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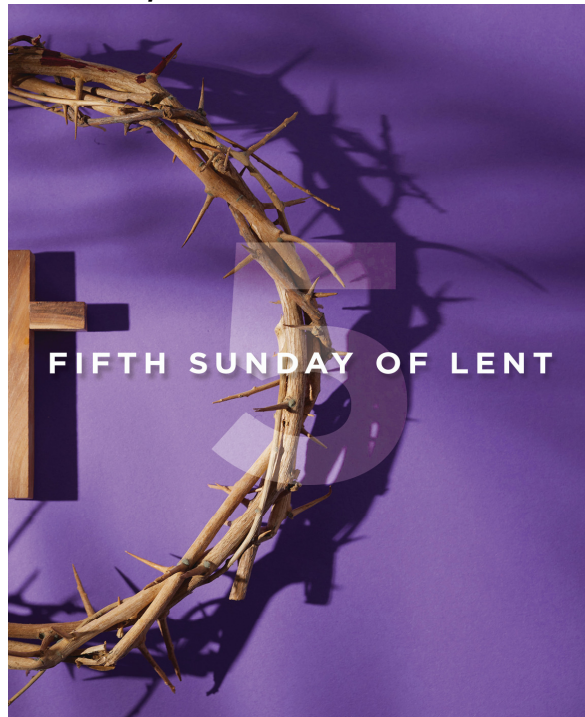
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



MARCH 26, 2023 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgies</i>	8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	4:30 PM
<i>Daily Mass</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 3:00 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 27

8:00 Alice Marinelle - Birthday Blessings - *by Mary Olsen*

Tues., March 28

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wed., March 29

5:30 For the People of St. Teresa's Parish *by Fr. Art*

Thurs., March 30

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Fri., March 31

8:00 Sarah Berlinger *by the Larouere Family*

Sat., April 1

9:00 Michael A. Giancarlo *by Flumerfeldt Family*

4:30 Paul Bergman - Birthday Blessings *by Mom & Dad*

Sun., April 2 - Palm Sunday

8:00 Mariann Kruger *by Larry & Lori Reisdorf*

10:15 Lee Arbegast III *by the McLaughlin Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62
John 8:1-11

Tuesday - Numbers 21:4-9
John 8:21-30

Wednesday - Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95
John 8:31-42

Thursday - Genesis 17:3-9
John 8:51-59

Friday - Jeremiah 20:10-13
John 10:31-42

Saturday - Ezekiel 37:21-28
John 11:45-56

Sunday - Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66



Remember a loved one, living or deceased in a

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



March 26, 2023
5th Sunday of Lent

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us. The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others. What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir

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For the work of Catholic Charities in our Diocese of Buffalo; may it continue to be the tangible sign of Jesus Christ for all who are in need; 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, Lorraine Sylvester, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Rita Whalen, Laura Gray, baby Isla Smith, Grayson Sanders, Deb Smith, Peggy Weber & Lorraine Sylvester

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Carl E. Patterson.

**** YOUR PARISH OFFERING ****

Funds needed per week in March for Expenses: \$ 5,825

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.



A turtle is crossing the road when he's mugged by two snails. When the police show up, they ask him what happened. The shaken turtle replies, "I don't know. It all happened so fast."

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$40,000
Current Total: \$20,755



We have reached 51% of our goal with 86 donors!
Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Week at St. Teresa's

Holy Thursday 8:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
9:00-10:00 pm - Adoration in the Church

Good Friday 2:00 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 1:00 pm - Blessings of Easter Baskets
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00 am and 10:15 am

REMINDER - There will be no confessions heard during Holy Week.

Religious Education: Parents are encouraged to bring their children to church this Monday, March 27th, any time of the day. The Blessed Sacrament will repose on the altar for prayer and adoration, an opportunity for your whole family to come together for some quiet time.

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 - Pick Up after Masses this weekend. Thank you for your support.

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. Sign-up sheets for adoration times are on the table in the narthex. Someone must be present the entire 24 hours.

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 - From Sinner to Saint - A special speaker will talk about the Transformational Journey from Sinner to Saint. St. Leo the Great Church, 885 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst, NY 14226. No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend!

Father Zielenieski gives Road to Renewal Update in new video - How does the Renewal team determine decisions in the Diocese and what do these trends mean for the future? Using the data gathered from parish reports and from parishioners through the Catholic Leadership Institute survey that was completed last year, the Renewal team is able to create trends to understand where parishes and the diocese will be going in the next five-10 years. To see the video, go to <http://roadtorenewal.org/updates/?fbclid=IwAR2K-t7MfxA6sEDQIP-lGwYSfDIXB8hAZYS-rHlu1YcgzlsXcmDbiYRb2Y>

Please Note: The office will be closed the week of March 27th through the 31st as Jean will be on vacation.

St. Leo the Great Lenten Fish Fry held on Friday's during Lent - 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. Dine-in or take out. Pre-order at the parish office or online at www.StLeoTheGreatAmherst.com.

SAVE DATE

St. Teresa's Grounds Spring Clean-Up - Celebrate Earth Day April 22nd by helping out at St. Teresa's!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - St. Andrew's Church in Sloan on Palm Sunday, April 2nd from 9:00am until 1:00pm, in their Parish Hall at 111 Crocker Street. Buffet style breakfast. Cost: \$12.00, children 10 and under \$5.00 There will be activities for the kids, crafters and picture with the Easter Bunny. For more information or to reserve a craft table, call the Parish Office at (716)892-0425.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **REMINDER** - Easter Dinner donations are being accepted for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry in the Narthex
- **Weekend of March 25/26** - Parish Library open 1 hour after each weekend Mass
- **Sunday, March 26** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, March 25/26** - Pick-up Easter Plant Orders
- **Monday, March 27 thru Tuesday, March 28th** - 24 hours of Adoration Following the 8 am Mass on Monday
- **Monday, March 27** - Confession from 7 - 8 PM
- **Wednesday, March 29** - Lenten Retreat in the rectory meeting room at 6 pm
- **Thursday, March 30** - Lenten Penance Service at Our Lady of Peace, 6:30 PM
- **Friday, March 31** - Women's Group, 8:45 AM in the Parish Meeting Room
- **Saturday, April 1** - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15-8:45 am and 3:00-4 pm
- **Saturday, April 1** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, April 2** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and the final class for Grades 7-10 at 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

VOCATION VIEW - "Lazarus, come out!" Sometimes we feel dead on our feet with no purpose. Find a new purpose in life by seeking God's will. If Jesus is calling you to a church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The Cross of Christ forces you to make up your mind. You can be indifferent about anything else, but you cannot be indifferent about the Crucifixion. You can stand immobile before a cross as a kind of charm, but you cannot help but feel involved when you look at a Crucifix."

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen