

## **Saint Teresa of Avila Ministries** Feb. 2016

### **Adult Education**

Programs are provided that will aid parishioners and other interested adults in continuing their spiritual development through the study of scripture and prayer. It is also the objective of this ministry to assist in the education of those interested in becoming Catholics.

Contact Person: Sister Rosalyn Soller OSB

Phone: 412-367-9001/Ext. 542

### **Altar Servers**

Children grades five and above as well as adults are trained and scheduled as altar servers for weekend Masses. The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy.

Contact Person: Roger Kaufold

Phone: 412-369-7068

### **Athletic Association**

The Association helps fund all of the sports teams and provides guidance and governance over the sports programs. It strives to provide an opportunity for all of our students to participate in athletic events.

Contact Person: Chris Yakim

Phone: 412-366-0507

### **Baptismal Garments**

Baptismal bibs are made for the children in the parish that are being baptized. Understanding that the garment might be a cherished keepsake for the family, and that we want to assure the sewing adornment merits the dignity of the Sacrament, there is an assessment of skills for participation.

Contact Person: Judy Dames

Phone: 412-366-7426

### **Baptism Preparation**

We present a class that gives some thought and background concerning the Sacrament of Baptism. This class prepares parents for the actual ceremony so they know what to expect.

Contact Person: Sharon Balchus

Phone: 412-367-9001/Ext.548

### **Bethlehem Haven Outreach**

We serve homeless women by providing a continuum of care through meals and fellowship that leads toward self-sufficiency. Our outreach gives the parish a chance to give a boost to women who are trying to change their lives for the better. All women of the parish are welcome to assist with cooking/serving a meal once a month (the 3rd Saturday—leave home at 6:00 P.M. and are back by 8:30 P.M.) and offering a listening ear or a prayer.

Contact Person: Maureen Fabra

Phone: 412-366-1360

**Bingo Association**

The objective of the Bingo is to raise funds for the needs of the Parish and the school, as determined by the pastor and the Finance Committee. It is held in Henninger Hall Auditorium and is currently (2015) scheduled on Thursday evenings.

Contact Person: Mike Geyer

Phone: 412-736-0775

**Bonus Bucks**

Gift cards may be purchased through the parish with a percentage of the sales being credited to St. Teresa's school tuitions and operating costs.

Contact Person: Linda Ruffing

Phone: 412-376-9001/519

**Boys Scouts of America Troop #368**

We work with boys in sixth through twelfth grade, ages 10 to 17, to develop character, citizenship, leadership and personal fitness. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings in Schoppol Hall.

Contact Person: Dianne Machesney, COR

Phone: 412-366-7869

**Card-A-Rama**

We provide an opportunity for ladies of the parish and community to enjoy fellowship with like-minded women in friendly competition by playing 500 or Bridge. We have a dues fee of \$15.00 per year, which benefits the parish. In May we have a final round of play with a combined luncheon of the bridge and 500 groups.

Contact Person(s): Sandy Csikari

Phone: 412-366-0296

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Adult volunteers present the Liturgical readings to the children in a simpler form and encourage participation in the Mass. We strive to have the children relate to their world and what Jesus would do or want them to do when confronted with their situations in everyday life. We encourage them to develop a closer relationship with Jesus.

Contact Person: Sharon Balchus

Phone: 412-367-9001/Ext.548

**ChristLife**

A parish-wide evangelization program which guides individuals into "discovering", "following", and "sharing" Christ in a personal way. Through a series of video presentations and small group discussions, individuals are drawn into a closer relationship with the Lord. The on-going nature of this program welcomes parishioners into a variety of service opportunities.

Contact Person: Rita Morasco

Phone: 412-364-4197

**Cleaning of the Church**

All those available arrive at the church every Friday morning around 9:45 a.m. We see that the church is clean prior to the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Contact Person: Sally Hansel

Phone: 412-367-9001 /Ext. 510

**Confraternity of Christian Mothers**

We attend Mass together on the first Sunday of the month and participate in group prayer after communion. As requested by families we say the rosary at funeral homes for all deceased women of the parish. We serve and cooperate in any work or project benefiting our church and school.  
Contact Person: Georgiann Schaefer Phone: 412-364-9312

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

We assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ to the church members. Some extraordinary ministers give Communion to the homebound or to those in nursing homes.  
Contact Person: Scheduling: Karen Bingham Phone: 724-712-3212  
Training: Sr. Irene Moeller 412-367-9001/Ext. 540

