## St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish

Founded 2006

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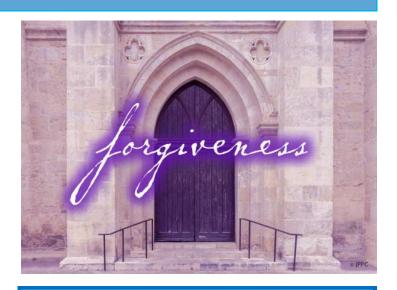
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# St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic Family of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish recognizes the importance of following in the footsteps of our Patroness in sharing our time, talent and treasure. Through ordinary and simple actions, we strive to teach and spread the Catholic faith, leading all to know God in a personal and loving way. In the celebration of the Eucharist, the Parish Community receives energy to care for the needs of all people through acts of kindness and love.



#### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, Noon & 6:00 PM

#### **Daily Masses**

Monday 8:00 AM Tuesday 7:00 PM Wednesday 8:00 AM Thursday 8:00 AM Friday 9:00 AM Saturday 9:00 AM

#### **Holy Days**

Vigil 7:00 PM 6:30 AM, Noon & 7:00 PM

#### **Confession**

Saturday 4-4:30 PM and in the Parish Office by appointment

#### **Adoration**

Wednesday all day after the 8:00 AM Mass concluding with Holy Hour 7:00 - 8:00 PM (Rosary, Evening Prayer, Benediction)

#### **Baptism**

Every week during any Mass or at 1:30 PM Sunday



@STeresaCalcutta



@SaintTeresaOfLimerick

**STC UNITED WAY NUMBER: 8772**May still be listed under Blessed Teresa

Dear Parishioners,

Today we hear the beautiful parable of the Prodigal Son. This story reveals so many aspects of our relationship with God our Father. At the end of this story, the elder son remains outside. Because of his jealousy, anger and lack of forgiveness, he remains outside of the love, mercy and joy that his father offers to him. These sources of evil, jealousy, anger and lack of forgiveness can keep us from knowing the joy and peace that God offers to us, His children.

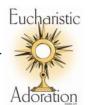
Fr. Brandt

Once you know you have hurt someone be the first to say sorry. We cannot forgive unless we know that we need forgiveness and forgiveness is the beginning of love.

Mother Teresa

### CALL FOR ADORATION SUBSTITUTES

Do you wish to spend more time in the presence of Jesus? The parish is in need of substitutes for Eucharistic Adoration! On occasion, someone with a weekly hour cannot be there for their time slot, and we



are looking for substitutes who can be called on to take their place. Adoration takes place every Wednesday in the Chapel, and you can use the time to pray, reflect, read the Bible, write in a spiritual journal, or simply sit peacefully in the presence of our Lord. If you have been thinking about coming to Adoration or are interested in joining the substitute list, please contact Jim Siegmann at (540) 273-5054 or jim.siegmann@comcast.net.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

The Parish is looking for a Director to run the Vacation Bible School program held annually for one week in July. This is a stipend position. The Director has an

assistant and there are many eager adults and junior crew leaders who volunteer each year. If God is calling you for this important ministry to teach His children about their Catholic faith, please contact the Religious Education Office at <a href="mailto:stcprep@stteresacalcutta.com">stcprep@stteresacalcutta.com</a> or (610) 287-2500, ext. 2.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Deacon Dave Kubczak is held on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM, in the Church, before the 7:00 PM Mass. Take home pamphlets are provided for those in attendance.



All are welcome!



#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers in our Church are in memory of Maria Villagomez Morales.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 29 - 30, 2025



