

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish



"We can only learn to know ourselves and do what we can - namely, surrender our will and fulfill God's will in us."

Saint Teresa of Avila

**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
28 January 2018**

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Sunday Mass Schedule

**Saturday Anticipated Masses:
4:15 PM, 6:00 PM
Sunday Masses:
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Please see the bulletin or call Ext. 561.

Rectory Office Hour

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

Parish Regional School

**Holy Cross Academy Early Childhood Center (Pre-K)
800 Avila Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412.367.9001 Ext. 530**

Holy Cross Academy (Grades K-8)

**307 Siebert Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
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Saint Teresa of Avila Parish Mission Statement

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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday Vigil-January 27, 2018**

4:15 PM-Regina Meyers-Marion/Steve Piotrowski

6:00 PM-Thomas Griffin-sister, Mary

Sunday-January 28, 2018

8:00 AM-Richard M. Pavicic [br]-Pavicic Family

10:00 AM-The People of St. Teresa Parish

12:00 PM-Dec'd mem of Richard Schwartz Family-Carol/Lora

Monday-January 29, 2018

7:00 AM-Mildred Brown-John/Kathleen Gahagan Family

9:00 AM-Elizabeth Adams-Bob/Marjie Adams

Tuesday-January 30, 2018

7:00 AM-M/M Carl Apel-Grandson

Wednesday-January 31, 2018

7:00 AM-Rosemarie/Bill Miller-Jack/Sandy Dziubek

9:00 AM-Mary Carroll-Kathleen Bruno

Thursday-February 1, 2018

7:00 AM-Melda Melcher-John/Kathy Melcher

Friday-February 2, 2018

7:00 AM-Dora Jean Landolina-Aunt Angie Grant

9:00 AM-Rose/Alec/Ray Filipowski-Bob/Pat Benna

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday Vigil-February 3, 2018**

4:15 PM-James Stefano-Daughter

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

Sunday-February 4, 2018

8:00 AM-Richard "Dick" Fisher-Bailey Family

10:00 AM-Henry/Genevieve Krystyniak-Ray/Karen Collette

12:00 PM-Robert Morasco-Rita Morasco

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.

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching

(Mark 1:21-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Readings can be found online at www.usccb.org

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
 Wednesday: St. John Bosco
 Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday, February 1, following the 7:00 am Mass, Daily Mass Chapel. Closing Benediction at 7:00 pm.

Mass of Remembrance and Healing – Bishop David Zubik will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance and Healing for those affected by drug addiction at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland. All are welcome to attend. This Mass is an opportunity to remember and pray for those who have died as a result of drug addiction and for peace and healing for their families and loved ones. It is also an opportunity to pray with and for those currently struggling with substance abuse. Join Bishop Zubik in praying for all those suffering as a result of the drug addiction that is affecting our communities.

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 March 2 - 4, 2018 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

Parish Stewardship - January 20/21, 2018

Regular Offertory	\$ 19,850
Amount Needed	\$ 22,468
Shortfall	(\$ 2,618)



Online Giving total for the current period is \$3,016 which is included in the above totals. To sign up for Online Giving, go to our parish website www.avilaparish.org and click on the Online Giving logo.

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

Altar Server Schedule

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 3

4:15 pm-M. Maxwell, M. McHugh, G. Mizuk
 6:00 pm-E. Newcamp, S. Nichols, D. Ostronic

Sunday, February 4

8:00 am-E. Rossi, S. Schollaert, S. Schollaert
 10:00 am-D. Muha, T. Richey, S. Thornton
 12:00 pm-D. Thomas, C. Walker, A. Walker

**ST. TERESA'S MEN'S RETREAT
 LAST CHANCE!**



St. Teresa's men's retreat will be held next weekend---February 2-4 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat at Center on the South Side! The retreat theme is "**In Christ, United in Mind and Heart**".

Last year's retreat was a sellout, so register now. If you cannot attend the retreat for the entire weekend, attending just on Saturday is an option. Ladies, please encourage the men in your lives to attend the retreat.

For more information, please contact either Tom Dionise at 412.364.7322(tomdionise@hotmail.com) or Gerry Kunic at 412.874.6186 (usmcgrk@yahoo.com).



**SAVE THE DATE
 WOMEN'S RETREAT
 April 27-29, 2018**

Contact: Margaret Mullinary [412-849-0969](tel:412-849-0969) or Lindsay Quigley [412-364-4935](tel:412-364-4935) for more information or questions.

