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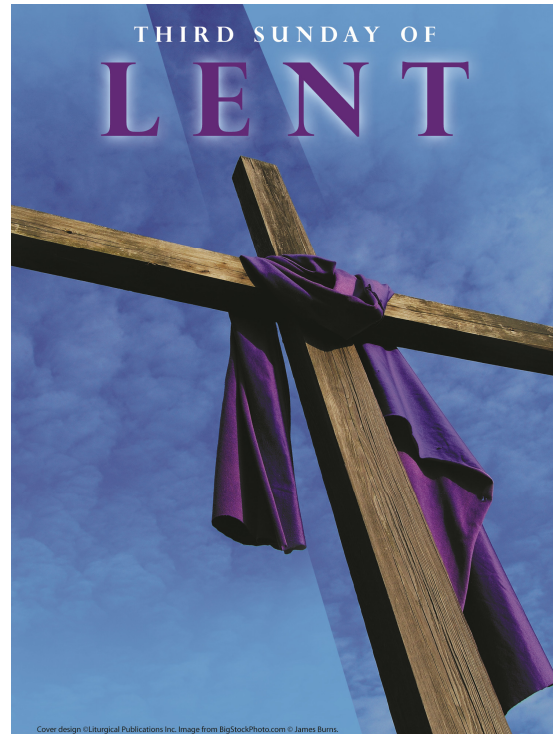
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MISSION STATEMENT

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, March 5

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tuesday, March 6

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, March 7 - Ss. Perpetua
and Felicity

5:30 Mary Lou Flumerfeldt -
Birthday Blessings

Thursday, March 8

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Friday, March 9 - St. Frances of
Rome

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Saturday, March 10

9:00 E.J. Ottney *by wife*

1.00 First Reconciliation

4:30 Mary Leola Campbell *by
family*

Sunday, March 11 - 4th Sunday of
Lent

8:00 Elmer Ottney *by Mike and
Mary Beth Whiting*

10:15 Lorraine Powell *by John
and Karen Schumacher*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 2 Kings 5:1-15b;
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday - Daniel 3:25, 34-43;
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday - Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-
9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday - Jeremiah 7:23-28;
Luke 11:14-23

Friday - Hosea 14:2-10; Mark
12:28-34

Saturday - Hosea 6:1-6; Luke
18:9-14

Sunday - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,
19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John
3:14-21

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

Lent is a stirring time in parish life. By that I mean that the Holy Spirit stirs things up internally. This can produce some discomfort and even bring back difficult memories. The only reason God does this is so that He can heal these sorrows. C.S. Lewis once compared God to a dentist - sometimes he has to cause pain in order to heal a wound.

Fortunately, we have a chance for you to tap into some special healing graces. On Wednesday, March 14th, Fr. Richard DiGiulio will celebrate our regular 5:30 p.m. Mass. I will concelebrate, and we'll be joined by the Burning Bush Prayer Ministry. After Mass, you are invited to come forward to be prayed over.

Last year we did this in June, but how perfect to have the opportunity during Lent this year, when we are confronting the difficult aspects of our life. This prayer ministry is the work of the Holy Spirit, which manifests in many ways during these prayers. I recommend this experience for anyone facing a trial of body, mind, or soul - whether small or great.

Meanwhile, as we confront the sin in our lives, our young people are learning that God's greatest attribute is His mercy. Students in all grades of religious education have the opportunity for Confession. In particular, our second graders are preparing to make their First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 10th. This is always a tender time, as the children learn to trust God and feel comfortable approaching Him when things aren't going right. The Church has always regarded Confession as a Sacrament of Healing.

These are such important lessons, and I'm glad that our Church presents them at a young age. If only people remembered when they grew up! So many people around us are in anguish and need Jesus but, sadly, He is the last thing they are willing to try. This is our mission, as followers of Jesus, to help the lost sheep return to the expert care of The Shepherd.

-Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: That all who suffer in body, mind or soul will come to Jesus for relief; 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.



Children in the second grade are excited about receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a big word for little children! With the help of their parents and catechist (Miss Amanda) they have come to understand that this is another sign of God's love for us. Many of us remember the definition of "sacrament" as "an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace." The Catechism (#1123) tells us the purpose of sacraments is to sanctify, build up the Body of Christ, and give worship to God.



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 of Macaroni and Cheese from Mooney's 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.


Father Richard DiGuilio, Director of Charismatic Renewal and Burning Bush House of Prayer, welcomes you to a Healing Mass, here at St. Teresa's Church, on Wednesday, March 14th at 5:30 pm. The healing Mass will be incorporated into the regular Mass that day. For more information, please call Father DiGuilio at 716-683-6522, ext. 114.

Deacon Greg Feary will speak for the third session of the Lenten Lecture Series about how we can experience Mary through prayer and Praying with Mary through Art. The lecture will be on Monday, March 5th at 7:30 pm at Infant of Prague Church, 921 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga. No cost. No reservations required!



We support mothers and their children at **Catholic Charities**. Not only do we offer 15 Women, Infants and Children (WIC) locations around Western New York, we also offer nutrition and education counseling, breastfeeding support, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and supplemental food vouchers. You can show your support for mothers and children by donating to our **2018 Appeal**. Call 716-218-1400 or visit www.ccwny.org.

The 16th Annual WNY Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 10 at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda. Doors open at 7:30am and we will conclude with Mass at 2pm celebrated by Bishop Richard Malone. Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, Fr. Joseph Gatto, Rector of Christ the King Seminary, and Joe McClane, "The Catholic Hack," will speak to us. All men are invited. This year we hope to assist the poor in our community and we request those that are able to bring a non-perishable food donation with them to the conference. Registration is \$30. For more information or to register, visit www.spiritiscalling.org.

 A kindergarten teacher was showing her class an encyclopedia page illustrating several national flags. She pointed to the American flag and asked, "What flag is this?" Little Sue called out, "That's the flag of our country." "Very good," the teacher said. "And what's the name of our country?" Little Sue answered, "Tis of thee."



- **Sunday, March 4 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Monday, March 5 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Thursday, March 8 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in the School Meeting Room**
- **Friday, March 9 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm; Fully Alive Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - immediately following Stations of the Cross**
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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:

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

~Ephesians 6:11