Emily Morgan, Robert George, Philip Irwin, Shirley Staub, Anneliese Schneidinger, Sarah Valente, Linda Boling, Anthony Tone Fisher, Ryan Newman, Nancy Matozzo, Shelly Mohr, Linda Vaszily, Barbara Moyer, John S. Babiec Jr., Larry Krieger, Trip Koury, Joanne MacGregor, Jonathan Bower, Al Gentile, Gary Saffell, Patricia Sheridan, Donna Stevenson, Christine Stanny, Mary Lesh, Emma Jane Rhodes, Eileen DeZura, William Andrew DeLaney, III, Danny, Debbie and Kevin Brady, Corey Baron, Karen Clayton, Pat Geissler, Marco Mastracola, Edward Reilly, Grace Olivia Blacie, John Cordisco, Bernard Daly, Gene Lennox, Susan Lomagro, Danny Dufner, Anthony & Frances Petaccio, Scott Pupek, Michael Nabal, Maureen Steinmetz, Marian Lippert, David Little, Joan Yatsko, Erin Beal, Connor Mocey, Jamie DiFabio, Todd A. Hartzman, Marcy R., Marguerite Miscavage, Steve Rieker, John Cane, Russ Deery, Mike Stauffer, Ellen Trout, Mary Ruck Pacio, Madeline Paris, Mike Ingrassia, Lynn Jackson, Mary Jo Plate, Tom Harned, James J. Campbell Jr., Rachel Jones, Kathy Saunders, Thomas McGee, Kathy & Nick Mongiello, Mary Cosgrove, Krista Schauder, Kate Markel, Christopher Milecki, Karen Osley, Kelly Fitzgerald, Maryann Gross, Karen Arthur, Cole & Liam Randell, Kathy Polo, Stacey Morris, John Orlando, Charles Ashler, Frank Coyle, Regina Raufer, Joan Bianco, Eileen Cullen, Edward Loughlin, Marianne Sphon, Christine Wesoloski, Steve Anoia, Dee & Denny & Dee B., Jim Cunningham, Lindy Logue, Rose Panish, Pat Kelso, John Rizzuto, Mike Flynn, Mary Smith, Brynn Moira Fehnel, Rosemarie Brendlinger, Marlene Greenberg, Stephen Bono, Joanne Dunn, JoAnn DiRado, Esther Maureen Dungan, Anthony Girard, Teresa Carfango-DiSanto, Thomas Macfarlane, Ruth-Anne Graulich, Charles Gordon, Thomas Lobley, Sarah Park, Christian Schroeder, Sam Mitchell, Rachel W., Rita Beauchamp, Mike Brasberger, Don Moser, Sue Verdi, Doris Donahue, Robert DiRita, Pasqualina Pires, Wendy Racine, Dena Yurick, Diane Ferreri, Robert Pominger, Frank Brown, Angeline Schermann, Marianne Marcello, Florence Shemanski, Joseph Dimeno, Marti Stine, Alman Keys, Kelly Shincariek, Allie Kohler, Nettie Deriscage, Elizabeth Gillard, Sami Bienkowski, John Coyle, Mary Stierle, MaryAnn Warbuton, Rosemary Bauerle, Jenell Wagner, Larry Longo, Jason Wagner, Bob Wolf, Sr., Allison Carr, Mary George, Bill Walker, Claudia Hattab, Regina O'Brien, Rita Rollman, Eleanor Carey, Steven Eling, Kerri March, Jane Centrella, Joe Wausnock, Eileen Fowler, Jill Frain, Terrence Goff, Lynda Jones, Aaron Gulla, Colleen McQuaid, Larry Scaver, John Clark, Matthew Salvo, Christopher Riley, Monica Mastricolo, Jerry Hoff, John Hoffman, Janie Hartman, Armando Mastrocolo, Raymond Keeler, Mary Wheatley, Michael John Reimer, Angie Danaker, Zack Lofton, Thomas Tegler, Ryan Welder, Domenic Bono, Sharon Bieber, Teresa Busarak, Damone Hopkins, Karen Murray, Lynn Jackson, Rosie Lang, William Taylor, Bobby Wolf, Conor, Declan, Wayne Casey, Peter Dolan, Tracy Garay, Stephanie Mongiello, Carrie Prout, & the sick and suffering of the parish.



