

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

Est. 1869

JULY 23, 2023 - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

Mon., July 24 - St. Francis

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tues., July 25 - St. James

8:00 Joanna Blades - Birthday  
Blessings  
by Flumerfeldt Family

Wed., July 26 - Sts. Joachim & Anne

5:30 Intentions for Mothers

Thurs., July 27

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Fri., July 28

8:00 In Memory of Gertrude Bartels  
& Andrew Korszykowski  
by Estate of Gertrude Bartels

Sat., July 29 - St. Martha, Mary &  
Lazarus

9:00 Intentions for Fathers

4:30 Sarah Berlinger  
by The Larouere Family

Sun., July 30

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

10:15 Bob Tiedt  
by Tony, Mary Jo & Ryan



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Exodus 14:5-18  
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 4:7-15  
Matthew 20:20-28

Wednesday - Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15  
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday - Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b  
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday - Exodus 20:1-17  
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday - Exodus 24:3-8  
John 11:19-27

Sunday - I Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52



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

Dear Parish family,



Over the next several weeks the six pillars of our Road to Renewal process will begin meeting. I want to thank all of the people who have volunteered to be on our pillars. The work of the pillars is daunting and will take some time to sort out all of the different aspects of the Renewal effort.

Once again, I encourage you to go to the Renewal website (<https://roadtorenewal.org/>) to learn what each of the pillars are all about.

The Administrative pillar, based on the experience of the pilot families, was difficult to complete. There are a lot of moving parts in this pillar. Most importantly, this pillar effects our parish employees. I want to assure you, and them, that we will move thoughtfully and carefully as we discern how to move forward in the renewal. We will balance the requirements of the Diocese Road to Renewal team, the need of our parishes, and needs of the parish family when making any decisions.

I would like to address one question has come up with every family of parishes. The question is: will the parish finances be combined into one? The answer to that is no. Each parish will continue to pay its bills using the money raised by the parish. Each parish within the family will continue to run, financially, as it has before the family was created.

However, there will be shared costs each parish will contribute to paying for. An example of a share cost is the cost of the four priests in our family. The salaries and associated costs of the priests will be shared among the four parishes. This will not result in an increase in cost to any of the parishes because the number of priests in our family has not increased.

Finally, each pillar group has a secretary who takes the minutes of the meeting. Those minutes will be published as we go through the process of forming our family of parishes. Hopefully these minutes will help all of us understand how the road to renewal is progressing in our family.

Mary, Holy Mother of God, pray for us. St. Teresa of Avila, pray for us. All holy men and women, pray for us.

AMDG, Fr. Tom



REMEMBER  
IN YOUR  
PRAYERS

For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Ann Sayers, Kathryn Nicosia, Sarah Berlinger, Viola Izydorczak, Louis Pulvino, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whalen, and Laura Gray.

### \*\* YOUR PARISH OFFERING \*\*

Funds needed per week in July for Expenses: \$ 4,750

In Pew 7/9/2023

### Sunday Collection

\$ 4,208

The gift of your donation allows us to continue the mission of Christ here at St. Teresa's. Thank you for your generosity.



A gawky lad from New England came to New York with his girl, and took her to nearby Playland Amusement Park. They had heard a lot about the Tunnel of Love and were especially anxious to try it out. But when they got home, the kids expressed disappointment. "Shucks," the boy said, "it was dark and damp and uncomfortable. Besides, we got soaking wet." "How come?" asked a friend. "Did the boat leak?" The kid looked amazed. "There's a boat?"

**Religious Education:** Kindly register your children as soon as possible. Notice the forms on the bulletin board as you leave church today (left hand side). Visit our website, [streledakron.wordpress.com](http://streledakron.wordpress.com), for many timely reminders.



**Women's Study Group**  
 Invite all women of the parish to join them for their next Retreat...

Friday August 4 to Branches on Seneca Lake from 9:30-4 with a Healing Mass at 3 - Retreat topic is "Seeking the Peace of Christ." Cost is \$35 for breakfast and lunch. Reservations by July 28. Interested call Debbie at 716-361-9702.

The Retreat to Disciples of Divine Mercy in the Holy Face of Jesus was enjoyed by all of the women who attended.



**St. Teresa's Anniversary Mass** for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2023 will be held on Sunday, August 20th at 10:15 am.

**FYI:** Jill Syroczyński will be filling in at the Rectory Office while Jean is on vacation from August 1st thru August 11th. The office will be closed on Friday, July 28th.

**Confession on July 29th is cancelled.** Regular Confession hours will resume on August 6th or is available upon request at any time, just give Fr. Art a call.

**UPON THIS ROCK** - It's Here! \$257.60 was sent to St. Teresa's for our first quarter disbursement. Thank you! With much more to come as pledges are paid \$84,538.38 has been received. For more information, [www.uponthisrockwny.org](http://www.uponthisrockwny.org), [www.frctdb.org](http://www.frctdb.org)

**Vocation View** - Tiny mustard seeds become the largest of bushes. God loves to use the small and powerless. The world may have overlooked you, but Jesus hasn't. Think about serving the Church and contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- **Weekend of July 23** - Tickets for the Family Picnic on sale after each Mass
- **Saturday, July 29** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue

A brochure or a sheet requesting more information is available in the vestibule

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**  
 10 DAYS: NOVEMBER 4 - 13, 2024  
 VISITING: CAESAREA \* HAIFA \* TIBERIAS \* SEA OF GALILEE  
 CANA \* NAZARETH \* BETHLEHEM \* JERUSALEM  
 HOSTED BY  
**REV. ARTHUR MATTULKE**  
**\$3799 FROM NEW YORK\***  
\*Air/land tour price is \$3099 plus \$700 gov't taxes/airline surcharges  
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**DON'T MISS THIS TRIP OF A LIFETIME!!**

*Life in the Spirit*

Come experience God's Spirit and the gift of Pentecost.

Our family of parishes is hosting a *Life in the Spirit* seminar from 6:30 to 8:30 PM on seven consecutive Wednesdays -- September 13 through October 25, at Our Lady of Peace parish in Clarence. Journey with the Spirit as you Grow in God's Love, learn of God's Salvation, finding New Life by Receiving God's Gift and experience personal Growth and Transformation in Christ.

*"... be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."* (Romans 12:2)

*You're invited*

**St. Teresa of Avila CHURCH MASS/PICNIC**  
 10:15 Outdoor Mass  
 Under the Tent  
 Picnic to Follow

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**  
 MASS | FOOD | FUN | GAMES / FAMILY  
 \$5.00 Per Adult 18 & Older, All others Free  
 BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob and Non Alcoholic Beverages Supplied - BYOB  
 Please Sign Up for the Dish You Will Bring in Back of Church:  
 Salads Q-Z, Sides A-I, Desserts J-P  
 Questions or Reservations Email: [jdiggs@diggspro.com](mailto:jdiggs@diggspro.com)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"For meditation the ear of the soul is more important than the tongue: St. Paul tells us that faith comes from listening. Most people commit the same mistake with God that they do with their friends; they do all the talking."*

Ven. Fulton J. Sheen  
 from his book *Go to Heaven*