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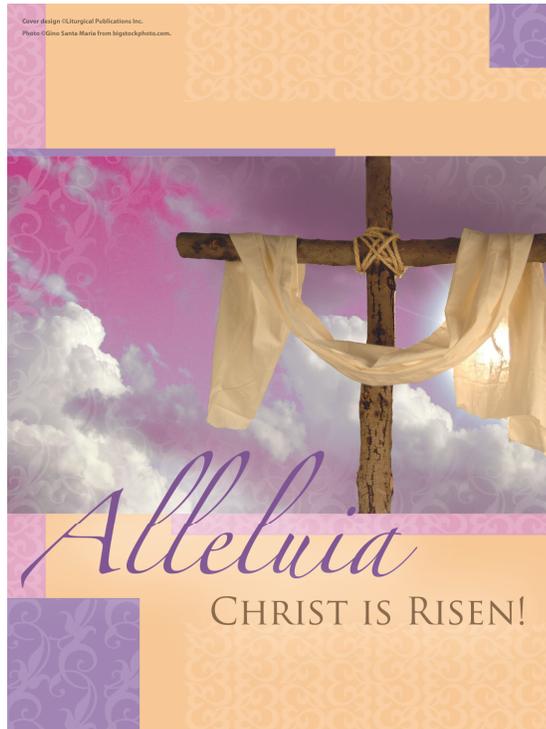
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 2

8:00 Walter Shimmel *by family*

Tuesday, April 3

8:00 Paul Bergman - Birthday
Blessings *by mom and dad*

Wednesday, April 4

5:30 Adolph Bassanello *by family*

Thursday, April 5

8:00 Special Intention

Friday, April 6

8:00 Bob Bergman - Birthday
Blessings *by Tom and Amy
and family*

Saturday, April 7

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Robert Degasperi *by Bob
and Betty Bergman*

Sunday, April 8 - Divine Mercy
Sunday

8:00 Sister Lucille Socciarelli *by
Gary and Ann Lyon*

10:15 Amelia Grace Kelly *by
Bernie and Barb Thoma*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts of the
Apostles 2:14, 22-33;
Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday - Acts of the Apostles
2:36-41; John 20:11-18

Wednesday - Acts of the Apostles
3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Thursday - Acts of the Apostles
3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

Friday - Acts of the Apostles 4:1-
12; John 21:1-14

Saturday - Acts of the Apostles
4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

Sunday - Acts of the Apostles
4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-
31

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 16-20, 2018

This year's theme:

Shipwrecked

More details to follow...



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Resurrexit, Sicut Dixit! It's so nice to use exclamation points again! During Lent, I try not to use emphatic sentences in my writing here or in email. Now in the radiant light of the empty tomb, the bling is back! Perhaps it would look silly if I were to conclude every sentence like this! Or I would seem like a maniac! Is there such a thing as too much joy?

Joy persists while happiness fades. Happiness tends to be personal. Even if you're feeling very happy, you can't make someone else happy if they're having a bad day. But joy is contagious, it has the power to transform a bad day and cheer up someone who's under a cloud. This is the primary way we can convince others in our culture that God is good. Let the joy of the Resurrection fill you up and spill over into the lives of others.

At church we read hopeful words and cover the altar in **beauty**. There's another keyword for Easter. Our culture has abandoned the concept of beauty. Art is no longer about beauty, it's about shock value. In the church, we still believe that the human soul thrives on beautiful surroundings. It's one reason the Church has been a major patron of the Arts for centuries.

Want to see something beautiful? There's a new Basilica in Olean. Fr. Dan Serbicki (new pastor in Corfu & East Pembroke) and I both spent internships there while in the seminary. At the time it was just St. Mary of the Angels Church. Now that it's a basilica, we've decided to lead a pilgrimage to it on Saturday, April 28th. It will be an all day affair, and we'll provide a bus leaving from Corfu at 10 a.m. and returning at 9 p.m. A plenary indulgence is possible for those making this pilgrimage. Full details are posted on the church bulletin board. The bus has limited seating and will fill up fast, so please call the rectory soon if you're interested.

Right now, our own humble country church looks pretty magnificent, don't you think? All for the glory of the Risen Lord! I'm back to exclamations! Jesus Christ has conquered death and promised the same victory to those who follow Him -- what a deal! All we have to do is be faithful, and at a time like this, it's a pleasure!

Alleluia, God Most High,
-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: That the grace of the Resurrection will bring many people to salvation in Jesus; 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, and Kim Kwiatkowski. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

Youth Ministry:

Middle School: Sunday, April 8 - 6 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

High School: "Game Night" - Sunday, April 15 - 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall. Come compete in various games, puzzles and musical challenges that lead to a great take-away.

The Sunday after Easter celebrates the Divine Mercy of Our Suffering and Resurrected Lord. Next Sunday we will have a special ceremony during the 10:15 am Mass. There will be a Sacramental Anointing of the Sick while singing the beautiful Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



Mark your calendars for St. Teresa's Annual A to Z Sale - Saturday, April 28th from 9 am - 2 pm in the Parish Hall. Your donations of old "stuff" can be dropped off on Saturday, April 21st from 9-12 pm and Sunday, April 22nd from 10:30 until noon; and from 10 am until 5 pm the week of the sale. No TV's, computers or paint products will be accepted this year! For pick up, please call Jennifer at 542-5892.



Through His death and resurrection, Jesus gave us the ultimate example of what it means to truly love your neighbor as yourself, as He accepted death in order to conquer our sins and give us everlasting life. Today, we rejoice in His choice to love us and we celebrate His glory! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Clare of Assisi, who fervently believed in loving her neighbors and uplifting the poor and marginalized in society. Like St. Clare of Assisi, we thank you for loving and uplifting those who are most in need in Western New York by contributing to Catholic Charities. If you have not already done so, please return your pledge or donation to the rectory office either thru the mail or the collection basket.

33 Days to Morning Glory - Thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or looking to renew your devotion to her? 33 Days to Morning Glory is being offered at St. Leo the Great, 885 Sweet Home Road, Amherst for 5 Saturday mornings beginning April 7 and consecrating on the feast of Fatima, May 13, which is also Mother's Day this year. To join, contact Dawn Iacono at 716-835-8905, ext. 12 or diacono@stleothegreatamherst.com.

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 8 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.



An elderly farmer is inconsolable after his dog goes missing. He takes out an ad in the newspaper, but two weeks later, there's still no sign of the mutt. "What did you write in the ad?" his wife asks. "Here, boy," he replies.



- **Sunday, April 1 - No Religious Education Classes - Happy Easter!**
- **Tuesday, April 3 - Women's Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm in the School Meeting Room**
- **Saturday, April 7 - 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 8 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am**

**Prayer for Vocations**

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"O God, who by the pages of both Testaments instruct and prepare us to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, grant that we may comprehend your mercy, so that the gifts we receive from you this night may confirm our hope of the gifts to come. Through Christ our Lord."
~Easter Vigil Mass