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FEBRUARY 5, 2017 • THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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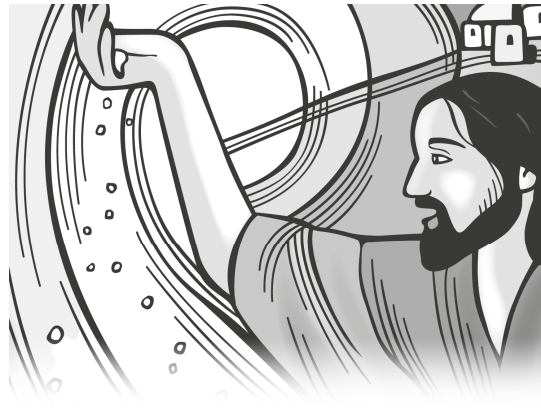
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth.  
But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?  
You are the light of the world. A city set on  
a mountain cannot be hidden." *Mt 5:13a, 14*

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## 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> .....	4:30 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, February 6 - St. Paul Miki  
8:00 Mary Strollo by Bob and  
Laura Strollo

Tuesday, February 7  
8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, February 8 - St.  
Jerome Emiliani and St.  
Josephine Bakhita  
5:30 John Romance by Lou and  
Carol Pacifico

Thursday, February 9  
8:00 Eugene Zelma by family

Friday, February 10 - St.  
Scholastica  
8:00 Eleanore Penn and Family  
by family

Saturday, February 11 - Our Lady of  
Lourdes  
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Dr. David Fish by Connie  
Philips

Sunday, February 12 - The 6th  
Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 Tim Bell by family  
10:15 Denise Breedlove by Leean  
Koch



### Scripture Readings for the Week

**Monday** - Genesis 1:1-19;  
Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday** - Genesis 1:20-3:4a;  
Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday** - Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-  
17; Mark 7:14-23

**Thursday** - Genesis 2:18-25; Mark  
7:24-30

**Friday** - Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-  
37

**Saturday** - Genesis 3:9-24; Mark  
8:1-10

**Next Sunday** - Sirach 15:15-20; 1  
Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-  
37

**The 2017 Mass Book is Here!**  
There are a number of openings  
in the daily and weekend Mass  
schedule during the upcoming  
months. Please contact the  
rectory any weekday morning to  
get your preferred dates.



"I believe..."

PASTORAL SHARINGS

Last weekend I began a homily series, promising to explain a little bit about the Nicene Creed each week until Lent begins. We pray this Creed at every weekend Mass, and I hope that unpacking some of the phrases will make it more meaningful for you. The main purpose of the Creed is to declare that we believe Jesus, though human, is fully God. He is of the same Divine Substance as God the Father. This is what we mean by the tongue-twisting word consubstantial.

Turning to more earthly matters, I hope you enjoy the big game this weekend! Superbowl parties are always a fun way to share an enjoyable night with friends or family. I would like to see Atlanta win, although our business manager Melissa has a different opinion. We'll see who's celebrating on Monday morning!

Speaking of football, I'd like to announce an all-star lineup: the most publicly Catholic players in the NFL. Many players are quietly Catholic, but some are very open about their faith. Here's a quick top five:

- \*Phil Rivers, quarterback, San Diego Chargers
- \*Joe Flacco, quarterback, Baltimore Ravens
- \*Paul Posluzny, middle linebacker, Jacksonville Jaguars
- \*Benjamin Watson, tight end, Baltimore Ravens
- \*David Quessenberry, offensive tackle, Houston Texans

Every player has a story, and these guys are no exception. Paul Posluzny used to be a Buffalo Bill, and I would often see him at Mass at Our Lady of Victory Basilica. Benjamin Watson spoke against abortion at the March For Life last weekend in Washington, D.C. David Quessenberry has been on injured reserve since he was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2014, but insists that his goal is to return to the active roster.