SATURDAY 03/29/2025 9:00 AM Millie Healy

5:00 PM James and Anne Gola

SUNDAY
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
10:30 AM
12:00 Noon

03/30/2025
Parishioners
Richard Gaudiosi
Mary Ellen Smith
Ellen Estock

6:00 PM Maria Villagomez Morales

MONDAY 03/31/2025

8:00 AM Andela Genevieve

TUESDAY **04/01/2025** 7:00 PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY **04/02/2025** 8:00 AM Janet Moran

THURSDAY **04/03/2025**8:00 AM Lorraine Panaccio

FRIDAY **04/04/2025** 9:00 AM Frank Kane

SATURDAY 04/05/2025 9:00 AM Jim Rightley 5:00 PM Yvonne Stamm

SUNDAY
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
10:30 AM
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
9:00 AM
10:30 AM
9-06/2025
Ronald Moyer
Jonathan Lorenzo
Philip G. Irwin

12:00 Noon Theresa and Charles Connell

6:00 PM Parishioners

#### **BAPTISM**

Arrangements are to be made two months prior to the date you would like to have the Baptism. All *new* parents must attend a Pre-Jordan class before the Baptism of their child. To schedule, please call Shawn Marie Brown at (610) 287-2525 ext. 100 or email dps@stteresacalcutta.com.



#### **ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES**

Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation must be at least sixteen years of age and have received Confirmation and are actively practicing their Catholic faith. Those that are married must be validly married in the Catholic Church. Please call Shawn Marie Brown, (610) 287-2525 ext. 100 at least two months in advance.

#### **PRE-JORDAN CLASS**

All new parents are reminded that you must attend a Pre-Jordan class before the Baptism of your baby. Our next class will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. To register call Shawn Marie Brown, (610) 287-2525 ext. 100 or email dps@stteresacalcutta.com.



#### SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Church this week is in memory of Jim Rightley.

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of Michael Andraka.

There are opportunities to memorialize a deceased family member or to honor or celebrate a special event by sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp. The remembrance begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday of that week. The Church and Chapel Sanctuary Light offering is \$20.00. This is a special way to remember a loved one. If you are interested in sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp please sign up at the Parish Office.

### CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING FASTING & ABSTINENCE

All persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged to participate in Mass and to receive the Most Holy Eucharist, to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Operation Rice Bowl.

#### MASS/CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays, followed by Confessions from 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Confessions are also Saturdays from 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be held on Tuesdays at 2:00 PM and Fridays at 7:00 PM in the Church.

#### **PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

A Parish Penance Service will be held Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This is a short prayer service with several Priests available to hear Confessions and fulfil our Lenten Obligation.



#### PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 PM

Gather by the upper lot, the outside playground area. The hunt will be on the baseball fields! Please bring an empty bag or basket. The Easter Bunny will join us!

If you would like to donate candy to be used in the egg hunt, please leave it in the marked box located in the Chapel Vestibule!

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**



Educating Faith Filled Learners for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century www.stcschool.com

Facebook: St Teresa Calcutta School Instagram: stteresacalcuttaschool Twitter: STCschool

### St. Teresa of Calcutta School provides a faith-filled education from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

We would love to tell you more about our school. If you have any questions/concerns or would like to schedule a tour please feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:cfalciani@school.stteresacalcutta.com">cfalciani@school.stteresacalcutta.com</a> or call (610) 287-2500.

**Job Opportunity** 

STC Education Center is always looking for educators to serve as daily substitute teachers. Clearances will be required. If you are interested in joining our school community email Robin John at <a href="mailto:rjohn@school.stteresacalcutta.com">rjohn@school.stteresacalcutta.com</a>.

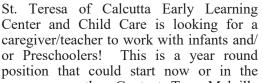
#### **BLOCS SCHOLARSHIP - 2025-2026**

Applications for BLOCS Scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year are now open. If your child is planning on attending an Archdiocesan grade school or high school, please apply with FACTS at <a href="https://online.factsmgt.com/">https://online.factsmgt.com/</a> aid.

In order to apply, you will need to have your most recent tax documents available.

For questions about the application process, please contact FACTS at (866) 441-4637 or Tammy Brock, Business Manager at <a href="mailto:bmgr@stteresacalcutta.com">bmgr@stteresacalcutta.com</a>. The majority of STC's financial aid grants are made possible through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program in Pennsylvania. These funds are contingent on the PA budget.

#### **POSITION AVAILABLE**





summer months. Contact Tara Melville, Child Care Director at <a href="mailto:childcare@stteresaofcalcutta.com">childcare@stteresaofcalcutta.com</a> or call (610) 287-2500 ext. 3 for more information.

#### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

There are spots for the Steubenville youth conference still available for students going into high school and high school level. If you are interested, please contact Leah Smith at youthminister@stteresacalcutta.com.



#### P.R.E.P. NEWS

Email: stcprep@stteresacalcutta.com (610) 287-2500 ext. 2

Learning about God through fun and educational activities

### New Student Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year

Registration is open through an online program called Parish Giving.

- Families should be registered in the Parish
- Access the Parish website <u>www.stteresacalcutta.com</u>
- At the top right click "P.R.E.P."
- Click "Need to Register?"
- Click the link to register for religious education classes (Kindergarten through Level 7)
- To guarantee your seat (20 in a class) please register early and by April 30<sup>th</sup>

Baptismal Certificates will need to be provided to the P.R.E.P. Office if not baptized at STC. Students transferring to St. Teresa of Calcutta P.R.E.P. will need to provide the progress report from their previous P.R.E.P./ private school to the P.R.E.P. Office.

**Student Re-registration** - Re-registration for students presently in our program is open through Parish Giving. To guarantee your current session, register by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteer Opportunity** - If your occupation is working with students with special needs and you would like to be involved in the Religious Education Program, please give the P.R.E.P. Office a call to see how you can help our Parish (610) 287-2500 ext. 2.

**Sunday Positions Available** - Please consider giving of your time and talent as a Catechist in the religious education program. Contact the Religious Education Office at (610) 287-2500, ext. 2 for more information including a tuition discount for Teachers and Aides. For 2025-2026 the available positions are:

Level 2A Teacher; Level 3A and 3B Aide; Level 4B Teacher and Level 5B Aide

#### **CYO NEWS**

CYO is looking for a High School AD. If interested contact Steve Lewis at (267) 640-8180.

#### **OPEN GYM**

There is an open gym pickup basketball game open to all adult parishioners. There are no sign ups or commitments, just simply come out to play.

When: Thursday nights: 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta School Gym

#### **CMC LIONS FOOTBALL**

Ches-Mont Catholic Lions Football registration is now open for the Fall season for players entering Grades 5-6 (Junior Varsity) and Grades 7-8 (Varsity). Visit cmccvo.org for more information.

#### **PASTOR'S CUP**

Pastor's Cup Golf Outing scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>. Go to: www.stteresacalcutta.com/pastors-cup-golf-outing for information to play in and/or be a sponsor for the outing.

#### YOUNG PARENTS GROUP

**PLAYGROUP** - Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. A great way for parents to meet other families from the parish with their children. There will be plenty of toys for everyone as well as coffee and snacks.

For directions and to RSVP, or if you have questions and want to join the Young Parents Group email list, contact Mara at mtbauer28@gmail.com.

#### **CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES**

Cana Couples is a fellowship intended to foster, strengthen, and enrich marriages. Our monthly gatherings include social time, prayer, and sharing the blessings and challenges of married life with one another.

For more information please contact Tina Marchini at marchinitina@gmail.com or (484) 919-0725.

### MINISTRY HOSPITALITY AT ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Do you attend Mass fairly regularly? Would you consider serving in the ministry of Hospitality just once a month? Hospitality ministers generally greet people with a smile and hand out the bulletin. You can choose your preferred Mass time(s) and take yourself off the schedule when you're not available, and ask for a substitute if needed. Our Sunday 6:00 PM Mass is packed and we could especially use help at that particular Mass. If interested, please contact Shawn Marie Brown, Director of Parish Services at <a href="mailto:dps.wisheresacalcutta.com">dps.wisheresacalcutta.com</a> or (610) 287-2525 ext. 100.

#### **PARISH APP**

St. Teresa of Calcutta app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Teresa of Calcutta. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.

#### STC ANNUAL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

The annual Community Festival Planning Committee is in full swing! Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center, and your help is most needed and appreciated! Our Festival official dates have been finalized, and we are looking forward to our reimagined event on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.