**Finance Council**

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish Finance Council is driven by the Gospel values as well as good business practices in advising the Pastor over the financial policy and controls of the parish. The Finance Council works in conjunction with the Pastor and the Pastoral Council to achieve a financial balance in ensuring the ministry and capital needs of the parish are met as well as providing a full disclosure of the use of all parish funds.  
Contact Person: Ken Senatore Phone: 412-369-7929

**First Saturday Rosary**

We attend Saturday morning Mass and say the Rosary. After Mass we pray the devotions to the Sorrowful Mother. We also make Rosaries and will teach anyone interested in doing so.  
Contact Person: Carol Settlemaier Phone: 412-367-2981

**First Sunday of the Month Rosary**

We intercede in prayer, as a group, to Our Blessed Mother. We encourage participation from any one as a means of supporting the Church in prayer and enhancing one’s own spirituality. We pray for our needs and the needs of the Church. We currently gather every month in the Chapel at 2:00 P.M. for about 45 minutes.  
Contact Person: Mary Zielinski Phone: 412-366-2955

**Fish Fry**

Our purpose is to raise funds which support the parish. Fish dinners are sold Fridays during the season of Lent. With the aid of many parishioners, a core group organizes the undertaking and the wider community is serviced.  
Contact Person: Dan McSorley Phone: 412-334-5748

**Funeral Home Rosary**

For any deceased members of the parish whose family has requested it, we say the rosary at the funeral home:  
For **Men**—Contact Person: George J. Staab Jr. Phone: 412-364-4358  
For **Women**—Contact Person: Pauline Mahoney Phone: 412-366-9088

### **Funeral Liturgy Ministry**

This ministry serves the families of our deceased parishioners from the funeral home visit through the funeral Mass. It is divided into three groups that work closely with one another.

**Lectors:** We are the readers at funeral liturgies. We also carry the cross in the funeral procession.

Contact Person: Joan Wersing

Phone: 412-367-3080

**Planners:** We assist the family of the deceased in planning the funeral liturgy (selectin readings, music, etc.)

Contact Person: Barbara Brown

Phone: 724-935-1122

**Servers:** Adult servers at all funeral liturgies prepare the altar, assist the priest during Mass and clean the altar after the funeral.

Contact Person: Carmella Peduto

Phone: 412-364-6110

### **Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania**

Girls, grades K-12, have the opportunity to try new experiences, learn to appreciate the outdoors, participate in community service projects and become environmental stewards! Girls can practice sound courageous decision making while being respectful toward others. They become empowered to be good leaders for our future.

Contact Person: Angela Arlia

Phone: 412-635-6107

### **Hospitality Sunday**

We provide and serve coffee, juice, and donuts to parish families in a relaxed social setting after 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses in order to bring the parish family together. This provides time to get together with old friends and to meet new parish members.

Contact Person: Marie E. Jaklic

Phone: 412-367-4683

### **In Touch Newsletter**

To keep parishioners, especially the homebound, *in touch* with staff changes, events, and activities of the parish and to help people feel connected. Articles in the newsletter include parish history, profiles of parish volunteers, religious topics, school news, golden anniversary celebrants, etc.

Contact Person: Dianne Machesney

Phone: 412-366-7869

### **Knights of Columbus Council #13959**

We are Catholic men, eighteen and over, committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood. The Order is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Order is unequivocal in its loyalty to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth. It is firmly committed to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defense of the family. We serve the parish and community wherever we are needed.

Contact Person: Robert Musgrave (Grand Knight)

Phone: 412-366-8226

**Ladies of Charity**

We assist the pastor in ministering to parishioners and others through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Contact Person: Mrs. Curtis Staab

Phone: 412-364-2479

**Landscaping Committee**

Plan activities and organize projects to help create and maintain a peaceful and inspirational setting to welcome parishioners and visitors to St. Teresa Parish.

Contact Person: Kathleen Washy

Phone: 412-364-0775

**Lectors and Commentators:**

We proclaim the Word of God at Mass, and provide commentators for the Prayers of Petition and the announcements.

Orientation--Contact Person: John Flaherty

Phone: 412-367-2448

Scheduling—Contact Person: Toni Senatore

Phone: 412-369-7929

**Liturgy Planning**

We follow the common themes from the readings in order to write the intercessions for each liturgy.

