

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

MAY 21, 2023 - 7TH 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.



Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Class and many thanks to their teacher Andrew Borden & DRE Sr. Ruth Warejko, CSSF

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

Mon., May 22

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tues., May 23

8:00 Michael Marinelli - Birthday Blessings by Mary Olsen

Wed., May 24

5:30 Carlton E. Patterson by The Flumerfeldt Family

Thurs., May 25 - St. Bede, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

8:00 Donald Benker - Birthday Remembrance by Family

Fri., May 26 - St. Philip Neri

8:00 Sarah Berlinger by Larouere Family

Sat., May 27 - St. Augustine

9:00 Birthday Blessing - Mary Ann Schneider by Husband

4:30 Ronald Benker by Benker Family

Sun., May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

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

10:15 Carol Musial by Fr. Art & Gail Mattulke



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

Tuesday - Acts 20:17-27
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday - Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11b-19

Thursday - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
John 17:20-26

Friday - Acts 25:13b-21
John 21:15-19

Saturday - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
John 21:20-25

Sunday - Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7
John 20:19-23



Remember a loved one, living or deceased in a

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



May 21, 2023
7th Sunday of Easter

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different – Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— Father John Muir

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That young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life courageously follow Your will so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments; 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, baby Isla Smith & Grayson Sanders

**** YOUR PARISH OFFERING ****

Funds needed per week in April for Expenses: \$ 5,325

In Pew 5/7/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,376

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: \$ 41,755



We have reached 104% of our goal with 123 donors!
Thank you for your generosity!

Religious Education: Sincere thanks to the Women's Guild for preparing a reception for the First Communion families on May 13th, as well as the Rosaries for the children. We are grateful for all who helped to celebrate First Holy Communion, helped prepare the children, and all who continue to pray for the children and their families.

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. 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.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Memorial Day Mass will be held at St. Teresa's cemetery on Bloomingdale Road by the Statue in the new part of the cemetery. Mass is scheduled for 8 AM, weather permitting. Please bring your own chair.
- St. Teresa's Parish will host a Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, May 31st. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held between 5:30 and 6:30 with the Mass starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to bring your spiritual, physical and emotional ailments in need of healing to Jesus.
- Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday, June 11th, 1:30 PM with reception to follow.

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. Contact Deacon Ron at deaconronsta@gmail.com for more information.

GUYS' NIGHT OUT - The Cross: Our Standard of Victory - May 25th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Men are invited for an evening out to enjoy subs, soda and speakers. Please register by calling 716-692-0276 or emailing Sr. Jacinta olcparishevent@gmail.com. Suggested donation: \$20. Held at the parish hall of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 64 Center Ave, N. Tonawanda.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT - The Cross: Our Standard of Victory - June 1st, 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Women are invited for an evening out to enjoy subs, soda, and speakers. Please register by emailing Sr. Jacinta olcparishevent@gmail.com or calling 716-692-0276. Suggested donation \$20. Held at the parish hall of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 64 Center Ave, N. Tonawanda.

VOCATION VIEW - "Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come.'" Deacons and Priests feel the same on their ordination day. Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Consecrated Virgins feel the same on their day of solemn profession. Their hour has come. If you can imagine yourself standing in that scene, 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.

Celebrate 100 Years with Camp Turner! Kids 7-16 years old can attend a week of overnight camp this summer. Register at www.campturner.com/. On July 13, Camp Turner alumni will meet up to share memories and stories at Mr. Goodbar, Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, 5-9 pm. Festivities at Camp Turner for alumni on July 15 beginning at 1 pm, a special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Fisher at 4 pm, dinner, and a campfire to round out the evening. To sign up, visit <https://www.campturner.com/events>. Additional information about the upcoming celebration, contact Scott Weigley, OLV Charities' Director of Strategic Community Engagement, 716-828-9657 or sweigley@olvcharities.org 716-828-9657.



A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So they each go into the woods, find a bear, and attempt to convert it. Later they get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the Catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion." "I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him." They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, May 21** - Youth Ministry meeting in the Parish Hall, 7-8
- **Thursday, May 25** - Men's Group meeting in the Rectory Basement meeting room, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, May 26** - Women's Bible Study Group meets at 8:45 am in the Rectory Meeting Room.
- **Saturday, May 27** - Flea Market, 8 AM - 4 PM
- **Saturday, May 27** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Monday, May 28** - Memorial Day Outdoor Mass, weather permitting, St. Teresa Cemetery, 8 AM



Need a table? E-mail belljudith59@gmail.com for more info



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

"Fifteen to thirty minutes of loving dialogue with our Maker and Redeemer every day is a nonnegotiable discipline for the aspiring saint. On top of cultivating the full depths of our humanity, nothing more powerfully assists our Lord in the salvation of souls."

Jimmy Mitchell, from his book
Let Beauty Speak