#### STC 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLOTHING DRIVE

# COLLECTION DATES Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM • Education Center Parking Lot

#### **COLLECTION ITEMS**

- · Clothing for men, women and children.
- · Shoes must be in a separate bag.
- · Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves, etc.
- · Soft household items like stuffed animals, towels, bed sheets, and curtains.
- · Small toys (2 ft. or less).
- Bikes and Strollers.



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- · Quilts, comforters, pillows & blankets.
- · Sports equipment (bikes are OK).
- No board games, books, puzzles, pots, CAR SEATS.
- · No electrical devices or glass.
- · No large toys, highchairs or cribs.
- · VCR tapes, furniture and outdoor play sets.
- Bric and brac (picture frames, school supplies, phone cases, candles, cosmetics, gritting cards, plastic cups, food containers, baking accessories).
- · Home and holiday decorations/ pet accessories

thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT YOU

### ST. MARY, CONSHOHOCKEN Polish American Society Easter Food Sale:

- Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb, or raspberry cheese) for \$17 each from L&M Bakery in Delran, NJ.
- Frozen pierogi (potato, potato cheese, or sauerkraut) for \$10 per dozen from Polka Deli in Port Richmond in Philadelphia.
- Kiełbasa for \$9 per pound from Czerw's in Port Richmond.

The deadline for food orders will be Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> so our suppliers have enough time to process our orders. Order pick-up will be on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Conshohocken.

Proceeds from the Easter Food Sale support our mission of promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County, PA and assistance with the restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church, Conshohocken. To place a food order please email <u>foodsale@stmarypolish.org</u> or call Dorothy Swedkowski at (610) 630-0861.

#### **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

**Strong Men Make a Strong Church** 

Through the prayers of St. Maximillian Kolbe, STC's Men's Group meets each Saturday, during Lent at the Parish Ministry Center. Doors open at 7:30 AM with the meetings from 7:45 AM - . 8:45 AM. We encourage all men to participate at Mass at 9:00 AM. Generally, we start with Morning Prayer and have a discussion regarding the week, questions any man may have, and the Sunday Gospel. This is a great opportunity for Lent. All men are invited. Call Deacon Pete for any questions (610) 310-4589.

#### STC PRISON MINISTRY

The Lenten Resolution You've Been Looking For Here is a Lenten resolution that is easy, fulfilling and straight out of the gospel.

"I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)

Visit a prisoner by mail in our parish PenPal program.

Think it's hard being Catholic in today's culture? Try being Catholic in prison. Many inmates go months without a letter and years without a visit.

Join dozens of fellow parishioners who've discovered:

- "It's nice to send and receive a letter in the mail. My grandkids didn't know you could do that :-)" Mary
- "It is amazing that something so simple makes my penpal so happy I look forward to letters." John
- "PenPal'ing has given me a glimpse into a whole other life." - Susan

One letter a month is all it takes. Your privacy is maintained through our secure mailing system. We have an URGENT need for 8 Pen Pals. Please get in touch TODAY!

Contact Elizabeth McLaughlin
St. Teresa of Calcutta Prison Ministry
Pen Pal Program Coordinator

Cell: (650) 430-2470 or email: Bitsmail@yahoo.com

#### WALL OF HONOR

If you have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces and would like their picture on our wall of honor, please give the Parish Office their picture and rank.



Please pray for: Navy Capt. Jeremy Lahn, PFC Shannon Herman, Staff Sgt. Dennis Price, Major Stephen John Gianos; Staff Sergeant, Military Police Michael Kemp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Nicholas

Gardocki; 1st Lt. Ian Gardocki, USAF, Major Kevin Brady USAF; Capt., Kristen Brady, USAF, Cdr. Steven Lawrence; Staff Sergeant Brian Yerger; Lcpl. Tyler Thomas A. Collier; Lance Cpl. Thomas M. Labosky, Mark R. Rumler; Charles Brown & Staff Sgt. Robert Troemel, and all those who are serving abroad, and also keep their families in your prayers.



Join us... The Knights of Columbus meet the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center. We also provide virtual access to the meetings on Zoom. Email us at <a href="mailto:grandknight@kofc15456.org">grandknight@kofc15456.org</a> for details.

