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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.



MARCH 5, 2023 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Please support Appeal 2023.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Liturgies8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
Saturday9:00 AM
Vigil of Holy Days5:30 PM
Holy Days8:00 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00 PM
First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 AM
Vigil of Holy Days 3:30 to 4:15 PM
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 whose children attend Religious Education.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Wed., March 8 - St. John of God

5:30 Francis Dahill - Birthday
Remembrance
by *The Dahill Family*

Thurs., March 9 - St. Frances of Rome

8:00 Elizabeth Sass & Family
by *The Reigle Family*

Fri., March 10

8:00 Sarah Berlinger
by *The Larouere Family*

Sat., March 11

9:00 For the People of St. Teresa's
Parish by *Fr. Art*

4:30 Florence Raykowski
by *Rich Raykowski*

Sun., March 12

8:00 Gary Karaskiewicz
by *The Larouere Family*

10:15 Thoma & Carey Families
by *Barb Thoma*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Daniel 9:4b-10
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday - Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday - Jeremiah 18:18-20
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday - Jeremiah 17:5-10
Luke 16:19-31

Friday - Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

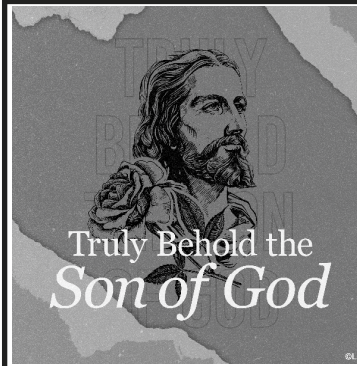
Saturday - Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday - Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42



Remember a loved
one, living or
deceased in a

special way with a Mass. Contact the
parish office to reserve a date.



March 5, 2023
2nd Sunday of Lent

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was. Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him." The Son is always bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it. Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see. —

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For those who have been injured in any way, during the recent natural disasters happening throughout the world; we pray to the Lord....

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Bill Hawes, Viola Izydorczak, Gary Karaskiewicz, Louis Pulvino, Sarah Berlinger, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Virginia Maloney, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Rita Whalen, Laura Gray, Francis LaClair, baby Isla Smith, Grayson Sanders, Deb Smith & Lorraine Sylvester

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

Funds needed per week in February for Expenses: \$5,162

In Pew 2/19/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,717

The gift of your donation allows us to continue the mission of Christ here at St. Teresa's. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$40,000
Current Total: \$14,575



We have reached 36% of our goal with 63 donors!
Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 5, 2023

Lenten Reflection Retreat Please join in Bishop Robert Barron's "*Conversion Following the Call of Christ*" Study facilitated by Rose Elliott for the next 6 weeks. There will be a 15-20 minute video on a conversion story from the Bible, which will be followed by a group discussion. The second session is this Wednesday, March 8th.

Religious Education: Our children have received the donation boxes to remind them to contribute to the Catholic Charities Appeal. We are grateful for the support of parents and catechists who encourage our children to put this act of charity into practice.

Please Note: Fr. Art will be on vacation March 4 - March 7. There will be no daily Masses held at St. Teresa's during his vacation. Daily Mass will resume on Wednesday, March 8, at 5:30 pm. Please join our sister parishes for daily Mass. Our Lady of Peace in Clarence has weekday Mass on Mon 8:00 AM, Tue-Thu 6:30 & 8:00 AM, Fri 6:30 AM. St. Maximilian Kolbe weekday Mass is Monday and Friday - 8:00 AM at Corfu Site; Tuesday and Thursday - 8:00 AM at E. Pembroke Site; Wednesday - 7:00 PM at Corfu Site. The rectory office will remain open.

Eucharistic Minister Training Session
Saturday, March 11, 2023
St. Gregory the Great Gathering Space
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Reservations are required. Please call the parish office if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at St. Teresa's.



Looking to deepen your reflection during Lent? Come to the Parish Library after weekend Masses and borrow *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas Kempis with Reader's Guide. This 15th Century classic was recently highlighted by Fr. Mike Schmitz. The reader's guide edition helps to delve into each meditation with a contemporary introduction as well as providing thought-provoking questions after each reading. (The library has several copies.) Or *Ashes to Easter* by Robert Morneau. This book for Lenten meditations serves as a supplement to daily gospel readings. Combining elements of the Divine Office and excerpts of poetry, the author seeks to invite the reader into being more attentive to the Spirit.

Spaghetti Dinner - Our Lady of Pompeii Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner, 3/12 from 12 Noon until 4 PM in the Ministry Center, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster. Dine in or sit down! Info: 716-683-6522

Two-Day Lenten Mission - "A Journey to Joy" on March 20, and March 21, at 7:00 p.m. The mission, presented by Emmy-nominated performer Frank Runyeon, will be held at St. Martha Church, 10 French Road, Depew, NY 14043, (716) 684-6342.

23RD Annual Lenten Series - Monday, March 6th, St. Dorothy Day. Maria Chomicka, Pastoral Associate of Liturgy and Communications and Music Director at St. Benedict's will speak on the journey from Sinner to Saint of St. Dorothy Day at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10905 Main St., Clarence.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -

- Day of Prayer - Tuesday, March 28th, St. Teresa's, in celebration of the Diocese of Buffalo's 175th Anniversary, will have 24 hours of Adoration. Watch for more details.
- Lenten Reconciliation Service - St. Teresa's and our Renewal Family Parishes will hold a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Thursday, March 30, 7 PM, at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main St., Clarence. Renewal Family Priests will be assisting at the Reconciliation Service.



A Sunday school teacher was teaching her young students about Noah and the ark. She asked them what they thought Noah may have done to pass the time in the ark for forty years. After waiting a few moments, the teacher suggested, "Maybe he did a lot of fishing. How about that?" One little boy gave her a funny look and said, "I don't think so. It's kinda hard to fish with just two worms!"

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Weekend of March 4/5** - Parish Library open 1 hour after each weekend Mass
- **Sunday, March 5** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Wednesday, March 8** - Lenten Retreat in the Church at 6:00 following 5:30 Mass
- **Thursday, March 9** - Men's Group meets in the Rectory basement meeting room at 6:45 pm
- **Friday, March 10** - Women's Group, 8:45 AM in the Parish Meeting Room
- **Friday, March 10** - Stations of the Cross at 7 PM
- **Saturday, March 11** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Saturday, March 11** - First Reconciliation at 2 PM
- **Weekend of March 11/12** - Parish Library open 1 hour after each weekend Mass
- **Sunday, March 12** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

VOCATION VIEW

Lent is here - time to challenge ourselves to be holier. This year, don't just give something up - start a new life in ministry! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear for us."

St. Pope John Paul II