

# St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish

Founded 2006

## Pastor

**Rev. Paul C. Brandt**

Parochial Vicar

**Rev. Jeffrey M. Rott**

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**Deacon Peter J. Dolan**

**Deacon David M. Kubczak, Sr.**

**Deacon James V. Nash, Jr.**

**Deacon Thomas G. Phillips, Jr.**

**Rev. Mr. Thomas Cipolla**



The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

**Matthew 11:5**

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## Church and Ministry Center

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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*



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**Facebook**

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**STC UNITED WAY NUMBER: 8772**

May still be listed under Blessed Teresa

Dear Parishioners,  
 Jesus answers a question about His identity by referring to actions. Tell them what you see. The miraculous signs reveal that Jesus is the Messiah. Let us always remember that as we are called upon to reveal Jesus to others, we should do so through our actions.

Fr. Brandt

*Once we take our eyes away from ourselves, from our interests, from our own rights, privileges, ambitions—then they will become clear to see Jesus around us.*

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.



### OPLATKI

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are available for purchase during the week at the Parish Office and on Sunday in the Holy Family room in the Church. Cost is \$3.00 per package.



*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.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 13 - 14, 2025



Mia Grace Cimino, Ben Buffler, Paula Murphy, Joshua Torzone, Jack Weidman, Christopher Saboe, Sr., Kelly Barron, Louise Buttaro, Marcia Cook, Pamela Hosack, Sandra Kent, Frank & Regina Little, Gene & Jean Catagnus, Peter Rega, David Narwich, Evan Schoenly, Theodore Sirbak, Tom Kandle, Emily Morgan, Robert George, Philip Irwin, Shirley Staub, Anneliese Schneidinger, Anthony Tone Fisher, Ryan Newman, Barbara Moyer, John S. Babiec Jr., Larry Krieger, Trip Koury, Joanne MacGregor, Patricia Sheridan, Donna Stevenson, Christine Stanny, Mary Lesh, Emma Jane Rhodes, William Andrew DeLaney, III, Danny, Debbie and Kevin Brady, 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 Puppek, Michael Nabal, Maureen Steinmetz, Marian Lippert, David Little, Joan Yatsko, Erin Beal, 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 Anoaia, 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, Thomas Loble, 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 Shincariak, 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, 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 Masticolo, 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.

 **Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>12/13/2025</b>
9:00 AM	Ann Quigley
5:00 PM	Christina Miller
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/14/2025</b>
7:30 AM	John Slanga
9:00 AM	Christine Krill
10:30 AM	Parishioners
12:00 Noon	Roman Grudzien
6:00 PM	Carl Overton
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>12/15/2025</b>
8:00 AM	Raymond Bacchiocchi
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>12/16/2025</b>
7:00 PM	Helen and Lewis Carley
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12/17/2025</b>
8:00 AM	Roman Grudzien
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>12/18/2025</b>
8:00 AM	Jane Hunt
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>12/19/2025</b>
9:00 AM	John Dolan
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>12/20/2025</b>
9:00 AM	Wendy McClean
5:00 PM	The Jenkins and McCartney Families
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12/21/2025</b>
7:30 AM	Kathy Bauer
9:00 AM	Christine Krill
10:30 AM	Alfonso "Chipper" Gentile
12:00 Noon	Teresa Rybicki
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](mailto: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. To register call Shawn Marie Brown, (610) 287-2525 ext. 100 or email [dps@stteresacalcutta.com](mailto:dps@stteresacalcutta.com).

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers in our Church are in memory of Fred Stein.



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

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Church this week is in memory of Mary Ann Hill.

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Chapel this week is in memory of Roman Grudzien.

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.



December 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 12:00 Midnight  
December 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon

**Mass Schedule for Mary, Mother of God:**  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

**ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR**

On Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> there will not be Adoration, nor Rosary, Evening Prayer, or Benediction in the Chapel. Please join us January 7<sup>th</sup> when we resume our normal weekly schedule.