2017-2018 Avila Concert Series: The 2017-2018 Avila Concert Series at St. Teresa of Avila Church; 1000 Avila Court; Pittsburgh, PA 15237, will host the third concert of the season at 3pm on Sunday, February 11, 2018, with the Allegheny Brass Band. The final concert of the season will be at 3pm on Sunday, April 29, 2018 with the Slippery Rock University Wind Ensemble, the top, auditioned concert band at SRU. All concerts begin at 3pm and will be done by 4pm and a freewill offering will be taken to benefit the ensemble performing and St. Teresa of Avila Music Ministry. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Dr. Kathy Melago, Director of the Avila Concert Series, at kathymelago@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: The new schedule is being prepared. Please let Karen know by February 4th the dates you are not available for the months of March, April and May.

"Come, let us bow down in worship..."

Religious Education News

Interior Castle Coffee House and Spiritual Library

St. Teresa of Avila Parish is happy to announce the creation of the Interior Castle Coffee House and Spiritual Reading Library. What do we need? At this time, we are requesting Amazon and Overstock gift cards in any amount. These gift cards will be used to furnish the coffee house and library with comfortable, matching, and affordable furniture. Cash donations are also gratefully welcome.

Want to make a donation in memory of a loved one, or in recognition of someone particular? Contact, Kate (Director of Religious Education) or Susan (Youth Minister) 412.367.9001 for additional information. Thank you.

Diocesan Catechetical Courses

Come and participate in Diocesan Spring Catechetical Courses. Each catechist needs to register online individually for courses at: https://catholicdioceseofpittsburgh.formstack.com/forms/2018_spring_catechetical_course_registration

This form may also be accessed through the diocesan website. Thank you.

Religious Education Dinners for February

2/7-Scallop Potatoes & Ham, 2/14-(if there is afternoon class) Spaghetti, 2/21-Hot Dogs & French Fries, 2/28-Chicken Casserole.

See you there.

CUSTODIAN/JANITOR POSITION – ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH

Position Summary: The Custodian worker performs cleaning duties for St. Teresa of Avila Parish facilities. Maintains church and other buildings in clean and orderly manner, including dusting, vacuuming, and waxing floors, cleaning bathrooms, washing windows, and trash removal. The base schedule is 3 hours a day / 5 days a week for a total of 15 hours per week.

Required: Effective functioning in this position requires that the Custodian person can follow oral and written instructions, is well organized and attentive to detail. Schedule has flexible work hours covering working days, evenings, and weekends. Additional hours may be required based on need.

Skills Required: Familiar with basic cleaning practices. Attention to detail and conscientiousness.

Very good physical condition and strength.

Resumes should be sent to lruffing@avilaparish.org.

Rhoda Wise Miracle House Family Trip



Attention all High School Students & Families!

St. Teresa's High School Youth Ministry will be taking a group to the Rhoda Wise Miracle House in Canton, OH on Feb. 3rd. We will leave at 9:30 and arrive at 11am. This is an amazing opportunity for all our high school teens and their families. Please RSVP to Susan Mohall-Szymanski if you are interested in attending this event. We hope to see you there!

Rhoda Wise (February 22, 1888 – July 7, 1948) was an American Catholic stigmatist and mystic from Canton, Ohio. Between 1939 and her death in 1948, Wise reported seeing regular visions of Jesus Christ and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux in her Canton home. Wise has been associated with a number of sudden and unexplained healings. In 2016, Bishop George V. Murry of the Diocese of Youngstown declared Wise a Servant of God as a first step towards her possible canonization as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

Family Game Night and Crockpot Cook Off



Our High School Youth Ministry is hosting a family game night and crockpot cook off for all members of our community. Come and play board games with other families, and enjoy delicious home cooked meals. The cost for this event is \$10 dollars per family. Please RSVP to Susan Mohall-Szymanski if you are interested in attending this event. We hope to see you there!

Those who wish to submit a crockpot dinner for the contest will only have to pay a \$5 dollar entry fee for themselves and their family. If you wish to participate in the contest please contact Susan Mohall-Szymanski.