New members or transfers from other councils are welcome! For more information visit our website at <a href="https://www.kofc15456.org">www.kofc15456.org</a>, contact Michael Bauer, Membership Director, mike.knight15456@gmail.com or email us at <a href="mailto:grandknight@kofc15456.org">grandknight@kofc15456.org</a>.

Who are the Knights of Columbus? We are a Catholic, fraternal order centered on fellowship and service to our parish and many charitable organizations. We actively support and donate funds to the following: St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter ~ Norristown Soup Kitchen ~ Provide Rides to Mass ~ Adopt a Highway ~ Birthright of Pottstown ~ March for Life.

The Knights of Columbus is providing a kiosk with pamphlets on building our faith in the Narthex. The topics include marriage, fatherhood, motherhood, how to pray, and other subjects. Please help yourself. The Knights will provide more pamphlets as required.

**Special Olympics Fundraising Drive** - The mission of Special Olympics PA is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community specialolympicspa.org.

The Knights of Columbus are proud to support the Special Olympics PA along with our generous parish community. The Knights will be collecting donations following Masses on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **PALM**

"Used" or "old" Palm will be collected in a container provided in the Narthex of the Church. Palm will be collected until Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Absolutely no staples, strings, ribbons, rubber bands or bags.

#### 2025 MASS BOOK

The 2025 Mass book is open. There is a limit of 5 Masses per person.



### THE FIVE EFFECTS OF THE FLAME OF LOVE ROSARY

Attending Mass Blinds Satan the most The Blessed Virgin Mary told Elizabeth Kindlemann on November 22, 1962:

If you attend Holy Mass while under no obligation to do so (Daily Mass) and you are in a state of grace before God, during that time I will pour out the Flame of Love of my heart and blind Satan. My graces will flow abundantly to the souls for whom you offer the Holy Mass, because when Satan is blinded and devoid of his power, he is unable to do anything. The participation in the Holy Mass is what helps the most to blind Satan. Tormented and breathing out terrible vengeance, he wages a ferocious battle for souls since he feels the impending coming of his blindness.

The FOL Holy Hour will be prayed on Thursday after the 8:00 AM Mass.

The FOL Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings before the repose of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **DIVINE WILL**Jesus' Own Teachings

A mystic named Luisa Piccarreta 1865-1947 wrote many pages that were given to her by Jesus himself in a period of 40 years. These writings are completely approved by the Catholic Church. Luisa's Spiritual Director was canonized in 2005 and his statue stands outside the Vatican.

In Luisa's writings, Jesus explains His teachings about the Virtues and the Sacraments in His own words. He tells us how to grow closer to our eternal reward by teaching us new methods of praise and prayer that will draw us closer to God. To study and learn these readings, a group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Ministry center from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

If you are interested in learning more about "Living in the Will of God", please email badmin@stteresacalcutta.com

#### **SCRIP PROGRAM**

We sell most neighborhood grocery stores, Cabela's, Advanced Auto, Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Boscov's, Home Depot, WaWa, Dunkin Donuts, Burger King, Rita's, Red Lobster, and Outback just to name a few. Use the scrip gift cards the same as cash. This fundraiser can be used toward any parochial school student's tuition, building fund, Child Care or P.R.E.P. Stop by the Parish Office Monday - Friday between 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM to purchase SCRIP.



Please join us in saying the Rosary in the Chapel every Sunday at 10:00 AM. A few new leaders are appreciated.

#### "SEEDS"

**WHO?** Children, 3 years old to Preschool (not yet

in Kindergarten)

**WHAT?** A program that brings the Sunday Gospel

to preschool children at their own

developmental level.

WHEN? Every Sunday during the school year at the

10:30 AM Mass.

WHERE? After the opening prayer, the children will

be called to the front of the Church. Children will process out together with the

Shepherd and the Assistant Shepherds to

the Music Ministry room.

#### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

A warm welcome to all who recently moved into a home within our Parish neighborhood. We invite you to register. You can get a registration form on Sunday from the information rack in the church hallway or during the week at the Parish Ministry Center.

#### **BROADCAST MINISTRY TEAM**

We are in the process of expanding our Broadcast Ministry and are actively looking for volunteers to help with recording as well as the necessary upkeep of the system. If you have any experience and / or interest in audio/video and broadcasting technology, this is a great way for you to get involved. Contact Jim Rowland at jrowland415@gmail.com for more information.

