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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.



MAY 7, 2023 - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

Tues., May 9

8:00 Angela Sevilla
by Mom & Dad

Wed., May 10

5:30 Nancy O'Donnell - 1 Year
Anniversary of Death
by O'Donnell Family

Thurs., May 11

8:00 Michael Olsen - Birthday
Blessings by Mary Olsen

Fri., May 12

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

Sat., May 13

10:00 Helen Capan
by Daughter
& The First Holy Communion
Class

4:30 Sarah Berlinger
by Larouere Family

Sun., May 14

8:00 In Memory of Jean Kisker
by Mark & Cheryl

10:15 Fr. Arthur Mattulke - In
Thanksgiving for his Priestly
Ordination
by St. Teresa Women's Guild

Due to First Holy Communion being celebrated at 10:00 am next Saturday, there will be no 9:00 am Saturday morning Mass - Please join us at the First Communion celebration!



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts 14:5-18
John 14:21-26

Tuesday - Acts 14:19-28
John 14:27-31a

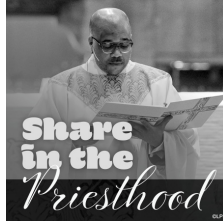
Wednesday - Acts 15:1-6
John 15:1-8

Thursday - Acts 15:7-21
John 15:9-11

Friday - Acts 15:22-31
John 15:12-17

Saturday - Acts 16:1-10
John 15:18-21

Sunday - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21



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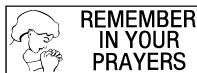
If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is priesthood.

St. Peter says to us, "You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'" To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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For the hopeless, the brokenhearted, the sick and the dying; we pray to the Lord...

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

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Tiedt.

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

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

In Pew 4/23/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,573

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: \$ 41,430

We have reached 103% of our goal with 123 donors!
Thank you for your generosity!

Religious Education: Parents help their children participate in Mass by example. Young children need help to use the missal for songs and readings. We have a children's Mass booklet available which is yours for the asking. Contact Sister Ruth at 716-542-9103 ext. 2.

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.

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!

Please Note: The water has been turned on at the Cemetery. Please remember that the cemetery has a carry in, carry out policy for trash.



To Mary Jo & Tony Schumacher, head of our Grounds Committee, and everyone who volunteered to help out here on the grounds of St. Teresa on Earth Day! Your help makes our campus beautiful!

Men's Ministry Group meets in the rectory basement meeting room every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:45 PM. All men over the age of 18 welcome. For more information, contact Deacon Ron at deaconronsta@gmail.com.

Fully Alive Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration - Come and spend an hour with the Lord, with praise, prayer, reflections, and quiet time. During this peaceful hour of Adoration, Friday, April 16, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed beginning at 7:30 p.m. Closing Benediction takes place by 8:30 p.m.

Due to First Holy Communion being celebrated at 10:00 am next Saturday, there will be no 9:00 am Saturday morning Mass - Please join us at the First Communion celebration!

THANK YOU to all of the Parishioners of St. Teresa for allowing me to speak to you about the Unbound Program. 19 children were sponsored. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please go to unbound.org. Fr. Bill Martin



Sacrament of Reconciliation - Fr. Art is available to hear confessions anytime by appointment and at the scheduled times of Saturday between 3 and 4 PM and on the first Saturday of the month between 8:15 and 8:45 AM.

Congratulations: With Gratitude to Almighty God, the Diocese of Buffalo joyfully announces the Ordination of Sebastian Aristizabal, Kevin Daniel Barron, Todd Berton Bowman, James Vincent Cantella, Martin Eugene Hackford, Thomas Dominic Labelle, John Emory Phillips, and John Francis Rhein, to the Sacred order of Deacon and Jeffrey Joseph Donovan to the Sacred Order of Presbyter.



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.

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, May 19.



In the public library, a man with his new library card questioned the pretty librarian. "Do you mean to say," he asked, "that with this card I may take out any book I want?" "Yes," she answered. "And may I take out record albums, too?" "Yes, you may." "May I take you out?" he ventured. Drawing herself up to her full height, she replied, "The librarians, sir, are for reference only."

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, May 7** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Thursday, May 10** - Men's Ministry Group meets in the Rectory basement meeting room, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, May 12** - Women's Bible Study Group meets at 8:45 am in the Rectory Meeting Room.
- **Friday, May 12** - Fully Alive Hour/ Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 - 8:30
- **Saturday, May 13** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Saturday, May 13** - First Holy Communion, 10 AM
- **Sunday, May 14** - Final Class Grades K - 6, Religious Education 9:00 am - 10:00 am

VOCATION VIEW

Acts of the Apostles chapter 6, recounts the ordination of the first Deacons. The earliest church had deacons, and this ancient calling is still open today. If Jesus is calling you to ordained ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



Prayer for Vocations - God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

"As the mother knows the needs better than the babe, so the Blessed Mother understands our cries and worries and knows them better than we know ourselves."

Ven. Fulton Sheen from his book *The World's First Love*