Faithful athletes are an inspiration, especially to our young people who play school sports. The diocese has just wrapped up Catholic Schools week. This past fall, I was asked to join the School Board at Nativity in Harris Hill. I will sometimes pass along information from these meetings. A major goal of the board is increasing enrollment, but also increasing the pool of substitute teachers. If anyone would like to inquire about this, the pay is comparable to public school rates at \$75/day. You may find a more disciplined environment and can be more open about your faith -- just like Paul Posluzny!

No matter who wins the trophy, blessed be God forever!

~ Fr. Dave

**Our Special Prayer Request for the Week:** For the safety of all athletes, both on and off the field; let us pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; David Hahn, Shirley Lantz, Lucas Lowe, Michael Nanni, Jim Schmatz, Keith Bergman, Lorraine Sylvester, Madisyn Ross, Norma Hackbush, Arlene Scheeda, Adolph Bassanello and for the happy repose of the soul of Al Brandl, David Conschafter and Father Joe Carlo. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

**Religious Education:** In addition to Religious Education classes on Sunday mornings, children attending the 10:15 Mass are welcome to the Liturgy of the Word. This is an opportunity for first and second graders to hear the Gospel and “act” upon it with a simple activity or craft. Youngsters at the kindergarten or third grade level may also find this helpful while participating in the Mass.

#### High School Teens:

\*Sunday, February 19th - Ice Skating at the Northtown Center in Amherst - drop off at 6:00 pm and pickup at 7:30 pm.

\*March 3rd-5th -- This winter the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will hold the 65th Annual Diocesan Youth Convention, “Positively Dangerous”, at the Adam's Mark Hotel. This inspiring weekend will bring together over 800 high school aged youth and their adult leaders for 3 days of prayer, faith, evangelization and community service. For more information, contact Father Dave.

**Next weekend we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.** This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please try to be generous in next weekend’s collection.



As Valentine’s Day approaches, we ask you to make a **Gift of Love to the Response to Love Center** at St. Adalbert’s in Buffalo. The Center assists people in that area and is run by the Felician Sisters. Items being collected include personal care products and home essentials that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Open your hearts to those in need. A Valentine box will be in the vestibule thru February 22nd.

Suggestions: tissues hand lotion shampoo razors  
shaving cream toothpaste/brushes soap toilet tissue  
deodorant paper towels dish detergent laundry detergent

**Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana)** is an important part of the journey into love and marriage. Pre-Cana is scheduled at St. Christopher Church, 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd on Saturday, March 11 from 9am -3 pm in the school cafeteria. All couples planning to marry in 2017 or 2018 are invited to participate in this small group marriage preparation program. Contact the rectory office at 716-692-2660 for more details or to register.



A young man was very excited because he just won a ticket to the Super Bowl. His excitement lessened as he realized his seat was in the back of the stadium. As he searched the rows ahead of him for a better seat, he found an empty one right next to the field. He approached the man sitting next to the empty seat and asked if it was taken. The man replied, “No.” Amazed the young man asked, “How could someone pass up a seat like this?” The older gentleman responded, “That’s my wife’s seat. We’ve been to every Super Bowl together since the day we were married but she has passed away.” “Oh, how sad,” the man said. “I’m sorry to hear that, but couldn’t you find a friend or relative to come with you?” “No,” the man said, “They’re all at the funeral.”



- **Sunday, February 5 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm**
- **Monday, February 6 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Tuesday, February 7 - Women’s Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm in the School Meeting Room**
- **Thursday, February 9 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in the School Meeting Room**
- **Friday, February 10 - Fully Alive - 7:30 pm, followed by Benediction at 9:00 pm**
- **Sunday, February 12 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**



**Bible Study Class #7**  
**February 6/February 9**  
**Reading: 1 Maccabees and Luke Ch. 1-18**

**Bible Study Class #8**  
**February 13/February 16**  
**Reading: Luke Ch. 19-24 and Acts of the Apostles**

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-857-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“We need to be rooted and grounded in Christ so we won’t be seduced by the devil.”  
~Ralph Martin