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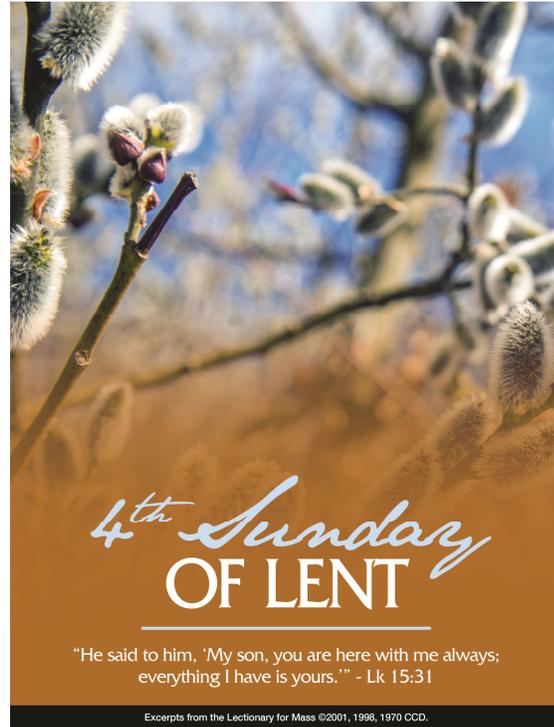
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MISSION STATEMENT

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, April 1

8:00 Mike Giancarlo by The
Flumerfeldt Family

Tuesday, April 2 - St. Francis of
Paola

8:00 Sister Agnes Marie of the
Eternal High Priest by
Donna Bruno

Wednesday, April 3

5:30 Paul Bergman - Birthday
Blessings by mom and dad

Thursday, April 4 - St. Isidore

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Friday, April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, April 6

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Bob Bergman - Birthday
Blessings by Tom and Amy
and family

Sunday, April 7 - The Fifth Sunday
of Lent

8:00 Departed Souls

10:15 Steve Durfee - Birthday
Remembrance by The
Durfee and Penn Families



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Isaiah 65:17-21;
John 4:43-54

Tuesday - Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John
5:1-16

Wednesday - Isaiah 49:8-15; John
5:17-30

Thursday - Exodus 32:7-14; John
5:31-47

Friday - Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John
7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday - Jeremiah 11:18-20;
John 7:40-53

Sunday - Isaiah 43:16-21;
Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

2019 Masses

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



A good Laetare Sunday to you! This is the week of rose altar dressings, reminding us that we are nearing the end of our penance. With that in mind, falling under the category of Catholic tidbits, I'd like to say a word about "Easter Duty" which is misunderstood by many Catholics.

Many think that Easter Duty is a requirement to go to Confession during Lent. This is only half-right. In fact, one's Easter Duty is to receive Communion at least once a year, during the Easter season. For many of us, this requires Confession to get back into the state of grace. This is a biblical precept from St. Paul in 1st Corinthians 11:27-32.

You may remember a time in the distant past when many people attended Mass weekly but did not go to Communion. This biblical verse was the reason and it still applies today, although many don't know about it. To receive Communion while in mortal sin does two things: it dishonors the holiness of the Sacrament, and it creates spiritual turbulence in your soul. St. Paul cautions us about all of this.

There are many things that can land us in mortal sin, and sometimes we wonder, am I in mortal sin or not? The easy solution is to make a Confession and feel liberated.

There will be two special chances for this, outside of our normal parish Confessions: Tuesday April 2nd at Our Lady of Peace AND Wednesday April 10th at Nativity in Harris Hill. Both begin at 7 p.m. and both will feature multiple priests, so you can pick one you like. Make a deep Lenten Confession and feel liberated!

Let's follow the example of the children. Our 2nd grade class will confess for the very first time today! We are having First Reconciliation on a Sunday this year, and I'll celebrate this great Sacrament with them between the two Masses.

All of this prepares us to celebrate Christ's victory, just weeks away. As you make your plans, I encourage you to attend the Solemn Easter Vigil Mass. We have three people receiving Sacraments, including an adult Baptism, and all the mystical features of this ancient liturgy. It starts dramatically at 8 p.m., after sundown in total darkness, with all the lights off in the church and a fire blazing at the main entrance. What is this all about? Come and see, April 20th.

-Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For the success of this year's Catholic Charities Appeal; we pray to the Lord...



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

Religious Education: One of the hymns that resounds in our parish church is "Let There Be Peace On Earth", #422. Everyone seems to join in to fill the building from floor to ceiling, from pew to pew. The story of the prodigal son in today's Gospel is challenging. The father of the prodigal son is so compassionate, so merciful. Like those who gathered to be with Jesus at that time, "tax collectors and sinners... Pharisees and scribes," we ask where we belong in this story. Let the peace that is on our lips, the peace we desire with our hearts, be nourished during this Lenten season. May Jesus' words guide us as we continue our journey to Holy Week and Easter.

Eucharist in the New Testament - The fifth and final session of the Lenten Lecture series will feature Msgr. Richard Siepka speaking on the Eucharist and its foundations in the New Testament on Monday, April 8 at 7:30 pm at St. Timothy's Church, 625 East Park Drive, Tonawanda. No reservations required. No cost.

The 17th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held this Saturday, April 6th at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Drive, Tonawanda from 8 am - 3 pm. Speakers include Dr. Ray Guarendi, Father Ronan Murphy and Father David Baker. Additional information can be found at www.cmfofwny.org.

Appeal Week 2019 kicks off next weekend! Please help us reach our goal of \$11 million by contributing or pledging today. Your donation helps strengthen, protect and empower thousands of people across Western New York. Your gift helps your neighbor find hope. Will you choose to help those who need it most? For more information on **Catholic Charities**, go to www.ccnw.org.

Camp Turner - Summer Camp Registration is now open - Camp Turner offers a traditional overnight camping program for boys and girls, ages 7-16. Sessions run from 2 pm on Sundays through 6 pm on Fridays, from July 7 through mid-August. The camp is located in the gorgeous pastoral hills of Alleghany State Park in the woods amidst pristine streams and lakes. Lifelong friendships are born in an intentionally Catholic community. Horses, sports, campfires, beach trips, dance, hiking, art and so much more. For information, visit www.CampTurner.com. Financial assistance is available.

Ministers for April

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:30 pm - Amy and Tim Bergman; 8:00 am - Lori Reisdorf; 10:15 am - Nancy Wittman and Scott Polzin; **Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman; 8:00 am - Brian Bogart; 10:15 am - Michael Scroger; **Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Lauren and Andrew Bergman; 8:00 am - Ryan Schumacher; 10:15 am - Marissa and Sean Brennan (Sign up sheets for the special Easter week Masses will be posted on the bulletin boards soon.)

☺ A Sunday school teacher asked the children in her class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into Heaven?" "No!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into Heaven?" Again the answer was "No!" "Well", she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"



- **Sunday, March 31 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am; 2nd Grade First Reconciliation - 9:00 am in the Church**
- **Monday, April 1 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Thursday, April 4 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in Room 1 of the School**
- **Friday, April 5 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm**
- **Saturday, April 6 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm**
- **Sunday, April 7 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am**



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Nothing, how little so it ever be, if suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God."

~Thomas A. Kempis