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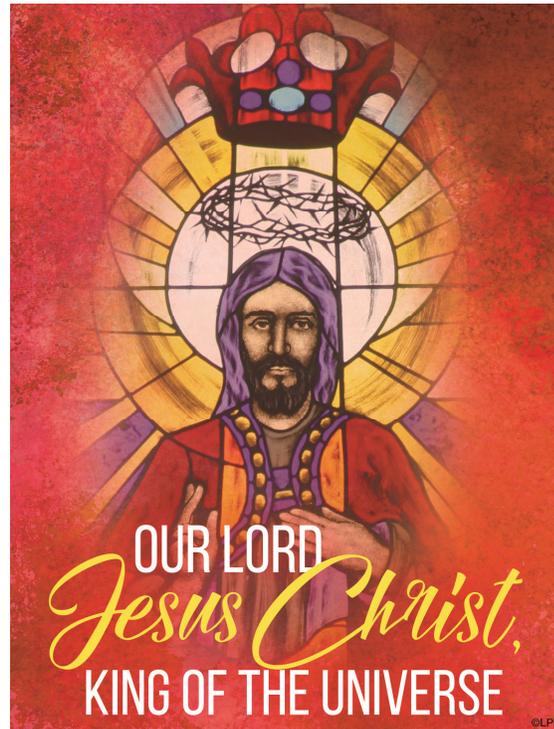
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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, November 26

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tuesday, November 27

8:00 Albert Konieczny *by family*

Wednesday, November 28

5:30 Msgr. Williamson - for health *by Bill and Shirley Lantz*

Thursday, November 29

8:00 Charles Raymond Groff *by Jean Haun*

Friday, November 30 - St. Andrew

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, December 1

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Mario Ianni and Family *by Flo Frosolone*

Sunday, December 2 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 Dr. Joseph Clauss, Sr. *by The Romance Family*

10:15 Grace Small *by The O'Donnell Family*



### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week

**Monday** - Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4

**Tuesday** - Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11

**Wednesday** - Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19

**Thursday** - Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28

**Friday** - Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

**Saturday** - Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

**Sunday** - Jeremiah 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

We are still accepting Mass Intentions for the 2019 Calendar Year. If you would like to have a Mass said for a living or deceased member of your family, call the Rectory any weekday morning to get your preferred date.



### PASTORAL SHARINGS

I trust that your Thanksgiving feast was hearty. Now, time to enjoy the leftovers! My family had a nice surprise. My Uncle Joe, a Franciscan TOR, made it home. The Franciscans can assign you anywhere, and he'd been in Texas for several years. But he was just moved to Loretto Pennsylvania, a short drive on the 219. So we had an extra chair at the table. In addition to being a fellow priest, he's also my Confirmation sponsor -- and a good partner for the annual Thanksgiving pinochle game!

The lovely season of Advent begins next weekend. What a great time of year, as we bring out candles and pine boughs to keep watch for the coming of Jesus. Advent is a season of preparation. As you prepare your home for holiday gatherings, prepare your heart to make more room for Jesus.

Advent begins a new Church year, so today is the end of the current liturgical year - the annual Feast of Christ the King. God mounts His throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord! Our RCIA candidates are learning about the Church calendar and its cycle of seasons, feasts, and fasts. The Catholic calendar overlays the secular year, giving it soul & meaning.

This past week was open house at Nativity School in Harris Hill. Our parish has long supported their mission, and I'm glad to be on their school board. You may have heard their principal took a new job just before the year began, which made us scramble to replace him! How blessed we were to find Dr. Robert Cluckey, formerly of Niagara Catholic. He has solid credentials and decades of experience in Catholic education. I expect the school to thrive under his leadership.

Now, the high schools are beginning their open house dates. In particular, I invite you to take a look at Chesterton Academy ([www.buffalochestertonacademy.org](http://www.buffalochestertonacademy.org)). This surprisingly affordable private school follows a different, but time-tested model. If you find that your child isn't thriving in their current school, this may be the change they need. Their open house is on Monday, December 3rd, from 6-8 p.m.

Will the snows continue? Or will it be another green Christmas? Either way, let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

-Fr. Dave

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** For God's mercy upon all victims of the California wildfires and His comfort upon the survivors; 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, Jess Reger, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Karen Martin, Christopher Ginestre, Whitey Spoth, Arlene Scheeda, Gloria Rembas, Geraldine Benker, Msgr. Robert Williamson and for the happy repose of the soul of Jeanette Jazwiecki and Theresa Boken. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

**Religious Education:** Last week we focused on the sanctuary, the altar and the altar cloth. As we look towards the sanctuary, we see the crucifix. It is above an altar and is there to remind us of the total love Jesus has for us. The tabernacle holds the consecrated hosts, reserved there to bring to persons who are sick. The tabernacle also holds the ciborium with extra hosts needed for Sunday Mass. A sanctuary light burns to remind us that Jesus is present.

**Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation.** There will be a vigil Mass on Friday at 5:30 pm and Mass on Saturday will be at 9:00 am only. If you come to the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday it can count as the Holy Day Mass but then you will be required to come again on Sunday to fulfill your weekend Mass obligation. We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers for the special Masses. Please sign up on the sheets in the Vestibule!



**The Mitten Tree** will arrive next weekend. Donations of handmade or store bought mittens, scarves and hats are sincerely appreciated and will be given to the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry. The tree will remain until Sunday, December 16th.

**BUCKET BRIGADE!** Last year it was towels & totes. This holiday season our Women's Guild will collect cleaning supplies for the clients of Sister Johnice's Response to Love Center on Buffalo's East Side. The project is titled "Bucket Brigade" because we'll supply red pails for you to take home, fill with cleaning products, and place underneath our mitten trees. Join the brigade! Next weekend, take a pail home and bring it back full on December 8/9th. We will deliver them to Sr. Johnice the following day.

**Downsizing before the holidays?** If you will be clearing out closets and drawers ahead of Christmas and New Year's, please keep Ladies of Charity in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes and utensils and bed linens. Donations are used for the Ladies' Lots of Clothes Thrift Store and for the Fresh Start program which provides basic household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. Donations can be dropped off from 10 am-2:30 pm weekdays at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo or from 10 am-1:30 pm on the first Saturday of the month. For more information, call 895-4001.

#### Ministers for December

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman and Liz Wulf; 8:00 am - Susan Brown; 10:15 am - Doug Whelan and Karen Klimchuk; **Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Mary Prentice; 8:00 am - Wally Smith; 10:15 am - Mary Borden; **Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Brian Wulf and Daniel Bergman; 8:00 am - Ryan Schumacher; 10:15 am - Marissa and Sean Brennan and Julia Molitor

😊 A woman was found guilty in traffic court and when asked for her occupation she said she was a schoolteacher. The judge rose from the bench. "Madam, I have waited years for a schoolteacher to appear before this court." He smiled with delight. "Now sit down at that table and write, 'I will not run a red light' five hundred times.""



- **Sunday, November 25 - No Religious Education Classes - Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday!**
- **Saturday, December 1 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm**
- **Sunday, December 2 - 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.

Christ will come again! This we have been promised. The same Christ has called us all to different vocations, and some of these include Holy Orders and Religious Life. What greater way is there to honor our Lord and King than by faithfully answering His call? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

**"We give thee thanks"**