

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

MARCH 13, 2022 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers
and sisters of mine, you did for me."
MATTHEW 25:40

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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 3:30 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., March 14

8:00 Alfred Slazak
by Family

Tues., March 15

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wed., March 16

5:30 Brother Terrance Mansfield -
Living Birthday Blessings
by Kathy Gerth

Thurs., March 17 - St. Patrick

8:00 Msgr. Williamson - 61st
Anniversary of Ordination
by St. Teresa Women's Guild


Fri., March 18 - St. Cyril Jerusalem

8:00 Joseph Mattioli
by Family

Sat., March 19 - St. Joseph

9:00 Kathleen Hansgate
by Flumerfeldt Family
4:30 Theodore & Josephine Biernacki
by Son & Daughter-in-Law

Sun., March 20

8:00 Ann & Henry Filipksi
by Family10:15 Gloria Rembas
by Estate
**Scripture Readings
For the Week**
Monday - Daniel 9:4b-10
Luke 6:36-38Tuesday - Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Matthew 23:1-12Wednesday - Jeremiah 18:18-20
Matthew 20:17-28Thursday - Jeremiah 17:5-10
Luke 16:19-31Friday - Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46Saturday - 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 5:43-48Sunday - Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9
Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$44,448
Current Total: 36%

\$16,104
**Thank you for your
generosity!**

**March 13, 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent**

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so. St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called.

Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

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**REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

May our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, help guide those waging war to end the meaningless suffering and restore peace; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Sue McCann, Sterling McCarriagher, Virginia Maloney, Elena Coppola, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Nancy O'Donnell, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Martha Cunningham, Rita Whalen and Lorraine Sylvester.

Catholic Charities: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the Appeal 2022 today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and those facing eviction have shelter. If you have already given this year, thank you! Give the gift of HOPE for all seasons. Visit www.ccnw.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321 today!


**MASS
INTENTIONS**

There are openings in the daily and weekend Mass schedule during the upcoming months.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT- MARCH 13, 2022



Religious Education: Parents seek what is best for their children...preparing good meals, adequate sleep, teaching good manners, enriching activities as family. Incorporating prayers of blessing into the family's daily life and routine is another way to express this desire for the very best for your children. God is the source of all that is good. Visit our website for bedtime blessings, morning blessings and family celebrations...stredakron.wordpress.com

The Women's Guild Respect Life Committee will be holding a Baby Item Collection to support the St Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center of the Diocese of Buffalo, on the weekends of 3/19-20 and 3/26-27. The St Gianna Molla Center serves families and life by providing material, emotional, and spiritual support to mothers, fathers, and families during and after pregnancy. They always need diapers, wipes, formula and bottles; they also accept new/very gently used baby clothes sizes newborn to 4T, and other baby items. Donations can be placed in the playpen in the narthex. If parishioners need items picked up at their home, please call Jennifer Brennan at (716)510-5890 to arrange pickup. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Reconciliation Service - St. Teresa's and our Renewal Family Parishes will hold a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 29, 7 PM, at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main St., Clarence. Renewal Family Priests will be assisting at the Reconciliation Service.

Want to experience something new this Lent? Come join us at Saint Teresa's on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the church, for a series of unique activities and discussions geared toward deepening our Lenten reflection. This free retreat will consist of five sessions. Participants may attend as many sessions as desired. The final session is two hours long, and will feature the powerful 2016 film, *Risen*, a tale of a Roman tribune charged with investigating the missing body of the Messiah.

Movie Nite at the C. Dee Wright Community Ministry Center, 11 Church St., Akron at 6:30 pm. Movie for April 2nd, Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ". Please call 585-813-4449 to reserve group seating. Coffee and snacks available. Under 17 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

Lenten Lecture Series, sponsored by the parishes of the Northern Erie Vicariate. Mondays at 7:30 p.m. March 14 - St. Joseph - Spouse of Mary and Earthly Father of Jesus. Michael J. Ruzala, pastoral associate for faith formation and evangelization at St. Leo the Great will speak about St. Joseph in his role as the husband and earthly father of Jesus. St. Leo the Great Church, 885 Sweet Home Rd, Amherst, NY 14226

PARISH MISSION - Dr. Edward Sri, Presents: LIVING LENT: Day 1-Into His Likeness & Walking With Mary in Lent, Day 2-Vibrant Faith & Biblical Walk Through the Mass! Join us from 7-8:30 PM on March 15 & 16 in St Martha Church, 10 French Road, Depew. Co-sponsored by: Our Lady of Pompeii, St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. Martha Parishes! All are welcome. Free will offering accepted.

Save the Date: WNY Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 26 at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda. We welcome the attendance of priests, deacons, and religious. For more information, visit: <https://www.cmfofwny.org/>.

"God's Son, My Son," the story of St. Joseph - a one-man live theatrical presentation - on Saturday, March 19 from 3-4 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville. Free will offering accepted.

The Holy Name Society Annual Lenten Fish Fry at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main St., Clarence, March 25th from 4-7 in the Parish Center. Dinner includes fish, fries, coleslaw, bread, dessert, beverage. Kid's meals include mac-n-cheese, corn, roll, dessert. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$4 for kid's. THIS IS A PRE-SALE EVENT. You can purchase by contacting the office at 716.759.8554. Dine-in or take-out. Homemade desserts provided by the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society. All proceeds from this event to benefit the Our Lady of Peace Scholarship Fund.

Camp Turner is now hiring for the summer of 2022. Staff training begins July 3, summer ends August 18. Counselors at least 18 years old start at \$360/week plus room and board. Experienced staff can earn up to \$600/week. 17 year old Activity Assistants start at \$300/week. Cooks and kitchen helpers are also needed. To apply, please visit www.campturner.com/employment. Camp Turner is a ministry of Our Lady of Victory Charities, a not-for-profit organization.

- **Sunday, March 13** - Religious Education Classes
9:00 am - 10:00 am and
11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Wednesday, March 16** - Lenten Reflection Retreat, 6:30 in the Church.
- **Thursday, March 17** - Men's Ministry in the Parish Hall, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, March 18** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
- **March 19 & 20** - Donations of Baby Items for St. Gianna Outreach Center
- **Saturday, March 19** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, March 20** - Religious Education Classes
9:00 am - 10:00 am and
11:15 am - 12:30 pm

A VOCATION VIEW - Peter, James, and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus. So do those who are called to follow the Apostles' footsteps in the priesthood. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



A missionary, in Africa, was out taking a walk in the jungle. Suddenly, he heard a noise from the brush in front of him. It was a lion. He started to back up and heard a noise from behind. Sure enough, it was another lion. He looked to his left and then to his right. You guessed it, lions were on both sides. It looked grim, so the missionary sat down where he was and started to read his Bible. Shortly after he started reading, the lions jumped the missionary and ate him. Moral of the story: Never read between the lions.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"In times of dryness and desolation, we must be patient, and wait with resignation for the return of consolation, putting our trust in the goodness of God."

St. Ignatius of Loyola