*With great joy we welcome these children who were baptized in November to our parish family:*

- Scott John Havener
- Riley Sciascia Baldwin
- Cole Sciascia Baldwin
- Ronald Charles Neilson, III
- Aubrey Marie Theiss
- Lucy Rose Collins
- Adaline Marie Quintangeli
- Nora Grace Martin
- Sadie Jane Black
- Skylar Marie McGuckin
- Tyler Samuel Johnson
- Madison Nicole Johnson





## SCHOOL NEWS

*Educating Faith Filled Learners for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*  
[www.stcschool.com](http://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 [cfalciani@school.stteresacalcutta.com](mailto:cfalciani@school.stteresacalcutta.com) 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 Jaclyn Rocks at [jrocks@school.stteresacalcutta.com](mailto:jrocks@school.stteresacalcutta.com).

### BLOCS SCHOLARSHIP - 2026-2027

Applications for BLOCS Scholarships for the 2026-2027 school year are now open. If your child is planning on attending an Archdiocesan grade school or high school, please apply with FACTS at <https://online.factsmgt.com/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 [bmgr@stteresacalcutta.com](mailto:bmgr@stteresacalcutta.com). 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.

### CHILDREN'S LECTOR MINISTRY

The Children's Lector Ministry is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month during the 10:30 AM Mass. If interested in becoming a Lector (4<sup>th</sup> grade or older), contact the Religious Education Office at (610) 287-2500, ext. 2 or [stcprep@stteresacalcutta.com](mailto:stcprep@stteresacalcutta.com). Two adult Lectors will mentor the children in this ministry, one of which will be present with the children at their assigned Mass.



### CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

Thank you for the generous toy donations for children in need. Two car loads of toys were delivered to the Salvation Army in Pottstown.



## P.R.E.P. NEWS

Email: [stcprep@stteresacalcutta.com](mailto: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 [www.stteresacalcutta.com](http://www.stteresacalcutta.com)
- 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)

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.

### "SEEDS"

**WHO** Children, 3 years old to Preschool (not yet in Kindergarten)

**WHAT** SEEDS! 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.

For more information contact P.R.E.P. at (610) 287-2500 ext. 2.

There will be no SEEDS on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> or December 28<sup>th</sup>. SEEDS will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### MASS INTENTIONS/ BRINGING UP THE GIFTS

If you are having a Mass said and are interested in bringing up the gifts, please identify yourself to one of the Ministers of Hospitality before Mass. We welcome your participation but will rely on you to let us know you are present.

# TuitionCare

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**23 FAMILIES**  
STILL NEEDED TO  
REACH OUR TARGET

**\$ 873**

**TRACKED GRANT LEVEL**



**47 FAMILIES**  
WITH PAPERWORK  
STILL PENDING

**\$ 613**

**CURRENT GRANT LEVEL**



A BIG SHOUT-OUT  
TO OUR  
**111 FAMILIES**  
PARTICIPATING



**USE YOUR PA TAXES TO  
SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION**



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CLOSE THE GAP

## MOTHER TERESA'S HELPING HANDS MISSION

With the holidays approaching quickly, we as a Parish family, would like to assist any Parish families that are in need. If you know of a Parish family in need this holiday season, please contact Jeff or Jacqueline Delaney (610) 842-2193. Please remember anyone requiring assistance will be kept strictly confidential.



Our Mother Teresa's Helping Hands Mission will be collecting gift cards (i.e., Giant, Target, Walmart, Visa) for families in need for Christmas. We also have the Angel Tree Program for gifts for the families in need. We have quite a few families in need and the list is growing. Please consider purchasing a gift card from our Scrip Program or from your local store **before December 19<sup>th</sup> for Christmas**. If you wish to purchase a gift card from STC, you can pick up a form from the Chapel Vestibule, Holy Family Room or Parish Office and we will fill the order for you. Your pre-purchased gift cards or order form with cash or check can be placed in an envelope marked MTHHM and dropped into the Sunday collection basket, the Parish Office Monday-Friday 9:00 AM -4:00 PM., the School, Child Care or P.R.E.P. Offices. If the gift card does not show the amount, please write it on card or attach a note. *You do not need to wrap the gift cards or put them in a Christmas card.* Cash donations in any denomination are welcomed and will be put towards gift cards. Thank you for your generosity. If you are interested in helping to sort the gifts, please contact Jacqueline Delaney at (610) 842-2193.

*Together we can do something beautiful for God!  
-Mother Teresa*



**Join us...** The Knights of Columbus meet the **first Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM** in the Ministry Center. Email us at [grandknight@kofc15456.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc15456.org) for details.

