismal preparation class. Please call Ext. 519 to register.

*Sacrament of Matrimony:* Couples must meet with a priest prior to setting a wedding date. A six-month preparation period and pre-marriage course is required.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* Every Saturday at 11 AM, and again following the 4:15 PM Saturday evening Mass.

*Eucharistic Adoration:* Thursday before First Friday of the month. Exposition after 7 AM Mass. Benediction at 7 PM.

*RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:* Persons interested in becoming a Roman Catholic Christian should contact the RCIA Coordinator at Ext. 548.

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**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!**

*Our mission as the parish community of St. Teresa of Avila is to become the body of Christ on earth. Following the example of Saint Teresa, our patroness, we strive to be the eyes, hands, and feet of Christ for others, through our call to service. Nourished by the Eucharist, we continually seek to grow and become the true body of Christ in and through each other.*

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday Vigil-August 19, 2017**

4:15 PM-Mary White-Peggy White

6:00 PM-Dec'd mem of Trueman Family-Chris Vogel

**Sunday-August 20, 2017**

8:00 AM-The People of St. Teresa Parish

10:00 AM-40th Wed Ann of David/Gina Gaertner-Children

12:00 PM-Margaret Musial-Family

**Monday-August 21, 2017**

7:00 AM-Norbert Grom-Nancy Grom

9:00 AM-Agnes Stropkay-Waruszewski Family

**Tuesday-August 22, 2017**

7:00 AM-Michael Woncheck [ann]-wife, Adrienne

**Wednesday-August 23, 2017**

7:00 AM-Sp Int of MaryLou O'Keefe

9:00 AM-Frank Prines-Jezerc Family

**Thursday-August 24, 2017**

7:00 AM-Linda Ochoa-Ginny/Chuck Nemetz

**Friday-August 25, 2017**

7:00 AM-John W. Kohler, Sr [br]-Shirley Kohler

9:00 AM-William R. Coyle-Coyle Family

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday Vigil-August 26, 2017**

4:15 PM-Mark Melcher [br]-Mom &amp; Dad

6:00 PM-NO MASS

**Sunday-August 27, 2017**

8:00 AM-Peter/Dorothy Klein-daughter, Rosanne Cully

10:00 AM-Kay/Willard/Clark Braun-K. Carol Kunz

12:00 PM-The People of St. Teresa Parish

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due the Festival, there *will not be* a **6:00 PM** Mass on **Saturday, August 26th.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Readings can be found online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME**

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

**Psalm** — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

**Gospel** — Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Pius X

Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima

Thursday: St. Bartholomew

Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**Marian Movement of Priests:** Tuesday, August 22, 9:00 am, Daily Mass Chapel.

**From the Pastor~**

After a diligent interview of several candidates, I am pleased to announce that the business manager search committee has recommended to me that parishioner Michael Stobba be hired as our new parish business manager. He replaces Joe Burkot who became the business manager at his home parish of Saint Ferdinand in Cranberry on July 1.

Mike will be responsible for day to day operations of the parish in areas of administration, finance, property management, and human resources. He brings a wealth of business experience to the table, and we are truly blessed to have him serve the parish in this capacity.

Mike and his wife Kathleen and son Jack are active in the parish, in fact, Mike has been the Scoutmaster of the parish sponsored Boy Scout Troup 368 for the past eight years.

Please extend a warm welcome to Mike Stobba in his new role. His office is located in the lower level of the rectory. He can be reached at Ext 509, or by email at [mstobba@avilaparish.org](mailto:mstobba@avilaparish.org).

Summertime Blessings!

Father Bob



**The Lord Provides** – Even when we strive to be close with God we can wonder if he’s really listening to us or if he really cares for us with an unquenchable love. This is especially true in moments

of trial or challenge. Yet, we know that when we focus our eyes and ears and hearts on the things of God we can see his love at work for us in all things. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us that “the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable,” that nothing can separate us from his love. Are you challenged by the changes that will soon take place in your parish and throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh? **Join Bishop David Zubik** in prayer and worship at one of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* Summer Sessions and be renewed in God’s love for his people. The changes may challenge us, but we trust in the work of the Holy Spirit to provide the gifts and resources for the Church to grow and thrive. The Summer Sessions will be held from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on the following days: Thursday, August 24 at Saint Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw; Monday, August 28 at Saint Thomas More, Bethel Park; Tuesday, August 29 at Saint Margaret Mary, Moon Township; Wednesday, August 30 at Saint Kilian, Adams/Cranberry Townships. Visit [onmission-churchalive.org](http://onmission-churchalive.org) to learn more it and to stay informed.