We will also be hosting a silent auction at this event so come and see what fabulous prizes you can win! We hope to see you there.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

@ ST. JOHN NEUMANN CONTINUES NEW TRAINING CLASS BEING FORMED

The St. John Neumann's Stephen Ministers are putting their skills and compassion to work caring for people in our community. Have you thought that perhaps God is calling you to participate in this ministry? If so, your opportunity has arrived. A new training class will begin this Spring, 2018.

If you would like to participate in this training and this ministry, contact Deacon Rick Caruso at 412-366-2020 x23 or send email to stephenministrysjn@gmail.com

...let us kneel before the Lord who made us.— Psalm 95:6

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY: Mr. John Benzing, Principal

National Catholic Schools Week

Holy Cross Academy

307 Seibert Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Phone: 412-364-7171

www.holycrossacademy.net

Sunday, January 28th to February 3rd, 2018

Sunday, January 28 th	Opening of Catholic Schools Week Mass at School Open House: 1:00pm to 3:00pm All are welcome!
Monday, January 29 th	8 th Grade Student Teachers Civic Light Opera visits HCA 1:30 Regular Dress Down Day
Tuesday, January 30 th	Service Projects HCA Spirit Dress Down
Wednesday, January 31 st	Junior Achievement Day Dress up: What I want to be when I grow up!
Thursday, February 1 st	Family Picnic in the Gymnasium Time: TBA Clash Day Dress Down!
Friday, February 2 nd	All School Mass – 9am Teacher Appreciation Day – Lunch for Teachers 8 th Grade Volleyball Round Robin
Saturday, February 3 rd	Boys' and Girls' Basketball Games



**Celebrate Catholic
Schools Week 2018**

January 28 – February 3 #CSW18



National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Please help us keep Catholic Education alive by donating to North Hills Regional Catholic Elementary Schools. To make a donation, please visit <http://nhrces.org/day-of-giving> between 9 am Jan 30th until 9am Jan 31st. Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Your support of the 2017 Angel Tree enabled 41 households made up of 130 people to celebrate Christmas in very special ways. Again this year, we received a number of calls and cards of appreciation from families who were blessed by the Angel Tree gifts provided by our generous parishioners. But one phone message so well represented the sentiment of many of our clients that we wanted to share it with our parish community and thank you again for your support.

A VERY MOVING ANGEL TREE MESSAGE (from a single working mom raising a teenage son, both presently with health issues) *I wanted to call because it was heavy on my heart. I literally have taken off 8 days this month. And it came to the point where I had to make a decision, like where "David" (not his real name) needed a new jacket, tennis shoes and some other things---some sweats, and I said you know what, I don't have enough money to pay my phone bill this month, and that was sure. I kept praying and praying because I wanted to get him a new jacket for Christmas and I just couldn't do it, so you have no idea. So I cried for an hour last night I was so emotionally touched and truly, truly grateful when I saw that gift card when I came in from work. I said prayers definitely are at work and are answered, so I thought I would reach out to you (Angel Tree). So, again from the bottom of my heart, I am so very grateful. So I am teaching my son to be very mindful of his money because he watches - - - he knows if I don't work I don't get paid, so he even said, "Mom, I will just wait until after Christmas when the sales are better at Kohl's, and I'll go shopping for myself then." And I am telling you that just moved mountains for me. So again, Thank you, Merry Christmas and I cannot thank you enough. "Mary" (not her real name).*

Child Caregivers Needed --The Franciscan Child Day Care Center in Pittsburgh is seeking caregivers for their infant, toddler and preschool classrooms. Good leadership skills and a nurturing disposition are required. Associate or bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or related area required. Experience in childcare, education or related field required. Babysitting experience with references may be considered. Full-time, part-time and substitute positions are available. To apply, please e-mail resumé@osfprov.org

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

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Please remember in your prayers the men and women in the military that God will protect and guide them, and bring them safely home: Seaman Joshua Louviere, Lt Adam McCann, Airman Miriya Soergel, TSgt Peter Soergel, PtsGt Matthew Banaszewski, Lt Christopher Sebal, SFC Daniel Plants, OS1 Dominic Genito, MA1 Felicia Genito, LtCol John Mance, LtCol Brian Stokes, Richard Lipke, LtCol Thomas Lippert, Michael Braddick, Sgt Matthew Ehrin, Ssgt Jason Miller, Seaman Tyler Miller, Thomas Pace Jr, Seaman David Smith, Seaman Daniel Smith, Col Michael Moyer, TSgt Jason Goerl, 1st Lt Kari Cox, Lt. Chelsea Sebal, MSGT Bill Richey, Sr Airman Lacey Miller, Sr Airman Dakota Miller.

