



*"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 27, 2017 — 21ST 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.

*Parish Staff*

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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.*

**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

**Monday-August 28, 2017**

7:00 AM-Sharon Lewis-Friends

9:00 AM-Clair Hummel [br]-Wife &amp; Family

**Tuesday-August 29, 2017**

7:00 AM-Genevieve Love-Ray Love

**Wednesday-August 30, 2017**

7:00 AM-James Crawford-Louise Sutton

9:00 AM-Bertha Heyl-Kim/Ed

**Thursday-August 31, 2017**

7:00 AM-Paul F. Groll-Art Groll

**Friday-September 1, 2017**

7:00 AM-Dora Jean Landolina-Aunt Angie

9:00 AM-Dec'd mem of Filipowski/Benna Families-Bob/  
Pat Benna**Saturday-September 2, 2017**

2:00 PM-Nuptials Kelsey Nurmi &amp; Anthony Cunningham

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday Vigil-September 2, 2017**

4:15 PM-The People of St. Teresa Parish

6:00 PM-Stephen Cherup-Rita Morasco

**Sunday-September 3, 2017**

8:00 AM-Josephine Habas-Kielniarz Family

10:00 AM-Ralph/Ann Baumgartner-Dianne Machesney

12:00 PM-Richard Hietsch [ann]-Wife

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;  
Mt 24:42-51Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;  
Mt 16:21-27Readings can be found online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)**BE A ROCK**

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalm** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Augustine

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Friday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation;  
First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**ONLY ONE**

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

—St. Augustine



**Special Labor Day Event –  
Patriotic Rosary**

Because of recent incidents across our country, the ChristLife Spirit Refill Team is sponsoring a **Patriotic Rosary on Labor Day, Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in the Church after the 9 am Mass.** This is a unique opportunity to pray the rosary for the Consecration of Our Nation, and includes a patriotic song and reading for each mystery, prayers for all levels of our government, and a Hail Mary prayed for each of the 50 states.

**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.

**HAPPY PEOPLE**

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

—Anonymous

**Parish Stewardship - August 19/20, 2017**

Regular Offertory	\$ 19,085
Amount Needed	\$ 23,359
Shortfall	(\$ 4,274)

Online Giving total for the current period is \$2,986 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  
 (\$188,667) YTD: Collected Payments/Pledges  
 (\$ 27,470) YTD: Pledges Outstanding  
 \$ 171,333 2017 Goal Still Needed

[Note: September statements will go out the week of September 18th. Payments received after September 6th will not be on the statement, but will be included on the October statements.]

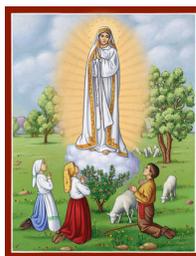
*Thank you for your continued generosity.  
May God bless you abundantly.*

Congratulations!

Sr. Irene Moeller, OSB  
60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee  
 Sr. Raphael Frank, OSB  
60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

Thank you for your dedication and years of faithful service to the Lord and to St. Teresa of Avila Church.

Vocation Committee  
St. Teresa of Avila Church



**The Messages of Fatima Series with  
Father Chris**

The fifth in our parish series celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima will be held on **Wednesday, September 13th at 7 pm in the Church.** We will pray, discuss, and learn what Our

Lady's incredible messages mean for our world today, a world in desperate need to hear those messages again. The evening includes recitation of the Rosary and a presentation by Fr. Chris on the message conveyed in Our Lady's apparition in September 1917. Please join us even if you missed previous sessions.

**Altar Server Schedule**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Saturday, September 2**

4:15 pm-A. Caprio, A. Caprio, M. Maxwell  
 6:00 pm-M. McHugh, F.A. Miller, M.G. Miller

**Sunday, September 3**

8:00 am-G. Mizuk, D. Muha, J. Riegner  
 10:00 am-E. Rossi, S. Schollaert, S. Schollaert  
 12:00 pm-E. Newcamp, S. Nichols, T. Richey

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

*We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of:*

**Joseph West, brother of Patricia Watt  
 Ruth Zawoysky, mother of Joseph Zawoysky, Jr.**

*May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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

*"He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted..."*

### **ABST ChristLife *Sharing Christ* Series**

ABST ChristLife will begin *Sharing Christ* on **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm** in the cafeteria of Holy Cross Academy on **St. Sebastian's campus**. This is one week earlier than originally scheduled. **There will not be a *Sharing Christ* session on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** so that participants can attend the *Messages of Fatima* series here at St.

Teresa. *Sharing Christ* will then resume on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and continue weekly until October 20<sup>th</sup>, with the concluding retreat on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.



### **Harvest Brunch – Save the Date**

The Oaxaca Mission Group's **Annual Harvest Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. Father Scott Seethaler will speak at all Masses on Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. All funds raised will go to The Anna Seethaler Hospital in Oaxaca, Mexico, our parish mission partner. More details will be in future bulletins.



**Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing Rachel's Vineyard**, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at Tabor House in Millvale. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women (and men) struggling with abortion's aftermath. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email: [toniafj1@comcast.net](mailto:toniafj1@comcast.net)



### **Religious Education News**

**Dynamic Catholicism ALIVE in Christ**  
*"Of Jesus, St. Augustine says, "Look upon the beauty of your Lover."*

**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 Giuffrè 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 Giuffrè at **412.367.9001 x548** for additional information.

### **Scripture & Prayer Session**

*All are welcome to participate in a Scripture and Prayer session that will reignite your love for God as you prayerfully reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Scripture.* Join us for an informational gathering to hear more about upcoming sessions with facilitator Frank Balestreri on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in Schoppol Hall. This enriching journey will continue on **Thursdays at 7 p.m.: October 5 through November 30** (No gathering on November 23) in Schoppol Hall. There is no cost to attend. Come as often as you can. For more information, please contact Frank Balestreri at **412.761.8266** or [frankb11755@gmail.com](mailto:frankb11755@gmail.com). It is appreciated to rsvp to Frank Balestreri if you can attend the Scripture and Prayer Session(s) for planning purposes.

### **Religious Education Registration**

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 Giuffrè at **412.367.9001 x548** for additional information.



*Moved by Grace...*

*...Accomplished by Faith*

#### PIPE ORGAN UPDATE

As many folks know, our wonderful pipe organ was saved from demolition from two former churches in McKeesport, carefully moved here to St. Teresa's, and lovingly rebuilt by the hands and hearts of our parishioners in 2011. What most folks don't know is that only two-thirds of the organ were installed in the church at that time. There are another 600 pipes, which are the remainder of the organ, that have been in storage for the past six years. At the time of the installation project, both funding and a short window of time were factored into why the organ couldn't be entirely completed. Here are some basic facts and figures to help bring everyone up to speed:

**How much did the organ project cost?** The total cost was \$86,000, only one-third of the cost, thanks to so many of our generous parishioners who did the majority of the work to restore the organ.

**How much is the organ currently worth?** The organ was last appraised at around \$260,000 and will continue to appreciate in value over the coming years due to its historic significance.

**How old is the organ?** The organ was originally built in 1920 by the Moller Pipe Organ Company from Hagerstown, Maryland. The organ is presently 97 years old with over 1200 pipes. The organ, when eventually completed, will have over 1800 pipes and be worth over \$400,000. We plan to list it on the national historic register when finished.

#### JUBILEE YEAR OF THANKSGIVING

As part of the 150th Anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, we wanted to do something special in time for our grand Jubilee celebration with Bishop Zubik, which will be held on our patronal feast day this coming October 15. Within the next six weeks, an Oboe rank of pipes will be added to the front of the swell chamber (next to the choir area), which will finally complete that particular chamber. You will soon notice work being done on the front of the chamber as pipes begin to appear behind the wooden louvers. Your generous support of our music ministry fundraisers makes this wonderful addition possible.

#### MOVED BY GRACE... ACCOMPLISHED BY FAITH

**Our pipe organ will turn 100 years old in 2020.** As part of the organ centennial celebration, we would like to install the remainder of the organ and finally bring it to full completion in small phases over the next three years. Here's how you can help:

1. *Buy a Cash Bash ticket every year even if you don't plan to attend. You will still be entered in all of the cash drawings with seventeen chances to win over \$6,000. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of September 9 & 10.*
2. *Patronize the Food Truck Festival every Spring even if you don't want to stay and eat over in Henninger Auditorium. You can get all of the food to go.*
3. *Attend every concert in our Avila Concert Series. Over the years, we've worked hard to build a wonderful program featuring musicians, choirs, and performers of all kinds from the entire Pittsburgh region. Concerts are under an hour long, free-will offering, open to the public, and topnotch quality!*

In short, it is your financial support of St. Teresa of Avila Music Ministry that will enable us to completely finish our pipe organ. For more information, or to see how you can help, please contact Ted Rybka at [trybka@avilaparish.org](mailto:trybka@avilaparish.org) or 412-367-9001 Ext. 514. Thanks so much and may God bless you for your dedication to our parish!

#### **HANDBELL CHOIR**

Now that many of you have heard the St. Teresa of Avila Handbell Choir during their inaugural year, we would like to invite you to join us for the coming season. As life happens sometimes, a couple of our members are not able to join us for the coming season, but that gives YOU an opportunity to learn more about the exciting world of handbells. All that's needed is a rudimentary understanding of how to read music, the willingness to learn more, and the desire to make use of the talent that God gave you. For more information, please email Mr. Jim Rossetti, Handbell Choir Director, at [jdrmaestro@comcast.net](mailto:jdrmaestro@comcast.net), or call Ted Rybka in the music office at 412-367-9001 Ext. 514. Rehearsals begin September 6. Please join us!