Contact Person: Barbara Brown

Phone: 724-935-1122

**Liturgy Planning Committee**

The members plan the Mass of Anointing, when to decorate the church for its various celebrations, obtain the bread that will be blessed for the Thanksgiving liturgy and plan the purchasing of the poinsettias for Christmas.

Contact Person: Georgiann Schaefer

Phone: 412-364-9312

**Marian Movement of Priests**

We pray the holy rosary for the Pope, the bishops and all the priests in response to Our Lady's invitation through Father Gobbi. We also read and study his writings.

Contact Person: Dianne Machesney

Phone: 412-366-7869

**Ministry Fair Committee**

This committee planned and executed a 'Ministry Fair' in 2009. Efforts continue to maintain an up-to-date list of Parish Ministries and their respective contact person.

Contact Person: Judy Dames

Phone: 412-366-7426

**Music Ministry**

Through a variety of vocal choruses, cantors and instrumental groups music is provided for weekend Masses, Liturgical Services and other Church related events.

Contact Person: Ted Rybka

Phone: 412-367-9001/Ext. 514

**Oaxaca Mission Group**

The group provides financial (through fund-raising events) and spiritual support to the Anna Seethaler Hospital in Oaxaca, Mexico, (TASH, Inc., c/o Father Scott Seethaler)

Contact Person: Janet D. Lindner

Phone: 412-364-7884

**Padre Pio Prayer Group**

We promote Eucharistic Adoration and invoke the intercession of Saint Pio of Pietreleino (Padre Pio). We pray aloud before the Blessed Sacrament with prayers of adoration, petition, thanksgiving; we pray the rosary for priests, for the sick of the parish and those in need.

Contact Person: Joann Lauer

Phone: 412-366-1329

**Parent Teacher Guild**

We work to promote and support the work of the St. Teresa School administration, faculty, and staff. Volunteer efforts focus on the financial and spiritual well-being of our school family. We promote our school within the community.

Contact Person: Jennifer Giunta

Phone: 412-369-0256

**Parish Festival and Flea Market**

A massive flea market, set up in Schoppol Hall, is the beginning of the parish festival. The week-long event includes nightly theme dinners and entertainment, game booths, petting zoo, Bingo, Chinese Auction, prayer corner, bake sale and amusement park rides. Proceeds benefit the General Church Fund, the Angel Fund, and The Parish School Fund. School parents are urged to volunteer. It is organized by a committee of 9-12 members.

Contact Person(s): Festival: Jay Kerr

Phone: 412-364-9339

Flea Market: Adam Miller

Phone: 412-364-0586

**Pastoral Council**

The mission of the Pastoral Council is to serve as the advisory body to the Pastor on the quality of parish life.

Contact Person: Father Bob Vular

Phone: 412-367-9001/Ext.511

**Pro-Life Committee**

The objective of our ministry is to educate parishioners about the Church's teachings in regard to life issues, to coordinate activities to overturn Roe v Wade and to support the dignity of life from conception to natural death. Our monthly newsletter, which is distributed in the bulletin, will keep you abreast of the latest news. We sponsor many activities throughout the year to pray for the respect for life and to financially support our efforts.

Contact Person: Dianne Machesney

Phone: 412-366-7869

**Religious Education**

Our faith formation targets children, in kindergarten through grade eight, who are attending public schools. The program provides: a religious education program based on Scripture and the Tradition of the Church; preparation for the sacraments; Vacation Bible School; a caring atmosphere so that our students will experience Christian community; a moral compass for our youth to rely on as they mature; activities that will lead our children to develop a relationship with Jesus, a life of prayer, and a life of service to others.

Contact Person: Sharon Balchus

Phone: 412-367-9001/Ext.548

**Religious Education Dinners**

Dinner is served in Schoppol Hall for families whose children are attending religious education classes on Wednesdays. It is served at 6PM (between the afternoon and evening classes). Serving, cooking help or donations are welcome.

Contact Person: Bobbie Lyons

Phone: 412-366-5381

**Sacristan**

The function of the sacristan is to ensure that the adornment and décor of our church to be such as to make it a visible sign of our parish community's love and adoration toward our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Responsibilities include: ordering all the supplies necessary for any and all liturgical functions, such as hosts, wine and candles; maintaining all liturgical garments, church furnishings, liturgical vessels and decorative objects in good condition.

