

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

MARCH 19, 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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.



St Joseph the Worker Award 2023
Congratulations Jean Dolph!

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

Mon., March 20

8:00 For the People of St. Teresa's
Parish by Fr. Art

Tues., March 21

8:00 Olivia Khan - Birthday
Blessing by Mary Olsen

Wed., March 22

5:30 Antoinette Herman
by The Flumerfeldt Family

Thurs., March 23 - St. Turibus

8:00 Judy Abraham
by Slazak Family

Fri., March 24

8:00 Sarah Berlinger
by the Larouere Family

Sat., March 25 - The Annunciation of
the Lord

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

4:30 In Memory of Jean Kisker
by Joanne & Betty Fix

Sun., March 26

8:00 Matthew Kessler
by Flumerfeldt Family

10:15 Joyce Bednarek 91st Birthday
Remembrance
by Bednarek Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday - Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-16

Wednesday - Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

Thursday - Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47

Friday - Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
John 7L1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday - Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday - Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45



Remember a loved
one, living or
deceased in a

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



March 19, 2023
4th Sunday of Lent

God asks a rhetorical and slightly
sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet:
"How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I
have rejected as king of Israel?"

Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful
to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us
wallow our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of
Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king
from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young
David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the
golden age of Israel's earthly history. How discouraging to see
that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I
grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been
rejected as the ruler of my life?

How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and
me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as
our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite
our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself
will dwell. So how long will you grieve? How long?

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For the success of the Catholic Charities Appeal
2023; we pray to the Lord....

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

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

Funds needed per week in March for Expenses: \$ 5,825*
*Taxes due in March & High Gas Bill

In Pew 3/5/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,597

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: \$ 18,945



We have reached 47% of our goal with 80 donors!
Thank you for your generosity!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 19, 2023

Religious Education: These forty days of Lent remind us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert in preparation for His public ministry. Holy Week will begin with Palm Sunday. The special days of Holy Week are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Learn about the meaning of these days and their liturgy through books and online resources.
streledakron.wordpress.com

Holy Week Ministers and Altar Servers - Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are able to serve.

St. Teresa's Easter Plant Sale - Orders are due today. Pick Up after Masses next weekend. Money helps support Youth Ministry sponsored events like Donut Sunday, the Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treats and other activities. Thank you for your support.

The 2023 St. Teresa's Easter Egg Hunt will be March 25th at 3:30 pm before the 4:30 pm Mass for children up to 12 years old, rain or shine.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Day of Prayer - March 27th - 28th, St. Teresa's, in celebration of the Diocese of Buffalo's 175th Anniversary, will have 24 hours of Adoration, as well as confession. The 24 hours will begin on Monday, March 27th with morning Mass and will continue thru morning Mass on Tuesday, March 28th. Confession will be held from 7-8 pm on March 27th. A sign-up sheet for adoration times is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Lenten Reconciliation Service - St. Teresa's and our Renewal Family Parishes will hold a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 30, 6:30 PM, at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main St., Clarence.

23RD Annual Lenten Series - "St. Paul the Apostle" 4TH session of the Lenten Lecture Series where Andrew Pitisi, Pastoral Associate of Evangelization and Catechesis at St. Benedict's will speak about the journey from Sinner to Saint of St. Paul the Apostle. The lecture will be on Monday, March 20th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Timothy's Church, 565 East Park Dr., Tonawanda, NY 14150. No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend!


St. Leo the Great Lenten Fish Fry held on Friday's during Lent - March 24, March 31 & April 7 - from 4-7 pm (or until sold out) at the Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Fish Fry dinner includes fries, coleslaw, roll, butter & dessert; Shrimp Scampi dinner includes fries or rice, coleslaw, roll, butter & dessert. Also available: soup, mac 'n cheese dinner, beer, wine, pop & water. Dine-in or take out. Pre-order at the parish office or online at www.StLeoTheGreatAmherst.com.

The Diocese of Buffalo is sponsoring two Catholic High School Information Nights for parents and their 6th -8th grade students in area public and private schools: Tuesday, March 21 at Nativity of Our Lord (gymnasium), 4414 South Buffalo St., Orchard Park; and Tuesday, March 28 at St. Andrew Country Day School (Msgr. Donovan Center), 1525 Sheridan Dr., Kenmore. Both evenings will be from 6-7:30 pm. High school representatives will be available to answer questions, discuss financial aid and provide information on scholarship opportunities.

Vocation View - "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" Holy things should be used for a holy purpose. Serve the Gospel with your life! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847- 5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

The Pamphlet Racks have been restocked and include Lenten materials for all ages. The racks are located by the doors at the entrance of the Church and all items range from \$.50 to \$5.00.

Fish Fry - Friday, April 7, from 4 to 7 pm at the Clarence center Volunteer Firehall, 9415 Clarence Ctr Rd. Eat in or take out. Preorder fish fry dinners only using the QR code on the flyer which is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Chicken finger and shrimp dinners available for sale at the door. Sponsored by the Clarence Center Volunteer Firehall Ladies Auxiliary.

 To save money, I suggested to one of my grown sons that we all live together in one house. I could tell he didn't think it would be cost-effective when he asked, "Who's going to pay the therapist?"

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Weekend of March 18/19** - Parish Library open 1 hour after each weekend Mass
- **Sunday, March 19** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, March 19** - Deadline for Easter Plant Orders
- **Wednesday, March 22** - Lenten Retreat in the rectory meeting room at 6 pm
- **Friday, March 24** - Women's Group, 8:45 AM in the Parish Meeting Room
- **Saturday, March 25** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Saturday, March 25** - Easter Egg Hunt at 3:30 pm
- **Sunday, March 26** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

*In re The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,
Case No. 20-10322*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Court entered an Order (the "Supplemental Bar Date Order") setting April 17, 2023, at 11:59 P.M. (prevailing Eastern time) (the "Supplemental Bar Date") as the deadline to assert claims against the Diocese arising from or relating to abuse that occurred when the survivor was 18 years of age or older, and which, prior to the enactment of the Adult Survivors Act (S.66A/A.648A) would have been subject to a statute of limitations defense ("Adult Claims").

If you have an Adult Claim against the Diocese you must file a claim on or before the Supplemental Bar Date.

ANY CLAIM FILED PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BAR DATE ORDER SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY IN INTEREST TO ASSERT OBJECTIONS TO ANY CLAIM OR ITS TIMELINESS.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"From the Cross, new life comes to us. On the Cross, Jesus becomes the source of life for Himself and for all. On the Cross, death is conquered.

Pope Benedict XVI from his book
Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week