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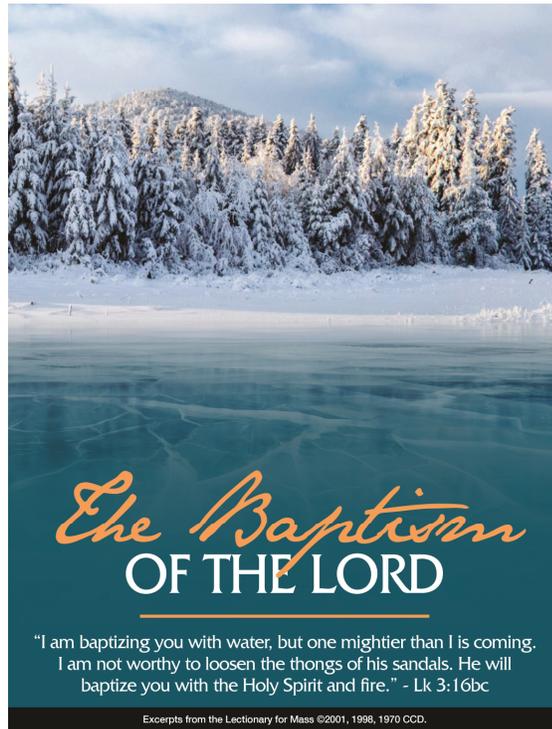
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic faith community of St. Teresa of Avila parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to proclaim and follow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Basing our lives on faith, hope and love, we seek to meet our needs and the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. It is our humble prayer that our lives will be visible signs of His presence in the world as we celebrate Christ in His Word and Sacraments.



MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgies</i>	8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	4:30 PM
<i>Weekday Liturgies</i>	
<i>Daily</i>	8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
<i>Saturday</i>	9:00 AM
<i>Vigil of Holy Days</i>	5:30 PM
<i>Holy Days</i>	8:00 AM; 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

Vigil of Holy Days 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

or anytime by request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

As preparation for Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made at the Rectory 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at the Rectory as soon as you move within the parish.

Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who have been registered for 6 months, attend Mass regularly, have been confirmed, if married, have done so in conformity with the Church laws, and children attend Religious Education.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 14

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tuesday, January 15

8:00 Connie Caprio *by husband
and family*

Wednesday, January 16

5:30 Departed Souls

Thursday, January 17- St. Anthony

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Friday, January 18

8:00 Departed Souls

Saturday, January 19

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Rosario Fiorella *by Anna
Wallens*

Sunday, January 20 - 2nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:00 Tim Bell *by family*

10:15 Mary Ross *by Leean Koch*



Scripture Readings For the Week

*Monday - Hebrews 1:1-6;
Mark 1:14-20*

*Tuesday - Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark
1:21-28*

*Wednesday - Hebrews 2:14-18;
Mark 1:29-39*

*Thursday - Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark
1:40-45*

*Friday - Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark
2:1-12*

*Saturday - Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark
2:13-17*

*Sunday - Isaiah 62:1-5; 1
Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11*

Mark Your Calendar:

The Knights of Columbus

Annual Spaghetti Dinner,

Sunday, January 27

2:00 -6:00 pm

\$8.00 adults

\$25.00 for a Family

Children Under 6 are Free

Our Lady of Peace Parish Center,

10950 Main Street, Clarence.

Dine-in or Take-out

Basket Raffles



One last time let me wish you a blessed Christmas and peaceful new year, as we conclude the Christmas season with today's Mass of the Baptism of the Lord. I had been hoping for a white Christmas, and this year we got it! It didn't last, but it sure put us in the right mood. Our rectory office also looked cheerful, with all of your Christmas cards on display. Thanks to all who sent cards and cookies!

Our church looked absolutely terrific too - wreaths, poinsettias, the manger. Thanks to all who made flower offerings, which allow us to splurge on the decorations for these special weeks. Special thanks to our decorating and set-up crews whose gift of time made such a great scene.

I was especially grateful to have Deacon Ron's assistance throughout the season. It helps me a lot to sit & rest for a few minutes during Mass while he takes over the altar duties. One of the big challenges of Christmas is coming up with twice as many homilies for the extra holy days, and I appreciated sharing the preaching load with Deacon Ron.

