



*"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*

**September 3, 2017 — 22ND 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.*

**Saturday-September 2, 2017**

2:00 PM-Nuptials Kelsey Nurmi & 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

**Monday-September 4, 2017-Labor Day**

7:00 AM-NO MASS

9:00 AM-Raymond Fronzaglio

**Tuesday-September 5, 2017**

7:00 AM-Dec'd mem of D'Amico Family-Germaine D'Amico

**Wednesday-September 6, 2017**

7:00 AM-60th Jubilee of Profession for Sr. Irene Moeller,  
O.S.B. & Sr. Raphael Frank, O.S.B.  
-Sr. Corinne Moeller, O.S.B.

9:00 AM-Stephen Cherup-Carol/Bob Raible

**Thursday-September 7, 2017**

7:00 AM-Eleanor Skapik-Liz/Ken Milchick

**Friday-September 8, 2017**

7:00 AM-Sly/Eleanor Seebacher-Shirley Kohler

9:00 AM-Leon/Catherine DiCicco-Nick/Beverly DiCicco

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday Vigil-September 9, 2017**

4:15 PM-Cathy Bezila-newpnew, Matt Gamrett

6:00 PM-The People of St. Teresa Parish

**Sunday-September 10, 2017**

8:00 AM-Dec'd mem of Heurich/Muehlbauer Families-  
Marie Muehlbauer

10:00 AM-George/Estelle Kondas-Cordelia Kondas

12:00 PM-Sp Int for McCarthy/Lauer Family-Patti McCarthy

**Please Note:** There will only be the 9:00 am Mass on Monday, September 4th, Labor Day.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Labor Day  
Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday: St. Peter Claver

**Marian Movement of Priests:** Tuesday, September 5,  
9:00 am, Daily Mass Chapel.

**FOLLOWING CHRIST**

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;  
Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;  
Mt 18:15-20

**ABST ChristLife Sharing Christ Series**

ABST ChristLife will begin *Sharing Christ* this **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>.



KINDLY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PAYER INTENTIONS FOR OUR SHARING CHRIST PARTICIPANTS THIS WEEK:

*“Holy Spirit, give the Sharing Christ participants, and all of us, the wisdom to know how to share the love of Christ with everyone we meet.”*

**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.

**ChristLife Spirit Refill Fall Program Series for All Parishioners**

The *ChristLife Spirit Refill Team* is sponsoring the following programs for the faith enrichment of the entire parish family. **All programs will be held in the Church beginning at 7pm.**

- **September 27th – *Virtue & Vice – Flipping the unavoidable & never-ending quest for virtue...in your favor*** with Mary French
- **October 25th - *Why the Sacraments? – Why the Sacraments still need to be an important part of our faith journey*** with Mr. John Flaherty
- **November 15th – *Singing for Our Supper: The Importance of Music in Worship*** with Mr. Ted Rybka
- **November 29th – *Advent Program*** with Fr. John Marucci.

All parishioners, family, friends & neighbors are invited to attend these informative sessions.

**Parish Stewardship - August 26/27, 2017**

Regular Offertory	\$ 15,990
Amount Needed	\$ 23,359
Shortfall	(\$ 7,369)



Online Giving total for the current period is \$2,589 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.

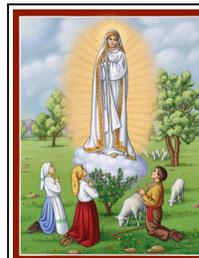
<b>Feast of the Assumption (8/15)</b>	\$ 3,106
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**2017 Avila Campaign**

\$360,000	2017 Goal: Parish Share/Avila Campaign
(\$195,313)	YTD: Collected Payments/Pledges
(\$ 28,345)	YTD: Pledges Outstanding
\$ 165,687	2017 Goal Still Needed

[Note: September statements will go out the week of September 18th. Payments received after August 31st 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.*



***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.



**Hospitality Sunday, next Sunday September 10th.** Join us in Schoppol Hall after the 8 am or 10 am Mass.

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## Religious Education News



### RCIA

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.

If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about the joy of Catholicism, then join us for our "Come and See" RCIA initial gathering on **Monday, September 25 at 7 p.m.** in the Chapel. Contact Kate Giuffr  at **724-935-0877** for additional information.

### Confirmation Preparation

All Confirmation Candidates along with his or her parent are to attend our upcoming initial Confirmation Preparation gathering. Please attend only one of these sessions; you do not need to inform us which session you are able to attend.



**Session 1-** will be offered on **Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in Schoppol**

Or

**Session 2-** will be offered **Friday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in Schoppol**



CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY

### Catechetical Sunday

All Catechists are asked to attend the **10:00 a.m. Mass on Catechetical Sunday, September 17** for Catechetical Commissioning.

## Religious Education

Religious Education will begin with Opening Mass for families.

Tuesday sessions will begin on **September 19 with**

**Mass at 5:00 p.m.** Following Mass students will return to the school for Religious Education until 6:15 p.m. Parents are asked to remain after Mass for a brief parent meeting.

All Wednesday sessions will include **Mass at 6:00 p.m. on September 20.** Also, 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be presented with Bibles at this Mass. (*Any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader who has not in the past received a Bible may also receive a Bible through informing the Religious Education department.*)

Please note, Wednesday sessions for students in grades 1 through 5 will first meet in their classrooms at the school at 5:30 p.m. and then walk over with their catechists for the 6 p.m. Mass. Parents are asked after dropping off students to meet over in the Church.