#### **EGIVING**

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish has enlisted Parish Giving to provide its parishioners with the opportunity to use electronic fund transfers as an alternative method for giving. Parish Giving is being offered to you free of charge. To enroll, visit www.stteresacalcutta.com and click on the Parish Giving logo. If you have any questions concerning Parish Giving, please contact Tammy Brock at (610) 287-2525.



WINGS (Women In God's Spirit) is looking for women of all ages that share our Catholic faith. Whether you

are interested in growing spiritually, getting involved in community service projects or joining us for social events, WINGS has a place for you. For additional information or any questions please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:stewings@gmail.com">stewings@gmail.com</a>. You can also find us on Facebook at St. Teresa of Calcutta's WINGS Group.

The next WINGS meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please contact STCWings@gmail for location details.

Rosary

The perpetual Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and the Rosary for the unborn will be said on Mondays

after the 8:00 AM Mass. All are welcome.

#### ST. MARY PARISH, SCHWENKSVILLE

Join us for dinner every Friday through Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM as St. Mary Parish continues the great tradition of Lenten Dinners for either "sit down" or "take out" in St. Mary Hedge Hall. Menu items include, Fried Fish Platter (2 pcs), Spaghetti with Garlic Bread, and Grilled Cheese in addition to weekly specials of Crab Cakes on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and Frequent Buyer Meal Cards. Come and enjoy Father's Classic New England Clam Chowder and his Famous Mac and Cheese as a side.

To "pre-order" call (610) 287-8156 the day of between 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Convenient curbside pickup for pre-orders at bottom of St. Mary School bus loop. To view the complete menu and pricing or to pre-order online for curbside pickup visit <a href="https://www.church.org.net/www.church.org">www.church.org.net/www.c

2025 Saint Mary Fish Fry Take Out Menu and Pre-Order Form for Curbside Pick-Up

Saint Mary Lenten Dinner Menu

### MOTHER TERESA'S HELPING HANDS MISSION

As we prepare for the Easter season, please consider helping parish families in need prepare for their Easter dinner. Please retrieve an Easter egg filled with a request for a gift card to Giant, Target or Walmart. We ask that only adults pick an egg and return the gift card before Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please consider purchasing a gift card from our Scrip Program or from your local store. If you wish to purchase a gift card from STC, you can pick up an order form from the Chapel or Holy Family Room in the church and we will fill the order for you. Your prepurchased gift cards or order form with cash or check can be placed in an envelope marked MTHHM and dropped into the Sunday collection basket or to the Parish Office Monday-Friday 9:00 AM —3:00 PM, or the School/Child Care/P.R.E.P. Offices. Cash donations in any denomination are welcomed and will be put towards gift cards. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff or Jacqueline Delaney at (610) 842-2193. Thank you.

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you".

– Mother Teresa

#### **STC SENIORS GROUP**

The STC Seniors next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Ministry Center hall at 1:00 PM.

#### **POSITION AVAILABLE**

A Full-Time Facility Personnel position is available at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish. Please see website for details or call the Parish Office at (610) 287-2525.

#### PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE AND ROME

Join Fr. Jeffrey Rott and Fr. Robert Ianelli on a Pilgrimage to France & Rome from September 7 – September 19, 2025.

Celebrate the Jubilee Year in France and Rome! We will begin in the beautiful city of Paris by touring the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and see many wonderful sites, including the Basilica of Sacred Heart, the Louvre Museum (Mona Lisa Painting), Eiffel Tower, Champs-Elysees, and Arc De Triomphe. We will travel throughout central and southern France visiting many holy sites along our way in Chartres, Paray-Le-Monial (the location of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary), Ars (the location of the parish in which St. John Vianney served), Avignon and Toulouse (the location which contains the relics of St. Thomas Aguinas). We will end our tour in France with a full day in Lourdes celebrating Mass and visiting the Grotto. We will then fly to Rome, where we will visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major; the Basilica of St. John Lateran; tour St. Peter's and go THROUGH THE HOLY DOORS for the Jubilee; Experience an Audience with the Pope and celebrate Mass in the churches of Rome.