Likewise, I'm thankful for all who assisted with altar ministries. With so many Masses, it takes a lot of personnel to make it all run smoothly.

There was one thing which disappointed me this year. Some unkind words were said to our choir members after the Christmas Vigil Mass. I understand that some people were dissatisfied with our music. Music is a very subjective thing, and this does happen. But we have to remember who we are - followers of Jesus Christ, who are told to "speak the truth in love" (Eph 4:15). We are not Simon Cowell on the panel of American Idol. It saddened me when I heard what was said on that holy night.

With the Christmas season now officially ending, let us look back on all the kindness that has been shown to us, and give thanks to God for the people who have given us good cheer. Perhaps if there's someone you missed seeing, write them a quick note to wish them a prosperous new year. May it be a safe and happy year for us all, and a year of grace for God's Holy Church.

Glory to the Newborn King!

-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For good health and a happy life for all babies baptized at our altar in the past year; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Shirley Lantz, Lorraine Sylvester, Norma Hackbush, Lucas Lowe, Jim Creed, Liam Williams, Doug Schifferle, Jess Reger, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Christopher Ginestre, Whitey Spoth, Gloria Rembas, Geraldine Benker, Barbara Litfin and for the happy repose of the soul of Phyllis Hanlon. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

Religious Education: Want a dose of Christmas spirit? Stop to see the photos of the children who participated in the Living Nativity two weeks ago. They are displayed on an easel in the vestibule. Sincere thanks to the families, catechists and staff who made this possible with costumes, planning, rehearsal and good will. May the blessing of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph be with all!

Youth Ministry News:

- **Middle School: TONIGHT!** Sunday, January 13th - 6:00 - 7:30 pm "Put on the full armor of God" Have some Christmas cookies while we keep forging our armor.
- **High School:** Sunday, January 20th - 5:00 - 9:00 pm - "Dashing Through the Snow" - Note the early start time, because we will be carpooling from St. Teresa's to Stella Niagara and Fatima Shrine to enjoy their outdoor sites. A pizza dinner is included. Please dress appropriately for the weather including boots, gloves and scarves. Permission slips are needed! Please pick one up from Father Dave this weekend and bring it with you.



Respect Life: In observance of the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade,

Catholics are encouraged to participate in a solemn observance by placing a candle in the front window of their homes at sundown on the evening of January 22. The candle serves as a reminder of 50 million unborn babies who have been aborted since the 1973 Supreme Court decision.

Mark your Calendars: The 67th Annual Diocesan Youth Convention will take place the weekend of March 1-3, 2019 at the newly renovated Buffalo Grand Hotel (formerly the Adams Mark Hotel). Convention 2019 will help you to POWER UP your relationship with God. For many of us, it's hard to stay connected to God in the midst of everything else we do in a day. We tend to forget about Him and the ways he makes a difference in our lives. At Convention 2019, we will explore what it means to be connected to God and the ways he can help us POWER UP for our mission as disciples in the world!

Our Lady of Pompeii, 158 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster, invites you to their next monthly Faith Formation Enrichment Series on Monday, January 28 at 7:00 pm. The next topic will be **Eucharistic Miracles: The Suffering Heart of Jesus**. The presenter will be Jeffrey Skurka. Medical professionals had determined that samples taken from consecrated communion hosts of verified Eucharistic Miracles when scientifically examined have proven to be inflamed human myocardial tissue. Thus leaving the medical community dumbfounded, come learn why Jesus keeps showing us his suffering heart.

☺ The devout cowboy lost his favorite Bible while he was mending fences out on the range. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The cowboy couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."



- **Sunday, January 13 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Sunday, January 13 - Middle School Youth Group - 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Saturday, January 19 - Monthly Visitation to the Brothers of Mercy Nursing Home - volunteers meet at the entrance of the home at 10:00 am; cookies are appreciated!**
- **Weekend of January 19-20 - Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection Barrels will be out in the back of Church; Pasta and Sauces are needed!**
- **Sunday, January 20 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Sunday, January 20 - High School Youth Group - 5:00 - 9:00 pm**



Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"God gives us just enough light, just enough clues so that those who truly love Him and seek Him will find Him, and those who don't won't. What determines our eternal destiny is not our IQ but our love."

~Dr. Peter Kreeft
Seven Reasons to be Catholic