New members or transfers from other councils are welcome! For more information visit our website at [www.kofc15456.org](http://www.kofc15456.org), contact Michael Bauer, Membership Director, [mike.knight15456@gmail.com](mailto:mike.knight15456@gmail.com) or email us at [grandknight@kofc15456.org](mailto:grandknight@kofc15456.org).

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.

### Consecration to the Holy Family

As part of our celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family, our Parish will consecrate ourselves to the Holy Family at all of the Masses on December 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. Prayer cards containing the prayer of consecration will be given out before all of the Masses that weekend. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!

## 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, Staff Sgt. Dennis Price, Major Stephen John Gianos; Staff Sergeant, Military Police Michael Kemp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Nicholas Gardocki; 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

## 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.



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# Be Encouraged

Catholic Support for Mental Health

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing

[archphila.org/support](http://archphila.org/support)

## LIVING IN THE WILL OF GOD

Living in the Will of God is a teaching of the Divine Will which was given to a mystic named Luisa Piccarreta who died in 1947. Jesus Himself teaches Luisa in books which she wrote that have been completely approved by the Catholic church. To learn more about this, you are welcome to attend a prayer group and reading of the Book of Heaven, which Jesus named and gave to Luisa. The meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the parish Ministry center. If you are interested in more information, email [loriholmes26@gmail.com](mailto:loriholmes26@gmail.com) or call 267-500-7872 and leave a message.

## FLAME OF LOVE

Our Lady promises many blessings. These are five effects of the Flame of Love.

1. To blind Satan. Praying the Flame of Love Rosary blinds Satan, makes him powerless and frees those who feel his oppression.
2. To save souls. (especially family members). The diary of Elizabeth Kindleman (the Flame of Love book) contains many promises concerning the family.
3. To save the family. The Flame of Love is family focused. Our Lady wants parents to gather their children for prayer and devotion. She will come to every home that invites her.
4. To free souls from purgatory. Our Lady makes great promises, especially to those who make the Monday fast.
5. To convert the world. The Flame of Love is for the whole world. Our Lady promised many would take place without elaborate investigation.

Please read the diary or email [info@flameoflove.us](mailto:info@flameoflove.us) for more information.

## STC SENIORS GROUP

There will not be a monthly meeting for December but we'll be having our annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the WQ DINER, 99 W King St., Pottstown. (At Route 100 and Shoemaker near Patient First) If not already on the list wishing to attend, please leave a message for Pat at (484) 938-7331.



## 2026 MASS BOOK

The 2026 Mass book is open. There is a limit of 5 Masses per person.



## PRE-CANA CLASSES

Deacon Tom Phillips and his team are hosting our next Pre-Cana class on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Ministry Center Hall. On Friday, couples attend a session from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM and Saturday, couples arrive around 8:00 AM for a continental breakfast. The class will have several sessions and breaks, and of course we will provide lunch! To register for class, please contact Shawn Marie Brown, Director of Parish Services at [dps@stteresacalcutta.com](mailto:dps@stteresacalcutta.com) or call (610) 287-2525 ext. 100. **Registration must be completed and paid by Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.**



## WEDDING WISHES

Congratulations and Best Wishes to who received the Sacrament of Matrimony in November

David and Gabrielle (Juliano) Gular - November 7<sup>th</sup>  
Chandler and Megan (O'Hara) Gavin - November 28<sup>th</sup>



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## St. Teresa of Calcutta

Join our growing number of families who have elected to make their contributions online through Parish Giving. Please consider using Parish Giving to support St. Teresa of Calcutta.

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Log on to the St. Teresa of Calcutta website [www.stteresacalcutta.com](http://www.stteresacalcutta.com) and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

secure

Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest TLS (Transport Layer Security) encryption technology available.

convenient

No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine.

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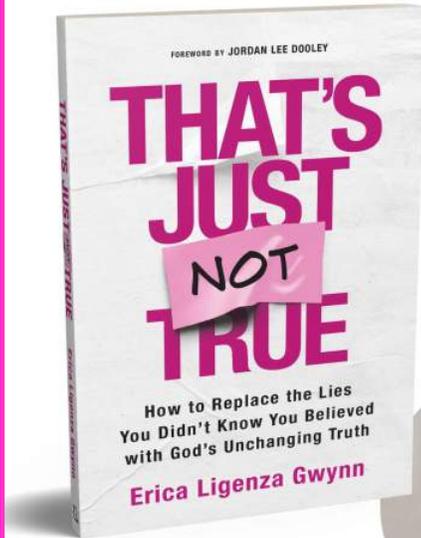
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## NEW CHRISTIAN BOOK RELEASE

from an active STC Parishioner!



