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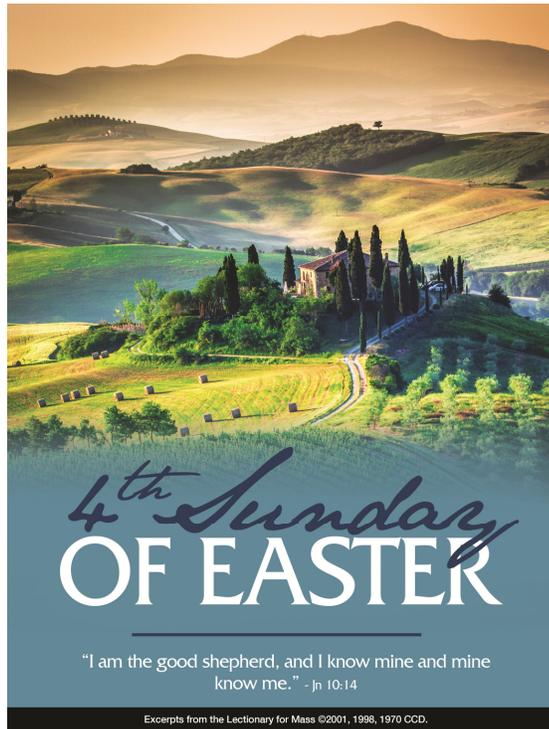
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 23 - St. George/St. Adalbert

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

Tuesday, April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00 Special Intention by Ron
and Sherry Shimmel

Wednesday, April 25

5:30 David Hahn by The Bergman
Family

Thursday, April 26

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Friday, April 27

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Saturday, April 28

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Bob and Betty Bergman -
55th Anniversary by family

Sunday, April 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 Joseph Renda by Kathleen
Bordini

10:15 Robert Sylvester by wife
and family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts of the
Apostles 11:1-18; John 10:1-

10

Tuesday - Acts of the Apostles
11:19-26; John 10:22-30

Wednesday - 1 Peter 5:5b-14;
Mark 16:15-20

Thursday - Acts of the Apostles
13:13-25; John 13:16-20

Friday - Acts of the Apostles
13:26-33; John 14:1-6

Saturday - Acts of the Apostles
13:44-52; John 14:7-14

Sunday - Acts of the Apostles
9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John
15:1-8



Think Spring



Happy Fourth Sunday of Easter - dare we hope for sunshine? As I write this on Tuesday there is snow on the lawn and our plow service has cleared the parking lot.

This Easter might make us think of the Apostle Thomas. We begin to doubt that spring will ever arrive. "Until I put my hand in the dirt of my garden, I will not believe that winter is over!" It's a good reminder that faith does not depend on sight. "Faith is... evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

May God reward your faith in spring with a sunny day, and your faith in His Resurrection with irrepressible joy.

Many projects will present themselves once we can see what's going on under all that snow. It will be time for weeding, trimming, and fixing of leaks. Parishioner Dick Komroy has already attended to some of the trees on the property while they were dormant. He expertly took some branches off so that people no longer lose their hats when walking up the rectory sidewalk.

Along with all of this is our ongoing plans for the parish entrance. I'm pleased to announce that, just before Lent began, we received the first disbursement of our parish share of Upon This Rock funds. This first installment was in the amount of \$28,768.95 and you may recall that these funds must be used exclusively for our officially declared parish project - which for us is a renovation of the entryway of church and, in particular, new bathroom facilities.

I cannot offer enough thanks to all who contributed to Upon This Rock. It was a large challenge set before the Catholic faithful of the diocese, and I'm very proud of the sacrifices you made for this effort. It's nice to see some of the parish rewards beginning to appear.

Waiting for something to arrive makes it more special when it comes. This is true for Upon This Rock and it will soon be true for the long-delayed spring. Unless the Lord returns before the robins. "Amen, come Lord Jesus!" (Rev 22:20).

-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For patience and perseverance in all things; 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, Kim Kwiatkowski and Jess Reger. Please also continue to pray for our troops serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.



Over the last two weekends we welcomed two more infants into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. **Jordyn Elizabeth Smith** is the daughter of Stephanie (Doktor) and Jared Smith of Corfu and **Jackson Joseph Furmanek** is the son of Ami (Meccay) and Joseph Furmanek of Rapids Road in the Town of Newstead. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to all!

Religious Education: Today's Gospel from St. John invites us to consider the good shepherd "beyond" the image of the shepherd who looks after us. This text from the 10th chapter of John comes after Jesus' healing of the man born blind and is followed by the authorities who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus challenges the Jewish leaders, a controversy that continues until His death. Reminders of Holy Week? Jesus lives this tremendous love for us. He can remove the blindness, the darkness we may be experiencing. Let us pray . . .

St. Teresa's Annual A to Z Sale - Next Saturday, April 28th from 9 am - 2 pm in the Parish Hall. Your donations of old "stuff" can be dropped off today from 10:30 until noon and from 10 am until 5 pm all week. **No TV's, computers or paint products will be accepted this year!** For pickup, 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.



Blossom into a New Friendship. The Telephone Assurance Program (TAP) serving Erie and Chautauqua Counties, and the Friendly Phones program serving Orleans County, are free volunteer services providing regular phone calls to homebound elderly and disabled persons to check on their well-being and to give people an opportunity to socialize. Relationships grow and last for years through a regular 5 to 15 minute call. If you know someone who would like to receive calls or to volunteer to make calls, call 716-218.1400. **"Love your neighbor". Catholic Charities Appeal 2018 is still ongoing.** If you have not already done so, please return your donation/pledge to the Rectory.

Rediscover your Marriage - Retrouvaille, a program for struggling couples, simply means "rediscovery." The program offers a chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. The next weekend is May 4-6. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit www.MarriageSaved.com. All calls are confidential. Pre-registration is required.

☺ A woman was arrested for shop lifting. When she went before the judge he asked her, "What did you steal?" She replied: "a can of peaches." The judge asked her why she had stolen them and she replied that she was hungry. The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied 5. The judge then said, "I will give you 5 days in jail." Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something. The judge said, "What is it?" The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."



- Sunday, April 22 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am
- Sunday, April 22 - High School Youth Ministry - 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall - "Game Night Throwdown"
- Sunday, April 29 - 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.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially for our diocese. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

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

"Mary, mother whom we bless,
full of grace and tenderness,
defend me from the devil's power
and greet me in my dying hour."
~A Child's Prayer to Mary