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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, November 13 - St.
Frances Xavier

8:00 Parishioners of St.
Teresa's

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, November 15 - St.
Albert the Great

5:30 Emmanuel Nicosia *by wife*

Thursday, November 16 - St.
Margaret of Scotland

8:00 John Capan - Birthday
Remembrance *by daughter*

Friday, November 17 - St.
Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 Intentions of Mothers

Saturday, November 18 - The
Dedication of the Basiclias
of Ss. Peter and Paul/St.
Rose Philippine Dushesne

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Richard and Marnie
Converse *by Sylvia
Converse*

Sunday, November 19 - 33rd
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Leonard and Alice
Rejewski *by The
Flumerfeldt Family*

10:15 Sally Shimmel *by family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

*Monday - Wisdom 1:1-7;
Luke 17:1-6; Tuesday - Wisdom
2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10;
Wednesday - Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke
17:11-19; Thursday - Wisdom
7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25; Friday -
Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37;
Saturday - Wisdom 18:14-16,
19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8; Sunday -
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1
Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew
25:14-30*



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Phew! The rain has finally let up. Last weekend I didn't think it would ever stop. Many of you got drenched on the way out of Mass. It's days like that which make me glad I live in the church!

Now that we've turned the clocks back (best night of the year!) it's getting dark early, and several people have remarked that the northernmost parking lot entrance is hard to see. There is a light on a pole, but it wasn't working. We had a large crew of volunteers show up to scale a ladder, replace the bulb with an LED fixture, and rewire -- all to find out that the power to the pole has shorted out. Grrr. This will take some time to repair, either finding the fault in the underground line, or running a new circuit. Please be assured that it's high on the priority list.

Our property is now over fifty years old, so many components are aging out. As I said last weekend, I'm so grateful that Msgr. Williamson put up new roofs and a new heating system in church. Those are two big jobs I won't have to worry about! Still, there's lots of smaller things to be done.

Several people have asked, since the parish will be receiving 35% of our Upon This Rock gifts, if we would now do away with the Capital Improvements collection. However, these funds do different things. Capital Improvements gives us a revenue source for the many maintenance & improvement jobs that are needed all year long. Upon This Rock was intended for a one-time project which could not be put into savings - in our case, new ADA compliant bathrooms in church.

To assure you that the Capital Improvements collection is being utilized, and not just stored away in the bank, I've asked Melissa to prepare an accounting of how we have used these funds since the collection began in 2006.

The collection brings in an average of \$1728.54 per month, or \$20,742.50 per year. Since its inception in 2006, the total collected is \$248,910. In those ten years, we have had repair and improvement costs totaling \$240,030.13. Thus we've used all but \$8,000 of the funds collected. Next week in this article, I'll provide an itemized listing of precisely how those funds have been spent.

As I mentioned last weekend in my yearly financial address, we want to assure you that your contributions are being used carefully and responsibly. This information is being shared in that same spirit.

I'd like to conclude with one last wish for blessings & grace upon our newly confirmed young people. We had a nice time with Bishop Grosz last Sunday, and he really connects with teens. Pictures will be posted very soon in the Online Photo Gallery at our parish website. Lastly, let us pray for all those protecting and serving our nation and its freedoms on this Veteran's Day.

-Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For all victims of senseless violence in our nation and for an end to these terrible massacres; 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, Phil Wittman, Tracy Lotz, Liam Williams, Faith Bassanello, Gertrude Bartels, Arlene Scheeda, Bernard Thoma and for our military.

Religious Education: Our catechists are preparing their lesson plans for November 12th and 19th. During the Thanksgiving holiday we will not have class on the 26th. In December we have three classes before Christmas. The season of Advent precedes Christmas. Let's observe that season by learning more about it.

Youth Ministry News:

- **High School:** Saturday, November 18 - Service Project at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, Buffalo. Please call or email the rectory to sign up. Earn 2 hours of community service.
- **Middle School:** This weekend Sunday, November 12 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm



Thanksgiving Baskets—Festive barrels for food donations will be located in the vestibule through November 19. We are in need of traditional Thanksgiving Dinner food items such as cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, canned gravy, potatoes, small garden squash, canned pumpkin, evaporated/condensed milk, flour, sugar, etc. If you know of a parishioner in need of a basket this year, please call Melissa at the Rectory during office hours any weekday morning. Please also let Melissa know as soon as possible if you plan to donate a turkey. Monetary donations are also being accepted to help defray the cost of turkeys.

The Felician Franciscan Sisters in Buffalo invite you to come into the restful silence of God during the Advent Sunday retreat scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2017. Registration is limited so we ask that you return the registration form (see brochure in foyer) prior to the deadline.

[re]encounter at St. Benedict Church - All young adults, ages 18-40, are invited to join St. Benedict's Church, corner of Main Street and Eggert Road, Amherst on Wednesday, November 15 for an evening of praise, worship, witness talks and inspirational music. Doors open at 6:30 pm; praise and witness talk by Deacon Bill Hynes at 7 pm. Visit www.saintbenedicts.com for more information.

Journey into Love - Has your marriage taught you many things? Would you be willing to pass this knowledge on? The Office of Family Life Ministries is looking for married couples to help run the diocesan marriage prep program, Journey into Love. Couples help by giving a 20 minute talk on topics and issues that engaged and newly married couples face. If you are interested in helping with this program, call the Family Life Office at 716-847-2210.

Have you experienced a loss in your family that your children are having a hard time with? Death and grief are inescapable; and it can be hard to discuss them with a child when you are going through these times, too. The Office of Family Life Ministries can send you a packet of unique resources that can help you talk about death with children ages pre-school through teens. For your free packet, call 716-847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org.



Dad: "Can I see your report card, son?"

Son: "I don't have it."

Dad: "Why?"

Son: "I gave it to my friend. He wanted to scare his parents."



- **Sunday, November 12** - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Monday, November 13** - Bible Study Class - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday, November 16** - Bible Study Class - 8:45 am in the Parish Hall
- **Sunday, November 19** - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



Prayer For Priests and Religious

Good and gracious God, we come before you this day asking that your call to priesthood and consecrated life fall upon open minds and generous hearts. You never cease calling workers to your vineyard. We pray for the grace to be your voice in encouraging others to risk the response that is called forth. May we never falter in our desire to respond generously to your call, in supporting those who are called to serve as priests and religious, in encouraging others to be open to your call in their lives. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!"

~Psalm 27