Scan the QR code to get your copy!



[ericagwynn.com/books](http://ericagwynn.com/books)



Author is the Cantor and pianist at every 10:30 Mass!

## MISSION FIRST CLOTHES CLOSET

We offer used clothes to whoever needs them. Mission First's 'clothes closet' relies on donated, gently used men's and women's clothes (no children's clothes). ALL of the clothing we receive is used to help our neighbors in the Pottstown community.

*Thank you to the generosity of the parishioners of St Teresa of Calcutta, many of our shelves and racks are full, well stocked, ready for the winter needs. Thank You !!!*

The one item that we are struggling to stock is - Men's Winter Coats, especially sizes: Large, X Large, XXL, XXXL and XXXXL.

*(The overwhelming majority of our customers are men. Many of these men are homeless or near homelessness, and to stay warm they layer up their clothing. That's why larger sizes go quickly.)*

The simplest way for parishioners to help is to drop off their donation at Mission First, located 414 East High Street, Pottstown, PA. Donations can be dropped off Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, between 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon.

## 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

## OUR TRAVELING LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

Our Parish is blessed to have a beautiful travelling Our Lady of Fatima Statue. Parishioners are encouraged to welcome the Fatima statue in their home for one week to pray the rosary for peace and vocations, along with their own intentions. The statue can be signed out by contacting the Parish Office at (610) 287-2525 ext. 104.

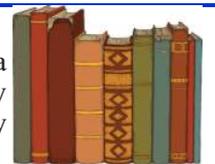


## STC MAGNETS FOR SALE

STC blue & white oval car magnets are on sale for \$5 at the Parish Office during the week and with the Sunday Receptionist.

## MOTHER TERESA LIBRARY

A library of books on Mother Teresa is available in the Parish Ministry Center. All are welcome to stop by and sign out a book.



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

## 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](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myparish.



## SCRIP PROGRAM

We sell most neighborhood grocery stores, Cabela's, Advanced Auto, Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Boscov's, Home Depot, WaWa, Dunkin', 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.



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 [stcwings@gmail.com](mailto:stcwings@gmail.com). You can also find us on Facebook at St. Teresa of Calcutta's WINGS Group.

The next WINGS meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please contact [STCWings@gmail.com](mailto:STCWings@gmail.com) for location details.

### 2026 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

To sign-up for altar flowers please email Maureen at [badmin@stteresacalcutta.com](mailto:badmin@stteresacalcutta.com) or call the Parish Office at (610) 287-2525. Cost of flowers is \$85.



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**"I was in prison and you visited me." - Matthew 25:36**

### HOLIDAY PRINTING SCHEDULE

December 28<sup>th</sup> bulletin information needs to be in by Noon on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

January 4<sup>th</sup> bulletin information need to be in by Noon on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### "COME HOME" Advent Retreat

**Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM– 5:00 PM**

The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith is hosting a special retreat in celebration of the Advent Season. The "Come Home" Advent Retreat is geared for those who may be away from the faith, but it is also for anyone who wishes to grow closer to the Lord. The day will feature talks, reflections, Confessions, a delicious lunch, and Mass at 4 pm. Bring a friend!

**Speakers:** Fr. Joseph Serano, O.Praem, Dr. Anne DeSantis, Mickey Kelly, and Julieanne Bartlett, Music provided by Zac Moren. **Cost:** \$70. **Address:** The Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301.

**Register:** <https://www.nonnatus.org/retreat.html>

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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!*

### 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](mailto:jrowland415@gmail.com) for more information.

### ARCADIA NEWS

Arcadia at Limerick Pointe offers three types of care for Seniors. To learn more about our Community, dial (610) 981-1904, select option #1 from the prompts to speak with one of our Community Relations Directors. They are available to answer any of your questions about our community and services. We'd love to have you tour and have a lunch on us!

First Monday of each month, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Dementia Care Givers Support Group - Call Toni at (610) 981-1904 for more information.

Everyone is invited to join us at Arcadia Independent Living on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM for BINGO!

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