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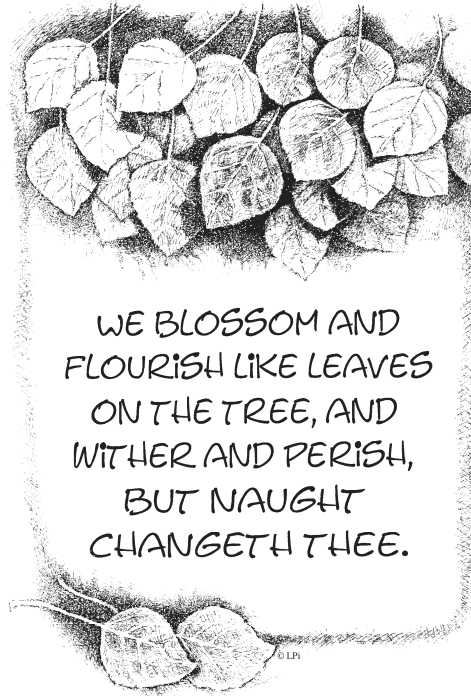
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



WE BLOSSOM AND
FLOURISH LIKE LEAVES
ON THE TREE, AND
WITHER AND PERISH,
BUT NAUGHT
CHANGETH THEE.

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>	4:30 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 10

8:00 Matthew Morris by *The Miano Family*

Tuesday, October 11

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, October 12

5:30 Francis Dahill - 5th Anniversary Remembrance by *family*

Thursday, October 13

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Friday, October 14 - St. Callistus I

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Avila

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Mac McCarriagher by *wife*

Sunday, October 16 - The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Ed Buekers by *Ron and Sherry Shimmel*

10:15 Dorothy McHale by *Bernie and Barb Thoma*


Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday - Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

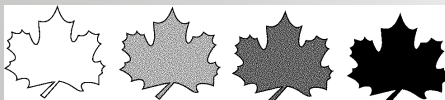
Wednesday - Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday - Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

Friday - Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday - Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

Next Sunday - Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8



Writing this on Monday morning, I'm also packing for a brief 3-day trip to the Adirondacks. Thanks to Msgr. Williamson and Fr. Jim Walter for covering the daily Mass schedule while I am away. It should be peak time for the fall colors in the mountains. Upstate New York really is a beautiful region, isn't it?

Again this week I've included the Novena Prayer to St. Teresa of Avila. If you missed the start date, you can always begin on her feast day, October 15th, and pray for nine days after that. Novenas are very flexible things. I invite and encourage everyone to come to the daily Mass at 9 a.m. on Saturday the 15th, so that we can honor our patroness as a parish community. It'll be some years before St. Teresa's feast day falls on a Saturday again, so this is a rare opportunity.

Our parish survey is now officially closed, and I thank all who responded. Your input will be a valuable guide as I plan events in the coming year.

One of these events will begin soon, and that is Bible Study. I've been talking a lot about this from the pulpit, and it's time to put it into action. Survey responses indicate a desire to study many different parts of the Bible, but most would like to begin with an overall view of the whole Bible. There is an excellent video study which does just that, from nationally known Catholic speaker Jeff Cavins, called "The Great Adventure Bible Timeline".

The nice thing about The Great Adventure is that, out of the 73 books of the Catholic Bible, it focuses on the 14 books which tell the story. This allows you, with a minimum of reading, to get a quick immersion into the entire storyline of our salvation in Jesus.

My plan is to begin the study in the first week of November, break for the holidays, and conclude it in early winter before Lent begins.

If you'd like to get a sneak peek, I've placed a preview video on our parish website. In next week's bulletin, look for specific date & time information. I'm very excited to embark on this project with you all. It will bear enormous fruit in our parish and in your personal life as well. God's Word is alive and still speaks to all who open it.

See you on the other side of the Adirondack Mountains!