Contact Person: Frank Leja

Phone: 412-366-5437

**Social Services**

Sister Irene coordinates volunteers to provide drivers/companions for doctor trips, shopping, etc.; make home visits to parishioners; visit parishioners in Nursing Homes; send Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to parishioners in the hospital; assist with the Catholic Communion Services at Perrytown Place (monthly) and HCR Manor Care (weekly) both located in Ross Township; facilitate the Diocesan "Emmaus Journey" (7-week bereavement program) in the Fall and Spring; assist with the annual "Afternoon of Reflection for the Bereaved and "Grieving Through the Holidays" in November; assist in the Canteen for the twice yearly Blood Drive (June and December); coordinate the Ministry of Praise (homebound/elderly pray for the Parish) and other services as they arise. Volunteers are welcome in any area of service.

Contact Person: Sister Irene Moeller

Phone: 412-367-9001/Ext. 540

**Spirit Band**

We provide music with the choir and organist to enhance the worship experience at Mass and Liturgical celebrations and have an outreach ministry to nursing homes, retirement villages, veterans and community centers via seasonal concerts. We are also available to consult on how to start a parish spirit band, choose instrumentation and select arrangements.

Contact Person: Dave Patterson

Phone: 412-720-3673

**St. Paul of the Cross Men’s Retreat**

The retreat is intended primarily for adult men, but college age and high school age young men are welcome, and have often come with their fathers. The retreat provides a time for a man to step away from the stress of his everyday responsibilities. It is also a time for a man to deepen his relationship with our Lord and an opportunity to refresh his perspective about how he lives out his Christian life.

Contact Person(s): Tom J. Dionise  
Gerry Kunic

Phone: 412-364-7322  
Phone: 412-874-6186

**St. Teresa School Advancement Team**

By providing information to alumni, parents, grandparents, parishioners, business leaders and friends, the Advancement Council encourages the involvement of the school’s constituents and the greater community for the purpose of meeting the current and future needs of St. Teresa of Avila School, and to build the Kingdom of God through Catholic education.

Contact Person: Christine Daeschner, Advancement Director Phone: 412-939-0371

**St. Vincent de Paul**

*“Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, a lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. Organized locally, Vincentians witness God’s love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes making no distinction in those served. “*

We target the needy of our parish as well as those of the greater parish community. We include in that community, family members as well as individuals and organizations associated thereto. One associate is Northside Common Ministries where we provide dinners once monthly to around 30 homeless men.

Contact Person: Robert (Bob) Burnos

Phone: 412-496-6326

**Ushers**

Our ministry provides assistance in seating parishioners for Mass, making sure that communion is brought to the elderly and sick, collecting offertory envelopes and monies, making sure that communion flows efficiently, handling medical emergencies during Mass, recruiting parishioners to bring the gifts from the back of the church to the altar, making sure church bulletins and papers are distributed to parishioners.

Contact Person: John Vasalani

Phone: 412-364-7783

**Vocations Committee**

Throughout the year we sponsor events and services to pray for an increase in vocations: Church bulletin announcements, Holy Hour twice a year, holiday cards to seminarians, Christmas gift for youth servers and the traveling cross are a few examples of what we do during the year.

Contact Person: Tom J. Dionise

Phone: 412-364-7322



**Wedding Coordinator**

The wedding coordinators assist the bride and groom in planning the liturgical celebration of their marriage. They serve at the rehearsal and the wedding to insure that events go as planned. All stipends received from wedding parties are donated to the parish's mission in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Contact Person: Joan Wersing

Phone: 412-367-3080

**Women of Grace**

Women of Grace is a foundational study which assists participants in deepening their personal relationship with Jesus, through the intercession of His Mother Mary, and helping the women to embrace their gift of authentic femininity and dignity as a daughter of God.

Contact Person: Amy Kreutzer

Phone: 412-999-0018

**Women's Retreat**

Our annual women's retreat occurs each spring at St. Paul's Retreat Center in Pittsburgh. From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, participants are offered a variety of opportunities to share meals together, receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, and attend conferences. Additionally, a lovely garden is always available for strolling and spending time alone in quiet reflection and prayer. The retreat concludes with Mass on Sunday.

Contact Person: Margaret Mullinary

Phone 412-849-0969

**Youth Ministry**

St. Teresa Lifeteen aims to lead teens to an encounter with Jesus Christ. In the context of a healthy environment, we endeavor to share the Gospel in a way that is both exciting and relevant. We strive to connect our Catholic faith to daily life with joy and truth. We desire to help teens bypass the darkness and boldly live in the light of Christ. In doing so, our teens are empowered to become disciples of Jesus Christ in service and love.

Contact Person: Susan Mohall-Szymanski

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