

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

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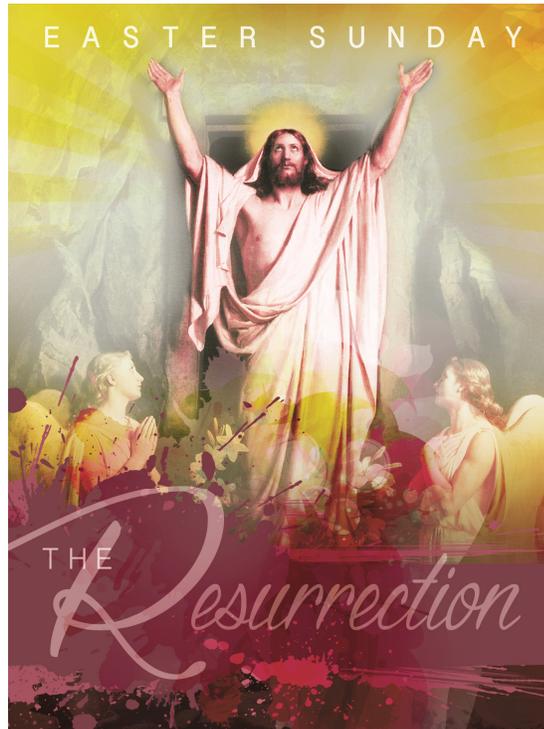
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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 22

8:00 Departed Souls

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 Msgr. Robert Williamson -  
Birthday Blessings by St.  
Teresa's Women's Guild

Wednesday, April 24

5:30 Special Intention by Ron  
and Sherry Shimmel

Thursday, April 25

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Friday, April 26

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, April 27

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Bob and Betty Bergman -  
56th Anniversary Blessings  
by family

Sunday, April 28 - Divine Mercy  
Sunday

8:00 Richard Raykowski

10:15 Robert Sylvester by family



### 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  
5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-  
13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

We have several weekday and weekend Masses available in the upcoming months. Honor a loved one who is still with us or has passed with the gift of the Mass. Call the Rectory Office any weekday morning for your preferred dates.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Hosanna and Alleluia! There, now I can say that "other" Hebrew word! After 40 days of muting our joy, it's out of the bag and off the chain!

Why do we talk like this at Easter? Because in one brilliant sneak play, Jesus fooled the devil, conquered death and evil and sin, and released a new power in the world to overcome any obstacle you face.

This knowledge is the reason behind everything we do as Christ's Church. We have something that everyone needs! Jesus has conquered the world for Good, and those who cling to Him have nothing to fear. Kudos to all of you who have figured this out and stay very close to Jesus.

Special congratulations to our RCIA participants! I can't call them "candidates" anymore because they've finished their initiation. They'll still have a couple more classes for "Mystagogy" which means "unpacking the mysteries" of what they went through at the Easter Vigil Mass. Do you know what happened to your soul when you were Confirmed? It's mysterious, and a bigger deal than most people realize.

It's a time of profound grace and hope, and the empty tomb reminds us that it's good to be alive! Having fasted for 40 days, the Church now commands us to celebrate for 50. Imagine that, someone saying "I command you to have fun!" What a great life this is as Catholics. Get ready for seven weeks of feasting all the way to Pentecost.

Just in time for Easter, our trees and shrubs have had a full trimming thanks to Brian Bergman. We are proud of this young man who was our altar server of the year and now runs his own business. Look for his ad on the back of the bulletin soon.

My thanks to all of our liturgical volunteers who added their service to all the special liturgies of Holy Week. It takes a lot of cooperation to give Jesus the glory He deserves.

Hymns of praise then let us sing  
unto Christ our heav'nly King  
who endured the cross and grave  
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

~Father Dave

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** For all those initiated into the Catholic faith in our diocese this weekend.; 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, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Whitey Spoth, Gloria Rembas, Geraldine Benker, Tony Scheeda, Eileen Tiedt and Marygrace Marinello. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.



**Mark your Calendars:** This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from July 15-19 from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall. The theme this year will be **ROAR!**

**Life is Wild; God is Good.** Those entering grades K-5 in the fall are invited to attend - and bring a friend. Watch future bulletins and our website for more information or contact Karen at 442-6084.

**Religious Education:** We may take the Resurrection of Jesus for granted, but Jesus' disciples did not. Jesus' disciples come to the tomb and find it empty, leaving them bewildered and confused, grasping for answers. They loved Him. "They did not understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). In the weeks ahead, the gospels will tell us how they came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection by His appearances to them.

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.

**St. Teresa's Annual A to Z Sale** - This Saturday, April 27th from 9 am - 2 pm in the Parish Hall. Your donations of old "stuff" can be dropped off any day this week from 10 am until 5 pm. **No TV's, computers or paint products will be accepted this year!** For pick up, please call Jennifer at 542-5892. Volunteers are needed this week to sort all of the donations. If you are available for 1 hour or 6 hours, please stop up to the Parish Hall and someone will give you a job; lunch will be provided. Pie tins are available this weekend for your donations of baked goods for the sale. Please return the tin with your labeled baked goods to the Parish Hall on Saturday morning.

**Jesus, through His death and resurrection, gave us unwavering hope.** Today, we rejoice in our Lord and Savior's glory, and celebrate His promise of eternal life! We also want to thank you for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Faustina, who devoted her life to sharing Jesus' message of divine mercy. Thank you for showing mercy to those most in need in Western New York. Together with your generous support, we are helping our neighbors find hope. If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge or donation card in the collection basket or through the mail at your earliest convenience. For more information on **Catholic Charities**, please go to [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org).

"Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Jesus wants to fill us with His peace, which only He can give. If someone you know needs a fresh start with the Church, for any reason, please tell them about **"Reconnecting with Your Catholic Faith"**. All of your questions will be addressed at St. Mary's Church Swormville, 6919 Transit Road on April 25th or May 2nd at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. For more information, call Tom at 689-7448 or Carol at 741-8490.

☺ A man appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked. "Well, I can think of one thing," the man offered. "On a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers, who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. "So, I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him on the head, kicked his bike over, pulled out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground." I yelled, "Now, back off!! Or you'll answer to me!" St. Peter was impressed: "When did this happen?" "Just a couple of minutes ago."



- **Sunday, April 21 - No Religious Education Classes - Happy Easter!**
- **Monday, April 22 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Thursday, April 25 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in Room 1 of the School**
- **Sunday, April 28 - Religious Education Classes - 9-10 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.

The Lord is risen, it is true!  
Through His death and Resurrection, Jesus affords us new life. We must now decide how we are going to live that new life. Will we answer the call from our Lord? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

~1 Corinthians 5  
"He is Risen, Alleluia"