~ Fr. Dave

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: For God's wisdom for all college students preparing for mid-terms; let us pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; David Hahn, Shirley Lantz, Lucas Lowe, Laurie Puffpaf, Noah Schubbe, Baby Ireland Smythe, Michael Nanni, Jim Schmatz, Ron Konieczny, June Hoffman, Keith Bergman and for the happy repose of the soul of Elizabeth Suranni. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

Religious Education: In this Sunday's Gospel we encounter 10 people who are able to live on borrowed time because of Jesus' healing. To be a leper was to be like someone who knew that it was a matter of time before this disease robbed them of their lives. As Catholics we believe that all time belongs to God, that life is a gift from God. We are stewards, or caretakers of time. We must be thankful each and every day for the gift of our lives.

Youth Ministry:

High School Teens:

October 23rd, 6-8 pm - Colonel Mustard in the Sacristy with a Candlestick: Live Action Clue

December 9-10: XLT Overnight Retreat

The women from St. Teresa's and the community who meet every Wednesday at 9:30 am at the C. Dee Wright Center to make **prayer quilts** have also begun to make **dresses for girls at the mission in Jacmel, Haiti**. The mission there is run by two Felician Sisters, Sister Marilyn Marie and Sister Mary Inga. The children are in need of clothing so that they can attend school. Sister Johnice of the Response to Love Center is collecting these dresses for the mission. The two sisters will return to the Western New York area later this fall and when they return will take the dresses with them. Anyone interested in helping with this ministry is invited to join the ladies any Wednesday morning. The prayer quilts will continue to be out in the back of church on the 2nd weekend of the month. Please stop by on your way out of church to tie a knot and say a prayer for our parishioners and family members who need our prayers.

Women's Day of Spiritual Renewal - St. Gregory the Great Women's Enrichment invites you to attend a Women's Retreat entitled, "Crowned by Love, Adorned with Mercy" on Saturday, October 15 from 10 am-3 pm in the Ministry Center, 200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville. Join other women as they celebrate Christ's love for us in a day of relaxation, revitalization, and renewal. Guest speakers include Amy Betros from St. Luke's Mission of Mercy and Eileen Warner from Christ the King Seminary. A gourmet lunch and refreshments will be served, along with coffee and tea throughout the day. Prior registration is required. Contact Joy Bila at 716-834-0128 or jbila@hotmail.com.

Our Lady of Peace Church in Clarence invites all women to a **Women's Retreat** on Saturday, October 29 from 12-4 pm. The retreat will be led by "Women of the Well" from Rochester, NY. They are a group of storytellers who give voice to women of the Bible. Hear their stories, reflect and enter into conversations. The \$10 cost includes lunch. RSVP to Sandy Coon at 716-628-3205.

☺ It was a terrible flight. There was lightning all around the plane, which was bouncing like a rubber ball through the turbulent air. The passenger was comforted by the fact that his seatmate was a nun, habit and all. Finally, the man could stand no more of the frightening ride. He turned to the nun and pleaded, "Sister, can't you do something?" Her own knuckles white from grasping the armrests, she replied, "I'm afraid not; I'm in sales, not management."

Novena Prayer to St. Teresa of Avila

(to be said daily from October 6-15)

O most merciful Lord Jesus Christ! We thank You for the great gift of hope which You gave to Your beloved Teresa of Avila; grant, we beseech You, by Your merits and those of Your great saint, to give us a firm confidence in Your goodness, by reason of Your Precious Blood, which You shed to its last drop for our salvation.

St. Teresa of Avila, pray for us. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Amen.



- **Sunday, October 9 - No Religious Education Classes - Columbus Day Holiday!**
- **Saturday, October 15 - Monthly Visitation to Brothers of Mercy Nursing Home - Volunteers meet at the entrance of the home at 10:00 am; Cookies are appreciated!**
- **Weekend of October 15-16 - Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection Barrel will be out in the back of Church; Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit is needed!**
- **Sunday, October 16 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**

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

"He who sins despises the hungry; but happy is he who is kind to the poor."
-Proverbs 14:21