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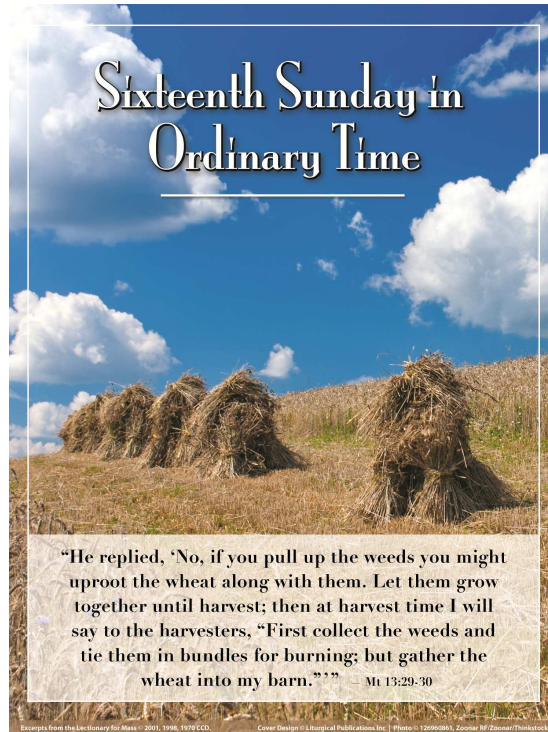
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MISSION STATEMENT

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, July 24 - St. Sharbel
Makhluf

8:00 John and Helen Fliss by
Gloria Rembas

Tuesday, July 25 - St. James

8:00 James Bonnes by Ann
Sayers

Wednesday, July 26 - Ss. Joachim
and Anne

5:30 Frances Springer by Nancy
Carroll

Thursday, July 27

8:00 Departed Souls

Friday, July 28

8:00 Jerry Klostermann by
Dolores Novack

Saturday, July 29 - St. Martha

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Henry Raykowski by son

Sunday, July 30 - 17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

8:00 Harry and Esther Peck by
Michael and Mary Zelazny

10:15 Salvatore Caragliano by
Philip and Giuliana
Sperandeo



Scripture Readings

Monday - Exodus

14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42;

Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 4:7

- 15; Matthew 20:20-28;

Wednesday - Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15;

Matthew 13:1-9; **Thursday** -

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b;

Matthew 13:10-17; **Friday** -

Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-

23; **Saturday** - Exodus 24:3-8;

John 11:19-27; **Sunday** - 1 Kings

3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30;

Matthew 13:44-52



Parish Goal:
605,000.00

**Amount Raised
to Date:**
\$ 408,931.55

% of Goal:
67%



What's your favorite food? For a long time I never had a good answer to this question. I'm fairly omnivorous and like a lot of things. Then while on assignment in Olean, I discovered Lebanese food - particularly baked kibbe. I also got to know the people who prepare this wonderful cuisine, the Maronite Catholics. They have a strong parish in Olean and also one nearby on Wehrle Drive. This church on Wehrle, St. John Maron, has its Lebanese Festival every summer, and it's my favorite meal of the year.

At first I worried that I'd be on vacation during the festival, but it turns out that I'll be back just in time to enjoy it. My enjoyment of this food is always enhanced by remembering that the Maronites preserve the culture that Jesus was raised in. When you see the singing and dancing that goes on at the Lebanese Festival, realize that this is the kind of thing that Jesus' family would have done on a major holiday or wedding. Details on the festival are on the next page. Maybe I'll see you there...

Speaking of other cultures, we are a worldwide Church and the Mass is celebrated in every language, in every nation on earth, and we all become one Body in Christ. Each summer, our diocese welcomes missionary preachers to tell us what they're doing to spread the Gospel in these foreign lands. This year we welcome Sister Monica who will be speaking to you at all Masses. She will be staying in our parish convent while she is here, and I thank our Felician Sisters for opening up their home to our visitor.

Most of all, I'm grateful to Monsignor Williamson for his very kind help in covering the Mass schedule here while I am away. I'm sure you and he will enjoy reuniting with one another at the altar. Monsignor will also say most of the daily Masses next week, and Fr. Jim Fugle will also help out.

Meanwhile, I am on the lam! While away, I look forward to sharing some very special moments with a couple good friends, and a whole lot of quiet time alone - reading, hiking, and praising God for all He has done in my life. May He bless yours too.

-Fr. Dave

PS: please remember that our Parish Picnic is August 13th, and sign the RSVP sheets in the church foyer if you can come. It was a great time last year, and I look forward to doing it again!

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For the protection and inspiration of all missionaries throughout the world; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; David Hahn, Shirley Lantz, Lorraine Sylvester, Norma Hackbush, Pat Hahn, Jim Creed, Ron Konieczny, Sister Bea Leising, Father Mike Uebler, Phil Wittman, Walter Lemanski, Arlene Scheeda, Gina Bergman, Tracy Lotz and Jean Golpl. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are fighting for our freedom in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.



Last weekend we welcomed another infant into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. **Clare Azelie Van Den Broeke** is the daughter of Nicholas and Carolyn (Stroka) Van Den Broeke of Bloomingdale Road in Basom. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the entire family!

Religious Education: Which of the following topics are of interest to you as an adult: the environment, evangelization, the mercy of God? Pope Francis' trio of documents address these themes: The Joy of the Gospel (2013), Laudato Si-On Care for Our Common Home (2015), and his most recent, The Joy of Life (2016). The beauty and richness of the Pope's statements indicate his strong pastoral style, always respectful, always uplifting.

The Annual Triduum Celebration for the Feast of St. Ann will take place in Buffalo on July 24, 25, 26 at St. Ann Church and Shrine, 651 Broadway and Emslie Street in Buffalo. Outdoor rosary and prayers to St. Ann will take place each evening at 7:00 pm. Rain or Shine - bring a lawn chair!

Rosary Novena for Life on Saturday, June 29th at St. Rose of Lima Church, 500 Parker Avenue, Buffalo. Mass will be celebrated by Father Steve Jekielek, followed by a silent and prayerful procession to and from a local abortion clinic. For more information, contact the Pro-Life Office at 847-2205.

St. Maximilian Kolbe in Corfu invites you to their **Annual Theme Basket Auction and Corn Roast** - Saturday, August 12 from 6-7:30 pm, under a tent (rain or shine). Raffle tickets are \$5/sheet and a free will donation for food is appreciated.

The Annual 40 Hours of Devotion at St. Maximilian Kolbe, Corfu, begins on August 10th. The Forty Hour Devotion will begin after a 7:00 pm Mass on Thursday, August 10th and there will be continuous adoration until Saturday, August 12th at 11:30 am with Benediction and closing Mass at Noon. Everyone is invited to come and pray. For more information, call 585-599-4833.

St. John Maron Maronite Catholic Church invites you to their 19th Annual Lebanese Festival Friday, July 28th thru Sunday, July 30th. The festival is located at 2040 Wehrle Drive in Williamsville. It is a weekend filled with authentic Lebanese food, traditional music and dance, fun activities for children and beautiful household and clothing items from their gift shop. For more information, call the parish at (716) 634-0669.



PARISH PICNIC - SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH - 11:30 AM
MEAT, CORN AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED
BRING A DISH TO PASS!

SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE BACK OF CHURCH

☺ An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in her paintings that were on display. "Well, I have good news and bad news," the owner responded. "The good news is that a gentleman noticed your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. I told him it would and he bought all 10 of your paintings." "That's wonderful," the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?" "The gentleman was your doctor."



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. 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.

In various ways, we are all stewards and custodians of God's kingdom. How is God calling you to exercise stewardship in His kingdom? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at www.buffalovocations.org!

Youth Group Upcoming Summer Dates:

- **Middle School:** Mondays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- **High School** from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall: August 20th - "Finding God Everywhere" Scavenger Hunt

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Defend me, O God, and plead my cause against a godless nation.
From deceitful and cunning men rescue me, O God.
~Psalm 40