

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

MARCH 18, 2018 • THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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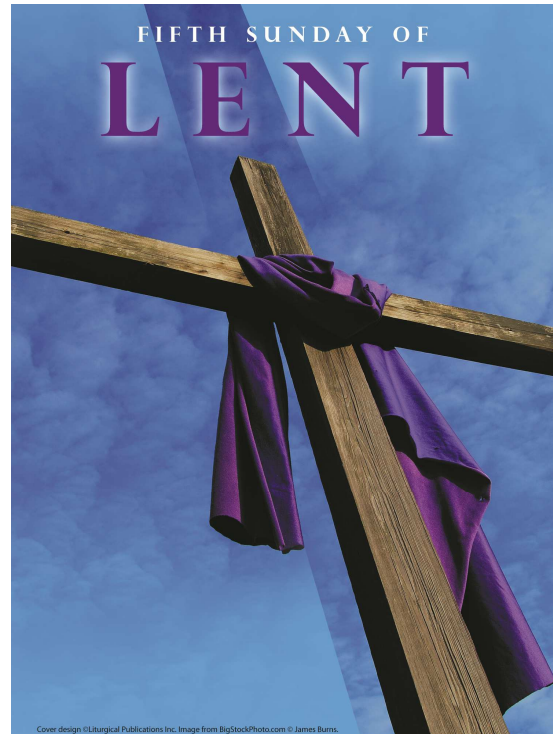
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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 19 - St. Joseph**  
8:00 Sarah Shimmel *by family*
- Tuesday, March 20**  
8:00 Bonnie Cescon *by Mike Murdock*
- Wednesday, March 21**  
5:30 Departed Souls
- Thursday, March 22**  
8:00 Rosie Saenz *by The Van Den Broeke Family*
- Friday, March 23 - St. Turibius of Mongrovejo**  
8:00 Albert, Joseph and Helen Konieczny *by Ron Konieczny*
- Saturday, March 24**  
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 John Mages *by John and Susan Kapturowski*
- Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord**  
8:00 Cathie Badding *by Terri Buekers*  
10:15 Connie Caprio *by Ron and Sherry Shimmel*



### Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday** - 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Tuesday** - Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
- Wednesday** - Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
- Thursday** - Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
- Friday** - Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
- Saturday** - Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
- Sunday** - Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47



### PASTORAL SHARINGS

How was the fish? Thanks to Margie Wood, her fellow catechists, and the students who volunteered to host our annual fish fry. It's an event that takes a lot of organization to do properly. It also has an evangelical side: it attracts people who might not otherwise come to our property, and maybe they'll see something they like.

We now approach the high point of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week next Sunday. When Lent began, I said we were entering the Church playoffs. In that case, Holy Week is the championship series. When a favorite team is playing in the championship, fans devote themselves to watching every game. They put other parts of their life on hold for a week to represent their team.

Why not do this for Holy Week? Show up at every game - er, Sacred Liturgy - and experience the ultimate triumph. Jesus beats the devil, sin, and death, in double overtime on the third day. And you can be there for it!

It all begins on Palm Sunday, and you know you'll be there. Keep it going throughout the week.

One overlooked aspect of Holy Week is "Spy Wednesday." Since we have an evening Mass at 5:30, I encourage you to come and feel the tension build.

Then the mood lightens on Holy Thursday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper. I also think of it as a celebration of friendship. Jesus wanted to be with his closest friends for comfort before he began His suffering. Come to Mass with a friend or two and go for a late snack afterward. Lent technically ends Wednesday, so this is a fun way to break your fast. But only for a moment, because at midnight the penance of Good Friday falls upon us.

You may have the day off on Good Friday - I'm very pleased that our local schools close - and I hope you will come to our Liturgy at 2 pm. From the very beginning, it's unlike any church service you've ever attended. For those who are working, Stations of the Cross presents an evening opportunity.

All of this culminates in a late night liturgy, the Saturday Easter Vigil at 8 pm. Please remember there is no 4:30 Mass on Holy Saturday. Instead we wait for hard darkness, like Jesus lay in the dark of the tomb. Suddenly a light enters the church, and if you've never seen it before it's really worth being part of this ancient ritual.

