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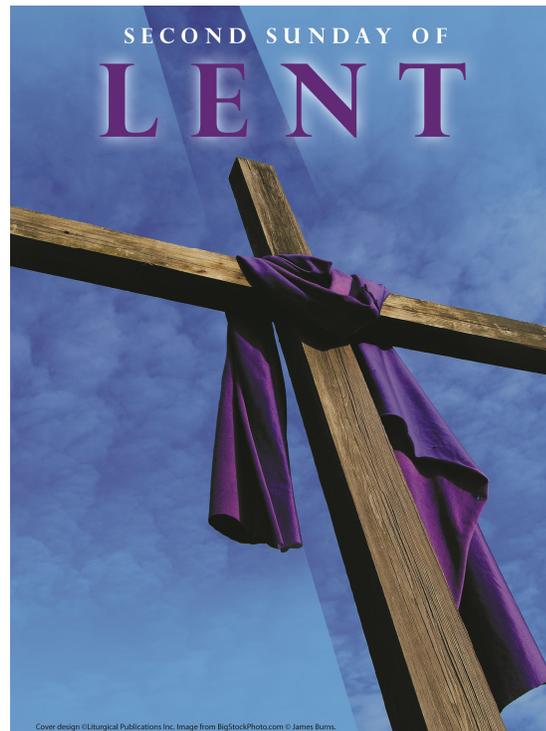
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

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| <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, February 26

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 John Hawes *by mom*

Wednesday, February 28

5:30 Sue O'Brien *by Gordon Kaiser*

Thursday, March 1

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Friday, March 2

8:00 Departed Souls

Saturday, March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Mario Ianni *by Mary Nanni and Family*

Sunday, March 4 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 Jack Herman *by family*

10:15 Lorrie Peters *by Mary Hawes*



Scripture Readings For the Week

*Monday - Daniel 9:4b-10;
Luke 6:36-38*

*Tuesday - Isaiah 1:10, 16-20;
Matthew 23:1-12*

*Wednesday - Jeremiah 18:18-20;
Matthew 20:17-28*

*Thursday - Jeremiah 17:5-10;
Luke 16:19-31*

*Friday - Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46*

*Saturday - Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

*Sunday - Exodus 20:1-17; 1
Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25*

2018 Masses

There are several weekend and weekday Masses available in the near future. Please call the Rectory any weekday morning to get your preferred dates.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Persevere! If you have challenged yourself deeply this Lent, you may be starting to wonder if that was a mistake. You may be doubting if you can continue these sacrifices for the many weeks that remain. At such a time, it's good to recall what St. Paul wrote in Colossians 1:24, that he offers up his sufferings for the sake of the people whom he brought into the faith.

We can do the exact same thing, offering up every act of self-denial for someone we love. I recommend, for each day of Lent that remains, you begin the day by calling to mind a person in need and telling Jesus that you offer all your sacrifices and sufferings up into His pierced hands on the cross, for that person. It is a very powerful prayer that unleashes massive graces.

Speaking of grace, a Healing Mass will be offered in our church on Wednesday, March 14th by Fr. Richard DiGiulio from the Charismatic Office of the diocese. This will take place at our usual 5:30 Wednesday Mass. After Mass concludes, those who wish may come forward to be prayed over. Quite a large number took this opportunity last year, and we hope for another good crowd this time.

Speaking of healing, I'd like to pass on some words of thanks from my mother, Linda. She is so grateful for all the prayers offered for her recovery, and she was pleasantly surprised by the cards that arrived and especially the prayer quilt made by our Quilting Ministry. So many factors have lined up "just right" in her recovery, and I know that this is the result of prayer. With God, there are no coincidences.

How about you? Has anything happened lately that was right on time or in just the right way? Lent is a time to ponder such things and give thanks to God for them. It's all part of His brilliant plan for our welfare and, ultimately, our salvation.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,
because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

-Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: That during this Lenten renewal, our nation may turn to God for inspiration to solve its problems and for comfort in its sorrows; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; David Hahn, Shirley Lantz, Lorraine Sylvester, Norma Hackbush, Pat Hahn, Jim Creed, Ron Konieczny, Sister Bea Leising, Faith Bassanello, Tracy Lotz, Liam Williams, Arlene Scheeda, Mike Charles, Doug Schifferle, Dan Springer, Mary Lou Bummer, Baby Nicholas Brady, Karen Martin, Linda Baker, Matthew Hanlon, and Deb Hilton. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

Liturgy of the Word for Children - Children in the primary grades are invited to listen to the Sunday gospel in a special way. They will hear the words of Jesus in vocabulary that they will understand and express their thought with a simple activity. Each child receives a Family Sheet to follow up at home or even in the car on the way home.



Each of us can find ways to communicate with Jesus, to be his disciples, wherever we are. Pope Francis, in "The Joy of the Gospel", says "All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us His closeness, His word and His strength, and gives meaning to our lives. In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others." (Ch. 3, #121)



St. Teresa's 5th Annual Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 16th from 4-7 pm in the Parish Hall! - The Fish Fry features an 8-10 oz hand dipped battered Haddock, potato, coleslaw, bread and butter, lemon wedge and tartar sauce. The cost is \$10.00. There will also be a kids meal offered for those 14 and under for \$5.00. Presale tickets will be available after all Masses March 3-4 and March 10-11. All proceeds will go towards the Religious Education donation to Catholic Charities. For more information, please call the Rectory office.

For the second session of the Lenten Lecture Series, Rev. Robert Mock will speak on how we experience and learn about Mary through the Infancy Narrative of St. Luke's Gospel. This session will take place on Monday, February 26th at 7:30 pm in Blessed Sacrament Church, 263 Claremont Avenue, Buffalo. No cost! No reservations required. Come and bring a friend! Refreshments served.



It doesn't have to be overwhelming. For parents or caregivers of a child who is struggling in multiple areas, or has chronic physical and mental needs, **Catholic Charities** can help parents and caregivers keep up with and address those needs. Care Managers for the Encompass Children's Health Home can help parents or caregivers and their child with an ongoing planning process that wraps services around the child and family. Care Managers across Western New York ensure the child gets appointments with doctors, dentists, mental health providers and specialists; links the child and family to others in similar situations for support; and provides other support and guidance. To help continue this ministry to children and families in need, please donate to the **2018 Appeal**.

Ministers for March

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:30 pm - Randy Bergman and Joseph Bergman; 8:00 am - Susan Brown; 10:15 am - Karen Klimchuk and Cindy Hayes; **Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Tom Bergman; 8:00 am - Dick Campbell; 10:15 am - Mary Borden; **Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Paul Bergman and Christopher Bergman; 8:00 am - Volunteers Needed; 10:15 am - Marissa Brennan and Hailey Reigle



One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in daddy's room." A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."



- **Sunday, February 25 - No Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Monday, February 26 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Thursday, March 1 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in the School Meeting Room**
- **Friday, March 2 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm**
- **Saturday, March 3 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm**
- **Sunday, March 4 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**



Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, show forth, we beseech Thee, in Thy Church the Holy Spirit with whose power the apostles were so abundantly filled. We thank Thee for the blessings bestowed upon the work of priests and religious; and we pray that Thou will add to the number of those who now pray, labor, and sacrifice themselves for Thy glory and the salvation of souls. Give them unselfish zeal for Thy glory. O good Jesus, give us more priests and religious after Thy own Heart! Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Father help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of Spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your Grace."