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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.



APRIL 30, 2023 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Thank you to Rose & Tom Elliot for the beautification of our Altar!

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

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., May 6

4:30 **Patricia Lederhouse**
by Bernadette Connolly

Sun., May 7

8:00 **Gladys Saul**
by Larry & Lori Reisdorf

10:15 **Sarah Berlinger**
by The Larouere Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts 11:1-18
John 10:11-18

Tuesday - Acts 11:19-26
John 10:22-30

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
John 14:6-14

Thursday - Acts 13:13-25
John 13:16-20

Friday - Acts 13:26-33
John 14:1-6

Saturday - Acts 13:44-52
John 14:7-14

Sunday - Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



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."



April 30, 2023
4th Sunday of Easter

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, "They recognize his voice." He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can.

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

That God may bless our parish, strengthen our faith, and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship by opening our hearts to the 2023 Annual Catholic Charities Appeal; we pray to the Lord....

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

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Gary Karaskiewicz.

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

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

In Pew 4/16/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,189

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: \$ 40,935

We have reached 102% of our goal with 118 donors!
Thank you for your generosity!

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 30, 2023

Religious Education: Be prepared to respond, "The Lord is my shepherd..." at Mass today. The Responsorial Psalm is very familiar to us and fills us with confidence in God's all knowing, all loving care for us: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Baby Item Collection for the St Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach by the Respect Life Committee. Diapers, wipes, formula & bottles needed; they also accept new/very gently used baby clothes sizes newborn to 4T. Donations can be placed in the playpen in the vestibule this weekend. The baby bottles to be filled with coins can be returned to the office during regular office hours or to the Women's Guild in the vestibule after Masses on Mother's Day. Need larger items picked up? Call Jennifer Brennan at (716)510-5890.

 **Thank you** to our wonderful Knights of Columbus for their incredible generosity in presenting our parish with a check in the amount of \$936.00 which is the share of the proceeds they received from the C&B booklets that they sold this year. Just like last year, this wonderful group of gentlemen did all the work of organizing, selling, recording, and delivering the C&B booklets to turn around and present all their proceeds to each of the three parishes that make up the council! We will certainly put this kind and generous gift to good use! Please say a special prayer of thanksgiving for our K of C Council, it's membership, and their families. Thank you again, Brother Knights!

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.

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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!

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

Chicken BBQ - St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, East Pembroke Hall, 8656 Church St., off Angling Rd., May 7, 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 Basicica Our Lady of Fatima, 1023 Swann Rd., Lewiston, May 7th 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@olpclarence.org or 716.759.8554.

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the US are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities need in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities. usccb.org/home-missions.

VOCATION VIEW - Jesus is still calling shepherds to care for His flock. Very few answer the call, and so many souls go without this care. Change the trend! Consider the priesthood. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, April 30** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Tuesday, May 2** - Women's Guild Meeting, McAndrew Funeral Home, 7 PM
- **Wednesday, May 3** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets in the Rectory Meeting Room, 6:15 pm
- **Friday, May 5** - Women's Bible Study Group meets at 8:45 am in the Rectory Meeting Room.
- **Saturday, May 6** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, May 7** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Have you noticed the purple candle located by the Sacred Heart statue? This candle burns to remind us to be vigilant in our prayers for victims of abuse and for protection for all of God's Children.

Please pray this **Prayer For Healing Victims of Abuse:**

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only son to save us by His blood on the cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Let go of your plans. The first hour of the morning belongs to God. Tackle the day's work that He charges you with, and He will give you the power to accomplish it."

St. Teresa Benedicta of the
Cross (St. Edith Stein)