All of this begins on March 25th. We're on the downhill side of Lent now. Be well and pray hard.

-Father Dave

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** For strength and perseverance at the end of Lent and a long winter; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Shirley Lantz, Lorraine Sylvester, Norma Hackbush, Pat Hahn, Jim Creed, Ron Konieczny, Sister Bea Leising, Faith Bassanello, Tracy Lotz, Liam Williams, Arlene Scheeda, Doug Schifferle, Dan Springer, Mary Lou Bummer, Baby Nicholas Brady, Karen Martin, Matthew Hanlon, Deb Hilton, John Gehl, Kim Kwiatkowski and for the happy repose of the soul of David Hahn, Albert Pickard and Judith Speidel. Please also continue to pray for our troops.



Congratulations to the following 2nd graders who made their First Reconciliation last Saturday afternoon:

Gabriela Estevez	Emma Fink	James Fink
Cassandra Judge	Alice Kish	Regan Luck
Isabella Mruk	Alaina Roland	Levi Rossi
Elizabeth Russo	Gianna Russo	

We are grateful to their parents who worked closely with Miss Amanda, their catechist. Many thanks to the Women's Guild for a lovely reception.

### Youth Ministry:

**High School:** Sunday, March 18th, 6-8 p.m. "Deal or No Deal?" The famous game show will make us think about risk and sacrifice during Lent.



**Lenten Penance Service** - St. Teresa's, Our Lady of Peace, Sacred Heart and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will have a joint Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main Street, Clarence. Priests from around the area will be there for this important event. Don't pass up this moment of grace!

The fifth and final session of the **Lenten Lecture Series** will feature Rev. Leon Biernat speaking on how we experience Mary and the role of Mary as Intercessor on Monday, March 19th at 7:30 pm at the Newman Center at UB, 495 Skannersville Road, Amherst. No cost! No reservations required!



**"Love your neighbor."** Galatians 5:14. **Appeal Week 2018 kicks off this weekend.** Please help us reach our goal of \$11 million by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps educate, counsel and train parents and guardians in our communities. Your donation provides food, clothing and shelter to individuals and families alike, mental health and chemical dependency treatment and affordable counseling for all ages. **The 2018 Appeal is an opportunity to love your neighbor in Western New York** by ensuring they can receive the assistance they need. Please support the Appeal by returning your donation today! Cards were mailed out this week. If you did not receive a card and would like to make a donation, please contact the Rectory.

**Jesus, the Face of the Mercy of God** - presented by Dianne Bergant, CSA - Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm at Kloc's Grove, 1245 Seneca Creek Road, West Seneca. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Biblical Studies Program. To register, please call 716-871-9180 or [www.cbstudies.org](http://www.cbstudies.org)



A doctor got a phone call from one of his colleagues. "We need a fourth for poker," the voice on the phone said. "I'll be right over," replied the doctor. As he was putting on his overcoat, his wife asked, "Is it serious?" "Oh yes, quite serious," he said gravely. "They've had to call in three other doctors as well."



- **Sunday, March 18 - Religious Education Classes** - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Monday, March 19 - Bible Study** - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday, March 22 - Bible Study** - 8:45 am in the School Meeting Room
- **Friday, March 23 - Stations of the Cross** - 7:30 pm
- **Sunday, March 25 - Religious Education Classes** - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



### Prayer for Vocations

Just as grains of wheat must die and be scattered in order to produce new life, we must be willing to die to ourselves, and surrender our own ambitions for the sake of God's will. What is God's will for you? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847.5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month: stories" at [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The Lord speaking to Sister Faustina: "I am Thrice Holy, and I detest the smallest sin. I cannot love a soul which is stained with sin; but when it repents, there is no limit to My generosity toward it. My mercy embraces and justifies it. With My Mercy, I pursue sinners along all of their paths, and My Heart rejoices when they return to Me. I forget the bitterness with which they fed my Heart and rejoice at their return."

~Saint Faustina's Diary, 1738