

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

APRIL 16, 2023 - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.



Thank you to Don Kreher, Jim Richardson (not in the picture), Mario Candino and Steven Flumerfeldt for all their hard work removing old concrete so that new can be poured!

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., April 17**
8:00 **Carlton E. Patterson Jr.**
by Mary Ann & Jim Schneider
- Tues., April 18**
8:00 **Judy Abraham**
by Kathy & bob Penn
- Wed., April 19**
5:30 **Gloria Rembas**
by Estate
- Thurs., April 20**
8:00 **Dorothy Ciezki**
by Richard Ciezki
- Fri., April 21**
8:00 **Tim Olsen - Birthday Blessing**
by Mary Olsen
- Sat., April 22**
9:00 **For the People of St. Teresa's Parish**
by Fr. Art
4:30 **Sarah Berlinger**
by Larouere Family
- Sun., April 23**
8:00 **Michael Burt - Birthday Blessing**
by Mary Olsen
10:15 **Msrgr. Robert Williamson - Birthday Blessings**
by St. Teresa Women's Guild



Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday** - Acts 4:23-31
John 3:1-8
- Tuesday** - Acts 4:32-37
John 3:7b-15
- Wednesday** - Acts 5:17-26
John 3:16-21
- Thursday** - Acts 5:27-33
John 3:31-36
- Friday** - Acts 5:34-42
John 6:1-15
- Saturday** - Acts 6:1-7
John 6:16-21
- Sunday** - Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35



Why do you have to watch what you say around egg whites? They can't take a yolk.

Why does everyone love hard-boiled eggs in the morning? They're hard to beat.

Alleluia!

A very blessed and happy Easter to everyone, Christ is risen!

My prayer for us all:

As the snow begins to give way to the rain and the flowers begin to grow, the trees to bud, the birds to sing and the sun to begin to warm the days again we see new life all around us. May the beauty of Easter remind us that, like the earth, we too are called to newness in our relationship with our Lord, our family and relationships, our world, and our church. Make sure to take a walk in the beauty of God's "first cathedral" and ask God to help you embrace the renewal all around and within. Let us work together to make sure that everyone knows the love of the risen Savior in their lives this year. If we each do our own little part, the beauty of Easter will matter and the desire of Christ to renew the face of the earth will continue to be realized.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our celebrations of Easter so beautiful and welcoming for our family and friends who joined us in such great numbers. We could not have done it without our amazing music ministry, altar servers, ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, staff, religious and clergy as well as those who offered their time and talent to make sure our beautiful Church was sparkling clean.

Know of my continued prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord for the blessing of being a part of this Spirit filled family. I look forward to seeing how God will lead and direct our extended family of parishes into a bright and exciting future.

Peace always,

Fr. Art, Rasmus, and Dylan.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

For the souls of those who were killed in recent mass shootings and all those injured in these acts of violence, may God guide the hands of the doctors and caregivers in bringing them comfort and healing; 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

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Norma Bates.

**** YOUR PARISH OFFERING ****

Funds needed per week in April for Expenses: \$ 4,350

In Pew 4/2/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 5,809

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: \$ 33,270



We have reached 83% of our goal with 97 donors!
Thank you for your generosity!

Religious Education: When we pray, we ask God to transform our hearts. We receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist with faith in God's transforming grace. So let us prepare ourselves to receive the sacraments in order to be receptive to grace.

St. Teresa's Grounds Cleanup is Saturday, April 22nd at 10 am. Everyone is invited to come and join in the cleanup - no experience necessary! Please bring garden tools if you have them. Lunch will be provided. For more information or questions, call Tony & Mary Jo Schumacher at 716-542-5138.

Women's Bible Study Group will be starting a 6 week study on Acts Friday, April 21st in the Rectory meeting room at 8:45 am following 8:00 Mass.

