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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, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 Amy Bergman - Birthday Blessings by Tom and family

Tuesday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 Tim Bergman - Birthday Blessings by mom and dad

Wednesday, October 3

5:30 Jack Wangler by Ann Sayers

Thursday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 John Gehl by Steve and Carolyn Klock

Friday, October 5 - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

8:00 Departed Souls

Saturday, October 6

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Adolph Bassanello by family

Sunday, October 7 - The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Tim Bell by family

10:15 Helen Konieczny by family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday - Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday - Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday - Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12

Friday - Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday - Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

Sunday - Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

The 2019 Mass Intention book has arrived!
Call any weekday morning to get your preferred dates!



PASTORAL SHARINGS

26 minutes, 53 seconds was the time on the clock when I crossed the finish line at Tanya's Trot last Sunday. Not my best result, but I'm not in the best shape of my life anymore either. My goal was to break 30 minutes, so I was pleasantly surprised to come in at 27.

It was a full and joyful weekend here, and most of you got to meet Deacon Ron Adamczak. Now that he's met you, we're working out a schedule where he'll be at a different Mass each weekend. Occasionally he'll preach all Masses to allow me to rest.

As I mentioned during my homily, although deacons help out at Mass, their primary ministry is charity. Deacon Ron is helping to deepen the faith of young adults at the diocesan level. He will also begin a ministry at our parish called RCIA.

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, and it is a way for those who didn't complete their Sacraments of Initiation earlier in life to receive them now. It's also the means by which those of other faith traditions can be formally received into the Catholic Church. I have wanted to start an RCIA since I came but didn't have the time. I'm excited that it will finally happen. We'll meet on Sundays, and the candidates will receive Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Look for a start date in mid-November and meanwhile, spread the word! You may know someone who's been talking about doing this for a while. This is the perfect time for them. Invite them to call the rectory or talk to Deacon Ron after Mass.

Congratulations to Victory Full Gospel Church on Akron Road, as they install their new pastor this Sunday. Deacon Ron will represent us there at the ceremony. While that's happening, I'll be downtown at the Cathedral where Bishop Malone is offering a Holy Hour of Prayer for Reparation & Healing. You are all invited to join in this prayer, which begins at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin Street, Buffalo.

Eternal God, give success to the work of our hands.

- Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For plentiful crops as farmers reap the harvest; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Shirley Lantz, Lorraine Sylvester, Norma Hackbush, Lucas Lowe, Pat Hahn, Jim Creed, Liam Williams, Doug Schifferle, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Karen Martin, Jess Reger, Elizabeth Russo, Christopher Ginestre, Whitey Spoth, Arlene Scheeda, Jack Powell, Jim Bradley and Gloria Rembas. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country.

Religious Education: When talking about concepts such as anointing, we tend to jump to the spiritual understanding of the word while overlooking the ordinary meaning, that is, to pour or rub oil. In dry, Middle Eastern climates it was needed to moisturize one's skin, to bring the skin back to life or ease pain. When the Holy Spirit "rubs off" on us we take on the gifts of goodness (keeping the best interests of others in mind, even when they fail us) and faithfulness (staying on message, even under duress).

Bishop Malone invites you to join him for a Holy Hour of Prayer for Reparation and Healing this Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral, 50 Franklin Street, Buffalo. All are invited to come and spend this time together in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as we pray for the healing of victims, for those who have offended, for the purification and renewal of our Church, and for forgiveness of those Church leaders who failed to respond adequately to the abuse crisis.

The Department of Pro-Life Activities invites you to the Diocesan Respect Life Prayer Chain on Sunday, October 7 from 2-3 pm along Niagara Falls Boulevard. **Our parish meets at the parking lot of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, 765 Niagara Falls Blvd.** Take Sheridan Drive turn left head south 1/4 mile turn left in to the church entrance on the east side of NF Blvd. We stand in prayer and silent witness to support pro life and also that abortion harms, we provide the signs, all are welcome.

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to the Annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, September 30 from 5-9 pm at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, 157 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga. Music by the Auslanders, dancing, singing, German Food and Beverages for purchase, baskets and raffles. \$6.00 admission includes popcorn, pretzels and music.

Annulment Workshop - Monday, October 15 from 7-9 pm at Infant of Prague Church, 921 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. The workshop will take place downstairs in the school building; park and enter on the Thruway side of the complex. For additional information, call Barbara at 716-833-7786. Walk-in are welcome!

Ministers for October

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:30 pm - Amy Bergman and Gloria Rembas; 8:00 am - Nancy Wittman; 10:15 am - Sister Gerard and Scott Polzin; **Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman; 8:00 am - Ed Burke; 10:15 am - Michael Scroger; **Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Lauren Bergman and Andrew Bergman; 8:00 am - Cydney Brandl; 10:15 am - Brock Hawes, Emma Hawes and Justin Syroczyński

October is Respect Life Month: Please join us for weekday Masses, where we will be saying the Rosary about 15 minutes before Mass.

😊 A woman is paying for some purchases at Macy's. As she reaches for her card, a TV remote control falls out of her purse. The sales clerk asks, "Do you always carry your TV remote?" "No." the woman says, "But my husband refused to come shopping with me today. I figured this was a great way to pay him back."



- **Sunday, September 30 - Religious Education Classes 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, October 2 - Women's Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Saturday, October 6 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm**
- **Sunday, October 7 - No Religious Education Classes - Enjoy your long weekend!**



Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Lord, help us walk your servant way wherever love may lead and, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other's need."

-Magnificat, September 2018