Wednesday sessions for grades 6 through 8 begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. and following Mass grades 6 through 8 will meet for our Middle School Religious Education kick off gathering. Parents are asked to remain in the Church for a brief parent meeting after Mass.

\*Home schooling families are asked to attend either Opening Mass on **September 19 or 20** and are asked to remain for either parent meeting, where specific information for homeschooling families will also be discussed



Pope Francis has again requested worldwide feedback concerning issues that will be addressed at the October 2018 Synod of Bishops on "Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment."

In response to the Holy Father's request, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh has created a survey for all youth and young adults (ages 14-39) to complete.

Please share the link below with youth and young adults who would like to give their advice to Pope Francis and Bishop Zubik.

**To take the questionnaire, go to this site:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PittSynod>**

The questionnaire will be open until September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For more information please visit both the USCCB and Vatican webpages.

## 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.

## Altar Server Schedule

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Saturday, September 9

4:15 pm-C. Adomitis, A. Caprio, A. Caprio

6:00 pm-A. Ciaramella, J. Ciaramella, B. Dumas

#### Sunday, September 10

8:00 am-K. Baker, A. Baker, J. Easley

10:00 am-B. Burke, M. Frank, E. Geyer

12:00 pm-D. Hasenbein, B. Hasenbein, K. Korn



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!



**Our Gift Card Program (previously called Bonus Bucks)** is up and running again. To begin with we will carry a limited number of gift cards. We will have Giant Eagle ; Shop N Save is no longer in the program and we will wait to see if there is a large demand for Kuhn's. We will also carry a limited number of restaurants and department stores. We will increase our inventory once we see what the demand is. The cards will be sold in the rectory on the weekend and **in the rectory on Wednesdays during the week from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. This is a great way to reduce the amount school parents owe on their tuition. If you are not a school parent, buying the gift cards will benefit our parish. Any questions, please contact Linda Ruffing at x519 or email [lruffing@avilaparish.org](mailto:lruffing@avilaparish.org).

ON MISSION FOR  
**THE CHURCH  
ALIVE!**

**The Cost of Discipleship** – In today's Gospel Jesus reminds his disciples that in following him they are to become like him. While this will ultimately mean a share in his glory in heaven,

Jesus reminds them that it will also require them to be prepared for the challenges when they must carry their crosses in life. Our call to discipleship is no different. As we follow Jesus our hearts are made more and more like his in love. That love, in turn, is to be shared with our brothers and sisters as we become the hands and the heart of Jesus in the world. While we might be anxious about the changes that are going to happen in our parishes, we can be confident that our mission to love God above all and our neighbor as ourself will never change. As we answer the call to be disciples let us take up our crosses and follow Jesus with generous, loving and welcoming hearts. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more it and to stay informed.

### Ca\$h Ba\$h news!

The St. Teresa Music Ministry is proud to announce our third annual Ca\$h Ba\$h on Saturday, October 21, 2017! We are pleased to be able to once again offer 17 chances to win over \$6,000 in cash prizes for only \$20. Tickets will be on sale after all masses next weekend, September 9 and 10 in the back of the church and in Schoppol Hall. Remember, you need not be present to win but if you are planning to attend, seating is limited. This event sells out every year so get your tickets early.

Tickets will also be available from any music ministry member or online at [www.avilaparish.org](http://www.avilaparish.org).

Thank you for your support!



### SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY - "S.A.M."

Please join the Pgh. Diocese N.H. Area S.A.M. Team on **Tue. September 5th -- 7 PM** at St Sebastian Parish, 311 Siebert Rd. in the Chapel to pray the *Rosary of Recovery, Novena and Intercessions*. Substance Abuse causes distress of the afflicted *and* loved ones. S.A.M. is a supportive ministry and ALL ARE WELCOME! Please feel free to call Anne Mitsch 412-979-3155 if you would like to join our TEAM or just to talk -- YOU are NOT alone!

### BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PITTSBURGH PICNIC!

Sat. 9/23, 12-3 pm, The Barn @ Richland Park  
Tickets & Info: [\(724\) 502-2597](tel:7245022597), [osbpggh.org](http://osbpggh.org)  
We hope you might consider joining us as we celebrate our Founder's Day.

### Harvest Brunch – Save the Date

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

### A Spotlight on the Lighthouse Kiosk

Let us celebrate our modern-day saint, St. Teresa of Kolkata (Feast day Sept. 4)

Hear her voice:

**CD: “Mary, Handmaid of the Lord”** – In this inspiring talk, Mother Teresa shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "Yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

Read about her life:

**Booklet: “Mother Teresa”** - Jim Gallagher recounts her life of openness to God and of service to those whom the world considered worthless.

**Book: “Mother Teresa of Calcutta: A Personal Portrait”** – Fr. Leo Maasburg shares stories revealing a humorous, gifted, wise, and arresting woman who has a message of real hope for our time. It's the life story of one of the most important women of the twentieth century as it has never been told before.

**All donations placed in the kiosk collection slot (outlined in red) are used to purchase future products. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this evangelization outreach. Should you have any questions, please contact Amy Kreutzer at [WOGStTeresa@yahoo.com](mailto:WOGStTeresa@yahoo.com) or 412-999-0018.**