Baby Item Collection to support the St Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center by Women's Guild Respect Life Committee on the weekends of 4/23 and 4/30. The Center serves families and life by providing material, emotional, and spiritual support to mothers, fathers, and families during and after pregnancy. Diapers, wipes, formula and bottles needed; they also accept new/very gently used baby clothes sizes newborn to 4T, and other baby items. Donations can be placed in the playpen in the narthex. If you need items picked up at your home, call Jennifer Brennan at (716) 510-5890 to arrange pickup. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Teresa of Avila Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market- Saturday, May 27, 8 am - 4 pm. Tables available to rent. Bring your trash and treasures to sell. Remember someone else's trash is your treasure. Cleaning out your closets or garage? St. Teresa's flea market is for you! Call Judith Bell for an application or for information at 716-542-2010 or 716-983-0166.

Please Note: Fr. Art will be on vacation April 24th - April 29th. There will be no daily Masses held at St. Teresa's during his vacation. Daily Mass will resume on Monday, May 1st. 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.

Young Catholic Families Resource Day: May 20, 9 a.m. - noon at St. Amelia Church- 2999 Eggert Rd., Tonawanda. Expert speakers in breakouts for raising your Catholic family, and education choices. \$15/person, \$25/couple, free babysitting, refreshments, a great resource and morning for you!

"Moving Beyond White Fragility" - SSJ Karen Klimczak Center for Nonviolence presents Nanette D. Massey, guiding light on diversity and inclusion, April 23 at 3 pm at SS Columba-Brigid Church, 75 Hickory St., Buffalo, with reception. Tickets 716-893-0808, sisterkarencenter.org, or at the door.

* **BANQUET FOR ST. GIANNA MOLLA PREGNANCY OUTREACH CENTER** - Thursday, April 27, 6:00 pm. Check in 5:30 pm. At Classics V in Amherst. Keynote Speaker: Toni McFadden, author of Redeemed: My Journey after Abortion. RSVP by Monday, April 17. Buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna

* **WALK FOR LIFE WEEKEND** - Watch the ONLINE RALLY on Friday, May 5, 7- 8 pm. **DECENTRALIZED WALK** - Walk near you for life to surround our cities with prayer. May 6, 9 am - 12 noon. CompasscareWalk.com

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Concert to Commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Diocese on April 23 at 7:30 PM in St. Joseph Cathedral. For tickets: buffalodiocese.org/17th or call 716-847-5559.

Join Us in Welcoming the following new members of our St. Teresa's Family! Recently, we were blessed with the addition of Linda & Duane Chaffee.

Thank You! **"Dear Parishioners of St. Teresa** - WOW what a Big supply of items you brought to Response to Love Center. You always do remember the Center in a Big Way. All of the items you delivered have already been sorted, and a lot have been put into packages to give out to our clients. You will help us serve the poor and less fortunate clients and families that come to us for assistance all year round. Many supplies we ourselves have in life and take for granted, our clients don't have. Giving freely with a good heart will never go unrewarded. God Bless your families. With prayers, Happy Spring! Sister Mary Johnice."

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, April 16** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Thursday, April 20** - Parish Council Meets in the Parish Hall, 7 pm
- **Friday, April 21** - Women's Bible Study Group meets at 8:45 am in the Rectory Meeting Room.
- **Saturday, April 22** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Saturday, April 22** - Spring Grounds Clean-up, 10 AM
- **Weekend of April 22** - Collection for St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Program
- **Sunday, April 22** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am

VOCATION VIEW

"Have mercy on us and on the whole world" we pray in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. God's mercy comes to us through the Sacraments, especially in Eucharist and Confession - which only priests can provide. Is Jesus calling you? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



House of Hope - A new home for asylum seekers, refugees and immigrants at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Athol Springs opening June 1st. Please consider supporting this worthy cause with donations of money, supplies (dressers, toiletries, cleaning supplies, etc.) or by volunteering. Donations may be sent to 15 Greenwich Dr., #2, Amherst, NY 14228 with checks made out to "The Boys Club of St. Francis" with House of Hope on the memo line. For more information please call 716-852-2076 or 716-348-0154.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"To overcome dryness and spiritual droughts, committing to an hour of adoration per week is strongly recommended."

Fr. Florian Racine from his book **Could You Not Watch with Me One Hour?**