Cost \$5,799.00. Includes: Round trip airfare; daily Mass; airport taxes; security fees & fuel surcharges; transfers per itinerary; 4 or 5 star hotels; transportation with luxury bus; all breakfasts and dinners; all tips included; guided tours and tour fees; luggage handling.

For questions, please contact Natalie Schmolk, Proximo Travel Representative at (215) 530-7934 or Fr. Jeffrey Rott at (610) 287-2525 ext. 280

### ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS FOUNDATION Italy Pilgrimage - May 12 - 22, 2025

Embark on an unforgettable journey of faith with the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith! Join us on a breathtaking pilgrimage to Italy, through Trinity Tour Travels, where we'll explore the awe-inspiring Shrines of the Eucharistic Miracles. Led by Fr. Matthew Phelan, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Philadelphia, and Dr. Anne DeSantis, Executive Director of the foundation, this spiritual adventure will take you to Rome, Monte Sant'Angelo, Assisi, and beyond. Your pilgrimage package includes round-trip airfare. comfortable ground transportation, knowledgeable Catholic tour guide, stays in highly-rated hotels, daily breakfast, most dinners, and the opportunity to participate in Daily Mass. Plus, all gratuities and admission fees are covered.

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#### STC Basket Raffle Event Details

Online Basket bidding
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Way 15th to May 14th
May 17th 12pm to 3pm
May 17th 6pm to 11pm
For more details visit

www.stcbasketraffle.com

Proceeds from this event support the educational needs and enhancements of the Education Center.

#### About the event

St. Teresa of Calcutta Education Center is dedicated to giving our children and students, ages 6 weeks through eighth grade, an outstanding academic foundation. The Annual STC Basket Raffle is one of the Education Center's largest fundraisers, generating over \$35,000 each year. 100% of the proceeds are donated directly to the school for use in the areas of greatest educational need. In the past, funds have been used for STEM supplies, support of technology in the classroom, and other Education Center enhancements.

#### How you can help us reach our goal:

- Donate a themed basket
- Donate in-kind items to be made into a basket.
- Donate items from our registry visit <a href="www.stcbasketraffle.com">www.stcbasketraffle.com</a> for our wish list and basket ideas
- Sponsor the event
- Sponsor a Grand Prize (minimum retail value of \$300)
- Purchase advertisement to be showcased in the program, during the event, on the website and social media.

All sponsors will be recognized in our program, at the event, given social media "shoutouts", and displayed on the sponsor page of our website.

#### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

\$50 Orchestra	Half-page advertisement in our event program, on social media and website.
\$100 Mezzanine	Table Sponsorship: 8 x 10 framed advertising displayed on tables at event, advertisement in our event program, and announcement on social media and event website.
\$250 Balcony	Announcement on social media and website (published for 12 months); full page advertisement in program, logo on event signage, table displays.

### We thank you for your generous support of our event!

#### **Important Deadlines**

April 11<sup>th</sup> Business Sponsor advertisement (copy and artwork) via email: <u>info@stcbasketraffle.com</u>

April 20th Items for donation must be received.

April 27th Completed Baskets must be received.

Donations can be mailed or delivered to

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Education Center/STC Basket Raffle, 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473 or email at <a href="mailto:info@stcbasketraffle.com">info@stcbasketraffle.com</a> for a member of the committee to pick up your donation.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization, Identification Certificate number is 06-1779261.

Letter of receipt upon request.



#### St. Teresa of Calcutta Home & School Gourmet Caramel Apple Sale

Student's Name:	
	Grade:

Orders will be taken through **April 2nd** with delivery on or after **April 11th**. Payment options are: cash; check made payable to STC Home & School; or Venmo @meghann-costello

















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Forms may be returned to the school office or dropped in the Sunday collection. Pick up on April 11 from 5pm-6pm.







Interested in sponsoring part of our festival? Checks can be made out to St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish and sent to the parish office or online at stteresacalcutta.com/festival-sponsorships

For questions and to sign up, please contact: Joseph Rogers at josephsrogers24@gmail.com

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