Please Pray for the Sick and Those in Nursing Homes:

Alexander Ference, Celine Mravintz, Helen Wisniewski, Kathy Bittner, Kathy Carlin, Lorraine Arbuckle, Roy Arbuckle, Bruce/Charla Nist, Mary Staab, Harry Ahlstrom, Barbara Korzi, Elena Adzima, Joshua McGoey, Kay Stalder, Edna Higley, Amanda Lohrberg, Ann Zezulewicz, Mary Floss, Victor Flinko, Connie Edwards, Bill Connor, Richard Quinn, Harriet Wagener, Gary Worgan, Thomas Sosso, James Stain, Marylibby Meyer, Catherine Kunesky, Ida Rozycki, Jane Schneider, Zac Gillman, Sophia Olson, Mark Caye, Daniel Dailey, Gerry Vondran, William J. Cooke, Christopher Browne, Audrey Wozniak, Sharon Miller, Heidi Hartle, Paul McGuire, Daryl Daugherty, Makenna Delost, Lois Wolff, Denis Bedel, Michelle Lally, Amy/Cheryl Besterman, Jerry Koch, Mary Fazio, Gerry Dom, Roberta Barrett, Joanne Roman, Francis Roman, Kaitlin Serwatka, Kevin Hulsinger, Reid Warmus, Frank Arcurio, RoseMary Kuhman, Lindsey Hansel, Walt Harris, Rita Lhota, Richard Szolis, Chris McGoey, Kathy Candioto, John Bastin, Albert Gonchar, Brian Wissner, Patricia Bolinda, Tim Matthews, Elaine Clark, Joseph Fryz, Ann Taormina, Dennis Milchick, Andrea McAfee, Bob Presley, Madeline Domencic, Elizabeth Stahl, Helen Karpinski, David Kelsch, Elizabeth Thomas, Julie Balog, Thomas/Francis Bezak, John Kleck, Joanne Donovan, Ron Kneip, Rose Bevan, Mara Rhoads, Tracy Podgorski, Mary Martinelli, Pat Sieber, Pat Rzotkiewicz, Jack Easley, Elizabeth McGuire, Carol Richard, Rita McConnell, Joshua Woods, Karen Fowler, Jim Ibinson, Eric Marson, Douglas Locher, Eunice Martin, Eleanor Worgan, Virginia Rabenstein, Karen Mulligan, Elsie Vular, Maria Arlia, Evelyn Young, Nolan Whale, Maurita Smith, Susan Lacher, Betty Staab, Betty Connolly, Joan Bope, Mildred Hauck, Judy Meinert, Jean Bedel, Amanda Bundy, Betty McCarthy, Rita Darr, Chelsea McKita, Betty Wissner, Jan McSorley, Patrick Fowler, Anthony Graham, Christiane McFarlane, Andy Beck, Eric Riegner, Carrington Ulicny, Heather Hart, Louis Delullo, Jack Tataseo, Angie Manganaro, BethAnn Harper, Kathie Matthews, James Kello, June Rinko, Mildred Schwartz, Mary Fran Lerch, MaryAnn Eggers, Ellen Frederick, Karen Hunkele Nestler, Tiffany Ehrlich, Joann Zoeller, Michael Monteverde, Gerry Kuras, John Edwards, Camden Way, Shannon Wolfe, Kevin Kelley, Jenna Christner, Beverly McKenna, Anna McGarvey, Sarah Rowland, Kathleen Hietsch, Pauline Mahoney, Brian Cooke, Mary Keller, Mercedes Kremmel, Sally Mrozowski, Nancy Costello, Arthur Howcroft, Claire Carter, Isabella Hickey, Bill Botterman, Rosemary Flaherty, Carlie Grey-Homer, Linda Voytko, Albert Meiser, Ann Ecroyd, Frank Klein, Patrick Hartung, Rachel Hirst, Betty Macel, Noah Lauer, Johanna Schwarz, Vern Wright, Eileen Ravis, Evelyn Pastorius, Michelle Metzger, Mary Alice Good, Francis Geary, K. Timko, Elle Banach.

Note: To insure one's privacy, only the individual or immediate family member that is a parishioner of St Teresa Church can add a name to the prayer list.