

St. Teresa of Avila Church

Est. 1869

JULY 30, 2023 - 17TH 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

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

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 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 Maria & Faizal Khan -
Anniversary Blessings
by Mary Olsen

Tues., August 1 - St. Alphonsus

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

Wed., August 2

5:30 Birthday Blessings to Ben &
William Moreland by Godmother

Thurs., August 3

8:00 Special Intentions
by Jim & Mary Ann Schneider

Fri., August 4 - St. John Vianney

8:00 Matt Olsen
by Mary Olsen

Sat., August 5

9:00 Sarah Berlinger
by The Larouere Family

4:00 John & Anna Buwaj
by Daughters

Sun., August 6

8:00 Joan Ries & Family
by Linda Mex Family

10:15 In Memory of Michael Porzio
by The Mattulke Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday - Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,28
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday - Exodus 34:29-35
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday - Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38
Matthew 13:47-53

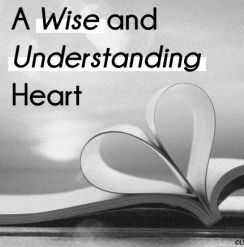
Friday - Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,
27,34b-37
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday - Leviticus 25:1, 8-17
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9



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



A Wise and
Understanding
Heart

July 30, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace; 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 McCarragher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whalen, and Laura Gray.

HEART BEAT

09.18.2023

7PM MUSIC & SPEAKERS

6:15 PM PIZZA RSVP: 716-683-6522

Free will donations accepted!

PRO-LIFE SPEAKERS

Cheryl Calire & Jennifer

LIVE MUSIC

Mary Palmer, OLP Music Ministry

Outdoor event! Bring a lawn Chair!

Sponsored by OLP Respect Life Committee.

PRESENTED BY:
OUR LADY OF POMPEII
129 LAVERACK AVE
LANCASTER NY 14086

Bring a baby or mother item for
Gianna Molla or St Teresa Home!

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 30, 2023

Religious Education: Planning a road trip with your family? Say the "Our Father" together before you plan your destination and give thanks once you have arrived at your destination. Your children will enjoy praying "out loud."

St. Teresa's Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2023 will be held on Sunday, August 20th at 10:15 am. If you have received an invitation to celebrate your anniversary on August 20th, please return your response card by August 12th either by mail or by putting it in the Sunday collection.

Intercessory Prayer Group meets this Wednesday, August 2nd, at 6:15 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to join and share intercessions, prayer, scripture and hymns.

Healing Mass - Our Lady of Fatima, 1023 Swann Road, Lewiston, on Sunday, August 6th at 6:30 PM celebrated by Fr. Richard DiGiulio and Music Ministry by Mary Palmer.


St. Teresa's Outdoor Mass & Family Picnic - Sunday, August 13th at 10:15. Please remember the signup sheets for a dish to pass for the picnic. This year we are asking those whose name begins with A-I to bring side dish ; J-P to bring desserts; and Q-Z to bring salads. BBQ chicken, corn on the cob and beverages are supplied. Please remember to put your name on your serving items if you want them returned to you. There will be folding chairs set-up or you can bring your own chair. If you have any questions, email jdiggs@diggspro.com.

Vocation View - "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." A famous quote from St. Paul to the Romans. It's still true! Surrender to God's plan and see how He works it all out! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Appeal 2023 in support of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith achieved a total of \$9,124,024.89 in cash and pledges, representing 96% of its \$9.5 million goal. After a robust six months, we extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to those who donated and made pledges to Appeal 2023, and to those who worked on behalf of the Appeal - in their parishes, communities, and businesses. Your efforts will continue to bring HOPE to those in need in Western New York. Thank you!

Just A Reminder: Jean is on vacation and Jill Syroczyński will be filling in until August 11th.

Ministers for August - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - John & Lynn O'Donnell, Wendy Bergman; 8 am - Finley Gray, Dick Campbell, Deb Smith; 10:15 am - Lisa Reigle, Sue Sweitzer, Nancy Wittman. Lectors: 4:30 pm - Ann Sayers; 8:00 am - Mary Borden; 10:15 am - Karen Stachowiak. Altar Servers: 4:30 pm - Mary Grace Bergman, Anna Bergman; 8 am - Gwendolyn Mruk, Gabrielle Flumerfeldt; 10:15 am - MJ Gehl, Natalie Moreland

 A Scottish mother visits her son in his New York City apartment and asks, "How do you find the Americans, Donald?" "Mother," says Donald, "they're such noisy people. One neighbor won't stop banging his head against the wall, while the other screams and screams all night long." "Oh, Donald! How do you manage to put up with them?" "What can I do? I just lie in bed quietly, playing my bagpipes."

A brochure and 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
For More Information, Please Contact:
Rev. Arthur Mattulke
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DON'T MISS THIS TRIP OF A LIFETIME!!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday, August 2** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets in the Rectory meeting room following 5:30 Mass
- **Saturday, August 5** - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15-8:45 am and 3:00-4 pm
- **REMINDER** - Donations are being accepted for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry in the Vestibule. They are in need of peanut butter & jelly
- **Saturday, August 5** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

Funds needed per week in July for Expenses: \$ 4,750
In Pew 7/16/2023

Sunday Collection
\$ 3,895

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

Life in the Spirit

Life in the Spirit seminar 6:30 to 8:30 pm

9/13	God's Love
9/20	Salvation
9/27	The New Life
10/4	Receiving God's Gift
10/11	Baptized in the Spirit
10/18	Growth
10/25	Transformation in Christ

Our Lady of Peace Church
10950 Main St, Clarence, NY 14031

"The Holy Spirit comes where He is loved, where He is invited, where He is expected." -St. Bonaventure

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"All true children of God have God for their father and Mary for their mother; anyone who does not have Mary for his mother, does not have God for his father."

St. Louis de Montfort
from his book
True Devotion to Mary