

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

APRIL 23, 2023 - THIRD 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.



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

Please Note: Fr. Art will be on vacation April 24th - May 8th. There will be no daily Masses held at St. Teresa's during his vacation. Daily Mass will resume on Tuesday, May 9th. 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.

Sat., April 29

4:30 **Bob & Betty Bergman - 60th Wedding Anniversary**
by The Bergman Family

Sun., April 30

8:00 **Margaret Laciura - Birthday Blessings** by Mary Olsen
10:15 **Sarah Berlinger**
by Larouere Family

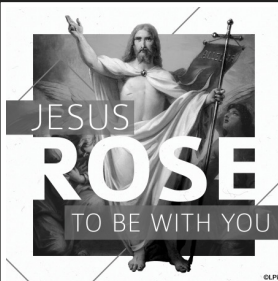


Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday** - Acts 6:8-15
John 6:22-29
- Tuesday** - 1 Peter 5:5b-14
Mark 16:15-20
- Wednesday** - Acts 8:1b-8
John 6:35-40
- Thursday** - Acts 8:26-40
John 6:44-51
- Friday** - Acts 9:1-20
John 6:52-59
- Saturday** - Acts 9:31-42
John 6:60-69
- Sunday** - Acts 2, 14a, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10



Remember a loved one, living or deceased in a special way with a Mass. Contact the parish office to reserve a date.



April 23, 2023
3rd Sunday of Easter

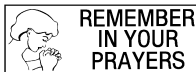
I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus always has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?

Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

— Father John Muir

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That the peace that Christ brings may extend to every nation, to every community, and to every heart; 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 souls of John Hens and Rev. Julio Ciavaglia .

**** YOUR PARISH OFFERING ****

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

In Pew 4/9/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 7,071

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: \$ 36,910



We have reached 92% of our goal with 110 donors!
Thank you for your generosity!

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 23, 2023

Religious Education: Today we are like the disciples who meet Jesus on the way to Emmaus. We hear Him speaking to us in the Scriptures, we participate in Eucharist, and we return home to share the good news with others. Let us give thanks always for Jesus, Our Risen Lord!

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. They serve families and life by providing material, emotional, & 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.

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Bill Martin who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more, call 800-875-6564 or visit Unbound online at unbound.org.

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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!

* **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

ANNUAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP & OUTREACH FUNDRAISER - Sponsored by the People of Praise on Saturday April 29th from 5:30-9:30PM @ Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School gym. Admission is FREE, snacks will be provided, and pizza can be purchased. There will be Theme Baskets(\$20-\$90), various Gift Certificates, large prize raffles \$100-\$259 & cash raffle with \$3,000 in prizes. For more information contact RICH GLEASON @ 716-430-5825

Chicken BBQ - St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, East Pembroke Hall, 8656 Church St., off Angling Rd., from Noon - 1:30 or sold out. Chicken dinner \$15, chicken only \$10, take out only. Presale tickets will be available by calling 585-599-4833 or stopping into the Parish Office between 9-3, M-F.

2023 Healing Mass - National Shrine Basilica Our Lady of Fatima, 1023 Swann Rd., Lewiston, 5/7 at 6:30 pm with Fr. Richard Poblocki. fatimashrine.com

HOME, GARDEN & TOOL RAFFLE - Saturday, April 29 6 - 10 PM - Food & Drinks Included Admits One - "LIMITED SEATING" (Need not be present to win prizes listed on back of ticket) DONATION: \$25, 20 Major Prizes. Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main St., Clarence, NY 14031 office@olpclareance.org or 716.759.8554.

Next week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the US and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. More information can be found at usccb.org/home-mission

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, April 23** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Friday, April 28** - Women's Bible Study Group meets at 8:45 am in the Rectory Meeting Room.
- **Saturday, April 29** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Weekend of April 30** - Collection for St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Program
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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.



A man tells his doctor, "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to Twitter!"

The doctor replies, "Sorry, I don't follow you ..."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"It is impossible to be just to the Catholic Church. The moment men cease to pull against it they feel a tug towards it. The moment they cease to shout it down they begin to listen to it with pleasure. The moment they try to be fair to it they begin to be fond of it."

G.K. Chesterton from his book
The Catholic Church and Conversion