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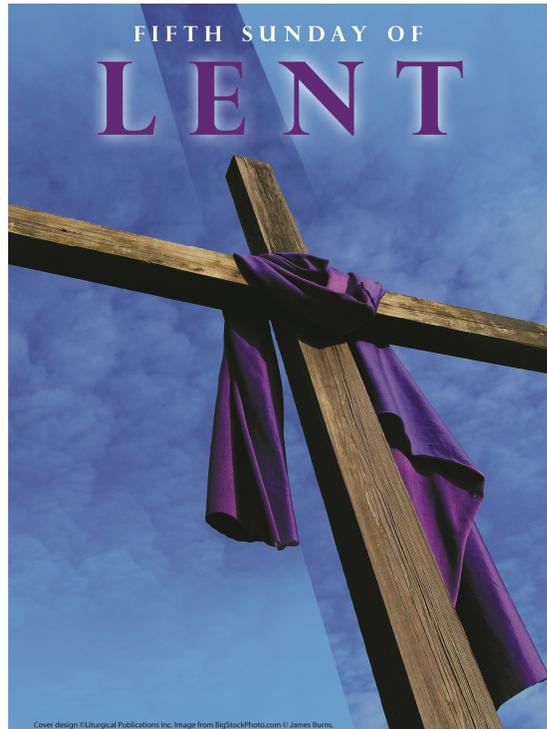
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, April 10

5:30 Joseph and Stella Rembas  
by daughter

Thursday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Friday, April 12

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Saturday, April 13

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Msgr. David Slubecky by  
The Bergman Family

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday of  
the Lord's Passion

8:00 Mario and Maria Ianni by  
family

10:15 Walter Lemanski by Joan  
Dziekani



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Daniel 13:1-9, 15-  
17, 19-30, 33-62; John

8:12-20

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 - Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah  
50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke  
22:14-23:56

### 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.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

On this 5th Sunday of Lent we are really on the downhill slope. The 40 days are winding down fast. Next weekend will be Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

Sincere thanks to all who dropped off items in the playpen to support our Diaper Drive. A wide variety of baby needs were collected and delivered to mothers in need at the Mother Teresa Home on Buffalo's East Side. If we are a pro-life church, we must offer alternatives to women in crisis, and that's precisely what Mother Teresa Home is doing - as well as Gianna Molla Center, Baker-Victory Services, and many crisis pregnancy centers throughout our diocese.

Last Sunday about ten parishioners were able to join me in seeing the movie *Unplanned*, which was quite well done for an independent production. It's an intense movie which confronts the reality of abortion without being preachy. The show had sold out the night before, so they moved it to a larger theatre. The film is generally exceeding expectations, and hopefully this success will convince Regal Theatre to run it for a second weekend. I hope you'll have a chance to see it. The movie carries an R rating for intense medical scenes, but I recommend it to understand the gravity of what our state has done in permitting abortions at any time until birth.

In the midst of this awful carnage that will now be even more common in New York, how do we find hope? Precisely in what we will observe next weekend as Holy Week begins. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross saves us all, and offers mercy to all who repent of their offenses. He is the hope of a broken world.

One fact not portrayed in the *Unplanned* movie is that Abbey Johnson and her husband Doug eventually came into the Catholic Church through RCIA. As you have observed from the Scrutinies we've celebrated at all Masses, this same RCIA process has been going on here and will reach its peak at the Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m. on April 20th. Deacon Ron and I are very much looking forward to that moment, as are our candidates. Please keep them especially in your prayers in this final week of preparation, when our spiritual enemy will be doing much to discourage them.

This is the battle of faith, and through Christ on the Cross the victory is ours.

-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. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

**Baptism**

Last weekend we welcomed two more children into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. **Marie Lynn Winship** is the young daughter of Linda (Batsche) and James Winship of Cedar Street and **Steven Robert Durfee** is the infant son of Elissa (Penn) and Michael Durfee of Alden. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to all.

**Religious Education:** Our first Scripture reading at Mass today carries a tone of comfort and assurance. The prophet Isaiah... "See, I am doing something new" conveys encouragement and promise for the future. Jesus came among us and devoted His entire lifetime to show us the way to happiness, to be the Way to our future. Holy Week is just around the corner of this Lenten season. Right now is the time to plan the way for the family to observe Holy Week.

**Youth Ministry:**

**High School** - Sunday, April 14 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm - "Spies and Sacrifice" Discussing the history and significance of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday.

**Appeal Week 2019 kicks off TODAY!** 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.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org).

**St. Teresa's Annual A to Z Sale** - Saturday, April 27th from 9 am - 2 pm in the Parish Hall. Your donations of old "stuff" can be dropped off on Saturday, April 13th from 8-12 pm and Sunday, April 14th from 11:15 am-1:15 pm; 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.

**"The Life, Mission and Legacy of St. Faustina"** - Monday, April 15th from 7-8 pm at Our Lady of Pompeii, 158 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster. Join us for an evening of interesting personal stories about St. Faustina presented by the inspirational Rev. Jacek Mazur. For more information, please contact the rectory at 716-683-6522 or go to [www.olpparish.com](http://www.olpparish.com)

☺ While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip. When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table. And, she didn't miss them until after they had been driving about twenty minutes. By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses. All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up one minute. To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant and as the woman got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat."



- **Sunday, April 7 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am**
- **Monday, April 8 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Thursday, April 11 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in Room 1 of the School**
- **Friday, April 12 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm**
- **Sunday, April 14 - 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:**

"Christ asks us to pick up our Crosses and follow Him to eternal life - to turn away from the world's ways and keep our eyes fixed on Him. This means sacrifice; it means that people will hate us because we are not afraid to defend the sanctity of life and marriage."

~Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers