

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869



APRIL 8, 2018 • DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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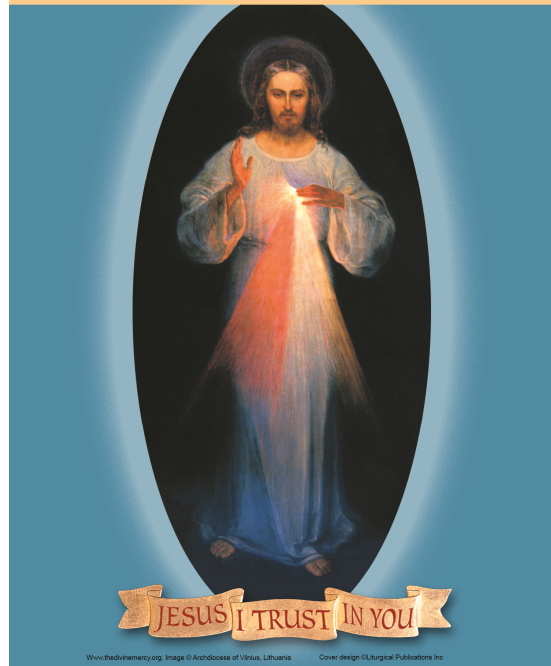
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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.



*Sunday of the Divine Mercy*



**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 9 - The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00 John Gehl by *The Van Den Broeke Family*

**Tuesday, April 10**

8:00 Anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Mary Angela by *Sister Ruth and Sister Gerard*

**Wednesday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus**

5:30 Francis Dahill - Birthday Remembrance by *The Dahill Family*

**Thursday, April 12**

8:00 Departed Souls

**Friday, April 13 - St. Martin I**

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

**Saturday, April 14**

9:00 Dawn Wysocki by *mom and dad*

4:30 George and Agnes Vanburen - Anniversary Remembrance by *family*

**Sunday, April 15 - 3rd Sunday of Easter**

8:00 Rebecca Ziarniak by *family*

10:15 Connie Caprio by *Jeff and Kathy Zaprowski*



### Scripture Readings For the Week

**Monday** - Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38; **Tuesday** - Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15; **Wednesday** - Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; John 3:16-21; **Thursday** - Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; John 3:31-36; **Friday** - Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; John 6:1-15; **Saturday** - Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; John 6:16-21; **Sunday** - Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 16-20, 2018

This year's theme:

Shipwrecked

More details to follow...



### PASTORAL SHARINGS

Happy Second Sunday of Easter! Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, and we will be offering the Anointing Sacrament of the Sick at the 10:15 Mass. May God's Divine Mercy heal the hurting and comfort the infirm, as we celebrate the Season of Renewal!

Things are being renewed at the Catholic Center downtown. The two highest positions that a priest can hold in the diocese are Vicar General and Chancellor. Both are suddenly vacant, and I am happy to announce that I have not been assigned to either one! But my classmate, Fr. Mark Noonan has.

Msgr. Slubecky has retired and Fr. Mark is the new Vicar General. It's a bold move from our bishop to appoint a young priest in this position, but a wise one. Fr. Mark has that dynamic orthodoxy which marks the new generation of priests. He's faithful to the Church but in a fresh way. This will be good for our diocese.

The other position, Chancellor, has traditionally been a priest but doesn't have to be. Many dioceses are hiring women for this high-ranking role. Bishop Malone has done so, appointing Sr. Regina Murphy SSMN as Interim Chancellor. Sr. Regina will lead the diocese through a project which came from the Presbyteral Council (formerly called the Priest Senate). Here, in her words, is a description:

*"Bishop Malone and his Presbyteral Council are looking into ways to promote both the spiritual welfare of priests and the liturgical life of each parish. They are particularly concerned about the number and quality of Masses celebrated at each parish. With a declining number of priests, we should not expect priests to celebrate more liturgies on a weekend than are needed; and, fewer Masses with larger attendance would encourage more vibrant celebrations of the Eucharist."*

*The Bishop is asking all parishes to engage in a collaborative effort to look at Mass schedules and Mass attendance. This will be coordinated at the Vicariate level with suggestions to be sent to a Diocesan Task Force that has been established by the Bishop. Engagement in this process at the parish level will be vital in creating a revised and coordinated Vicariate Mass schedule that will promote the physical and spiritual well-being of priests as well as provide quality liturgical celebrations in each parish."*

What does this mean for us in the pews? Mainly, data needs to be collected. We will be taking a fresh look at the seating capacity of our building, and making official attendance counts for the rest of April.

Perhaps you just started coming back to church at Easter. Please keep coming! We are energized by your presence at worship. I've been spending a lot of time in church, gazing at the altar and smelling the flowers. Our altar sanctuary reminds us that spring is coming. Please also take a look at the flyer for our April pilgrimage with St. Maximillian Kolbe parish, which is happening April 28th. By then, spring will be here in full vibrancy! Praise to the Risen King!

-Fr. Dave



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.

**Religious Education:** Parents are encouraged to show their children how to participate in the Mass. At the Consecration, that is, the time during the Eucharistic Prayer when the priest prays the words that Jesus prayed at the Last Supper, we look at the elevated host and pray quietly, "My Lord and my God." When the wine is consecrated, we pray quietly, "My Jesus, mercy". When we come to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we respond to the priest or minister, "Amen", when they offer us the Body, the Blood of Christ.

**Youth Ministry:**

**Middle School: Tonight!** Sunday, April 8, 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. "Super Hero Dodgeball".

**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.



**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.



**Spring is a time of hope.** If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, we can help. **Catholic Charities Chemical Dependency Treatment Program** in Buffalo has immediate openings. The outpatient program is New York State OASAS licensed and aims to treat addiction with a combination of therapy and medicine. More information on the program can be found at [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org). If you have not sent in your pledge or donation for this years Appeal 2018, please do so at your earliest convenience.

**A Sainly Connection** - Next week the Felician Sisters all over the world will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Mary Angela by His Holiness John Paul II. Here at St. Teresa's we will celebrate Mass on Tuesday, April 10th, for the intentions of Blessed Angela's beatification. The Pope recognized Angela's outstanding virtues and life holiness. The miraculous cure of Lillian Halasinski took place in Dunkirk, NY in 1984. Sister M. Antonelle, who many of you remember when she was stationed here at St. Teresa's from 1989-1995, conducted the preliminary investigations unto the claimed miracle. These local and parish connections encourage us all to pray to Blessed Angela for her intercessions, for her sainthood.

Our Lady of Pompeii Church, Lancaster, invites you to **"The Shroud of Turin: Who do you Say I Am?"** on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Jeffrey Skurka explores the Passion of Christ from the perspective of the Shroud of Turin with a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Skurka explains why the Shroud could be proof of Christ's Resurrection! Join us for this powerful presentation that you will never forget!



A little boy returned from the grocery store with his mom. While his mom put away the groceries, the little boy opened his box of animal crackers and spread them all over the kitchen table. "What are you doing?" asked his mom. "The box says you shouldn't eat them if the seal is broken," said the little boy. "I'm looking for the seal."



- **Sunday, April 8 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am**
- **Weekend of April 14-15 - Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection Barrels will be out in the back of Church - Cans of Vegetables and Fruit are needed!**
- **Sunday, April 15 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am**



It is an unspeakable blessing that from our Lord flows boundless mercy, a mercy that forgives even the deadliest of sins. We should never forget this or take it for granted. Can God be calling you to make His mercy known? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."  
~Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Calling the Men of St. Teresa's Parish to Assemble!**  
Are you inspired by the heroes in the stories of our culture? It's still possible to become a Christian Knight!

Men of the parish, ages 18 and up, we invite you to join our Knights of Columbus council. Be part of the largest Catholic organization in the world. Find out more at a social in our Parish Hall on Wednesday, April 11th, after the 5:30 evening Mass. Food and drinks will be provided.