**Parish Stewardship - August 12/13, 2017**

Regular Offertory	\$ 22,136
Amount Needed	\$ 23,359
Shortfall	(\$ 1,223)

Online Giving total for the current period is \$3,299 which is included in the above totals. To sign up for Online Giving, go to our parish website [www.avilaparish.org](http://www.avilaparish.org) and click on the Online Giving logo.



**2017 Avila Campaign**

\$360,000	2017 Goal: Parish Share/Avila Campaign
(\$ 186,452)	YTD: Collected Payments/Pledges
(\$ 29,459)	YTD: Pledges Outstanding
\$ 173,548	2017 Goal Still Needed

[Note: August statements will go out the week of August 21st. Payments received after August 9th will not be on the statement, but will be included on the September statements.]

*Thank you for your continued generosity.  
May God bless you abundantly.*

**Come and See:**

High school men: come to encounter the Lord through a day of prayer, fun, and brotherhood on **Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary.** The day will include Mass, adoration, laser tag, games, dynamic talks, and witnesses by seminarians. No cost. To register, please email Theresa Sullivan at [tsullivan@diopitt.org](mailto:tsullivan@diopitt.org) by September 8.



The Diocese of Pittsburgh is once again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for couples who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2017. This year’s event will begin with Mass at St. Paul Cathedral on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Zubik will be the main celebrant and a light reception will follow in the Cathedral hall.

If you are a couple celebrating your 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary any time this year and would like to receive an invitation to this event, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection basket no later than Monday, August 21.

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## Religious Education News



### Dynamic Catholicism ALIVE in Christ

*"In one day the Eucharist will make you produce more for the glory of God than a whole lifetime without it."*

- Saint Peter Julian Eymard

RCIA is the journey by which interested non-Catholics can:

1. Make an initial exploration of the Catholic Faith in a prayerful, relaxed setting, together with our RCIA team
2. Discern whether God is calling them to serious study of the Catholic faith;
3. If called, delve deeper into learning the mysteries of the Faith;
4. And finally, during Lent, if called, prepare themselves spiritually for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass: Baptism (if needed), Eucharist, and Confirmation.



It is the privilege and duty of all Catholics to invite non-Catholics who may be interested in our faith to visit our Church and to consider the RCIA. Please contact Kate Giuffré at **412.367.9001 x548** for additional information.

### Marriage Tip

"Say "thank you," especially for the little things. It lets your spouse know you noticed and appreciated what they did, no matter how little the task" (<http://www.foryourmarriage.org/marriage-resources/tips-and-advice/daily-marriage-tip/>).



**We WELCOME** the following new members who recently registered in the parish:

Brian & Chelsea Bosiljevac  
John & Joy Colbert  
Daniel & Maureen McConnell and Mairead, Eibhlin,  
Padraig, & Flynn  
Kyle & Pamela McCormick  
Joseph & Anne Morgano  
Christopher Palko  
Corey Palko  
Thomas & Tammy Portman

They are not only our new parishioners, but also your neighbors, co-workers, associates and classmates. When you see them, please extend a warm St Teresa welcome.

**Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline:  
1-888-808-1235**

### Religious Education Registration

Registration for Religious Education 2017-18 has begun. If your family is in need of a Faith Formation Registration form, there are extra registration forms in the back of Church, Parish office and Parish website [www.avilaparish.org](http://www.avilaparish.org). Completed forms can be dropped off/mailed to the St. Teresa of Avila Religious Education office. If you have any questions, contact the Religious Education office at **412.367.9001 x548**.

### Religious Education Catechists

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve as a catechist for Religious Education. Religious Education sessions are on **Tuesdays 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.; Wednesdays 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. or Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.** Contact Kate Giuffré at **412.367.9001 x548** for additional information.

### Liturgy of the Word with Children

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW). Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated at the **10 a.m. Mass**. We are blessed to have a few teams of Catechists, but we need more faithful catechists to join us. Come and share the treasures of our faith! Please contact Kate Giuffré at **412.367.9001 x548** for additional information.

*God Bless Our Recently Baptized  
Children and Their Families*



#### Child

Lydia Claire Burkholder  
Liliana Cristy Fonzi  
Caterina Lilliana Innamorato  
Jackson Matthew Kostewicz  
Elle McCarthy  
Nikolas George Pavlic  
Jacob Richard Puorro  
Rowen Daniel Quigley  
Sebastian Joseph Schanbacher  
Lila Andrea Stanford

#### Parents

Brett/Andrea Kapko Burkholder  
Marko/Allison Synan Fonzi  
Michael/Holly Andy Innamorato  
Adam/Jessica Erdeljac Kostewicz  
Matthew/Holly Anderson McCarthy  
George/Beth Leonard Pavlic  
Joseph/Nicole Wilmus Puorro  
Kevin/Lauren Lorenzi Quigley  
Jack/Lindsay Kistorick Schanbacher  
Faron Stanford/Victoria Mahofski

**ATTENTION EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF HOLY COMMUNION:** The schedule is available to be picked up in the Sacristy.

**IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!**

After a year of planning,  
Festival Week is finally here!  
Be sure to join us this week.  
Come for the dinners,  
Come for the rides,  
Come for the fun and fellowship!

We know so many of you are volunteering this week --  
and for that, we say "Thank you!"

A reminder: Nightly dinners begin at 4:30.  
The Festival grounds open at 6:00.  
Who knows?! Maybe you'll be getting the lucky call  
at midnight Saturday as our \$12,000 raffle winner!  
Get your tickets in now!



Lord, we ask for pleasant weather  
for our festival week.  
Thank you for giving us the time  
and talents to make this a successful  
event each and every year.

Yours in gratitude,  
The St. Teresa of Avila Festival Committee

**Attention all women and men bakers of the parish.**



Now is the time you can you share  
your sweet treats and dessert specialties  
with your parish friends and neighbors.  
The parish bake sale at our festival begins every evening starting Monday, August 21 through Saturday, August 26. All baked goods can be brought to Henninger Auditorium any day and left at the baked good sale area after 3 PM. Any and all baked goods are appreciated and if you have any questions regarding time and what to bring, please call Sue Sanker at [412-367- 3296](tel:412-367-3296) Thanks for your treats and be sure to come and enjoy your Saint Teresa Parish Festival

 **Diocesan Choir Auditions** - Auditions for the 2017-2018 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office (412-456-3042) before August 21.



Thank you to all who have returned their big money raffle tickets so far. You can continue to return these in advance of the festival by dropping them off at the rectory. Thank you for helping to make this raffle such a success!!

**REQUEST FOR DONATIONS OF:**

Sugar, granulated                      Cake Mixes  
Paper Towels                                Dish Towels

**SPECIAL NOTICE!!!**

Our Festival Committee is in need of a person (or two) to Chair the Outdoor Food Booth this year. The duties of this position include coordinating volunteers and keeping track of inventory (food and supplies) to make sure the booth is properly supplied.

This job requires a commitment but it is fun and rewarding. You will receive all of the training and support necessary!

Interested in learning more about this special opportunity? Call Dave Eifler at [412-780-3208](tel:412-780-3208) (if no answer, please leave a message)



**BINGO HELP:** The festival committee has the need for an individual who can assist in the running of our festival bingo. The bingo is held Wednesday through during festival week. This individual will call out the numbers and award the cash prizes, and will be working with the help of others. Last year's bingo netted \$2000. If you can offer your help during festival week please call Ann Buss at [412-418-0400](tel:412-418-0400)



St. Teresa of Avila is again hosting the **Women of Grace**

**Foundational Study Program,**

"Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life."

Discover the gift of authentic femininity, holiness of life, and God's awesome purpose and mission for you in the world today. Women of Grace is perfect for ALL women, no matter where you are in your faith journey. Meetings will be held on Mondays at 9:45 am following the 9 am Mass on in the Daily Mass Chapel, beginning Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**An INFORMATION SESSION will be held on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> following the 9 am Mass.** We will provide an overview of the program and have samples of the program book/workbook for your review.

For more information please contact:

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