

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

MARCH 20, 2022 - THIRD 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

<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 3:30 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 21

8:00 Olivia Khan Birthday Blessings
by Mary Olsen

Tues., March 22

8:00 Lori Silveri - Birthday Blessings
by Mary Olsen

Wed., March 23 - St. Turibus

5:30 In Memory of Gertrude Bartels
& Andrew Korszykowski by
Estate of Gertrude Bartels

Thurs., March 24

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., March 25 - The Annunciation

8:00 Kathy Burt - Birthday Blessings
by Mary Olsen

Sat., March 26

9:00 For the People of St. Teresa's
by Fr. Art

4:30 Mary Patricia Paxon
by Bill Paxon & susan Molinari

Sun., March 27

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

10:15 Merritt "Whitey" Spoth
by Joan & Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 2 Kings 5:1-15b
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday - Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday - Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday - Jeremiah 7:23-28
Luke 11:14-23

Friday - Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday - Hosea 6:1-16
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday - Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Catholic Charities Update

Parish Goal: \$44,448
Current Total: 42%

\$18,854

Thank you for your
generosity!



March 20, 2022
3rd Sunday of Lent

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence. Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed. God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

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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: in addition to supporting Catholic Charities, Appeal 2022 also benefits the Fund for the Faith. Established in 1937 by Bishop John Duffy out of concern for those in need of spiritual comfort due to hardships of the Great Depression, the fund for the Faith continues to provide spiritual nourishment throughout our Diocese today. With the COVID-19 Pandemic ongoing, donations to the Fund for the Faith are more important than ever as we extend comfort to all of God's people. Visit www.ccwny.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321 today!



A VOCATION VIEW - Moses hesitated to follow God's will because he couldn't speak well, but in the end he did great things. God can use us, even through our weakness, to accomplish His purposes. If you feel called, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



MASS
INTENTIONS

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT- MARCH 20, 2022

Religious Education: We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know a little about planting and growing spring flowers. We may wonder at the dry, brown bulb and the beautiful tulip or daffodil it produces. Patience is a virtue, a quality we need in small ways and big ways. As parents we practice this virtue every day with our children in hopes that our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. Visit our website...stredakron.wordpress.com



The Women's Guild Respect Life Committee Baby Item Collection to support the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center of the Diocese of Buffalo, this weekend and 3/26-27. 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.

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. For more information, visit: <https://www.cmfofwny.org/>.

Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale Now through 4-3-22. Plant pick up will be 4-9 & 4-10. All plants are \$10 each. Parishioners can purchase a plant as a Memorial for someone and it will decorate the church for the Easter Holiday. All memorials will be printed on a prayer list and included on an easel board displayed at the back of church.

Youth Ministry Easter Egg Hunt - April 9th at the Picnic Grounds weather permitting - more details to come!



CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY HAWES!

St. Teresa's recipient of the St. Joseph the Worker Award. Mary has dedicated many years to serving St. Teresa's Parish and was honored at a Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral this weekend.

The Parish Survey link is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/yxyc5y> or is available on the St. Teresa's website. There are 13 days left to complete the survey and 29 surveys have been completed out of a possible 450 so far. Please take a moment to fill out the survey as this will truly benefit us in the future. Completed paper surveys may be dropped off at the office.

We are looking for volunteers to clean the Church for Easter. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cleaning will take place on Saturday, March 26th at 10:30. Please bring a bucket and cleaning cloths. Cleaning products will be provided.

Want to experience something new this Lent? Come join us on Wednesday, March 23, for the third session of a free **Lenten Retreat** after the 5:30 Mass. This week's session will focus on the Sorrowful Mysteries, enhanced by complementary scripture readings.

Lenten Lecture Series, sponsored by the parishes of the Northern Erie Vicariate. Mondays at 7:30 p.m. March 21 - St. Joseph - The Silent Evangelist: Deacon Michael Ficorilli will talk about St. Joseph and how through his life and work he took on the role of the Silent Evangelist. Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 4375 Harris Hill Rd. in Williamsville, 14221

11th Annual Banquet St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center on Thursday, April 28 at 6 pm at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. More details coming soon. If you are unable to attend, please prayerfully consider making a donation or if you would like to donate a gift basket they must be delivered by Friday, April 22. For more information, call the Pro-Life Office at 716-847-2205.

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.



I'm proud of myself. I finished a jigsaw puzzle in 6 months, and the box said 2-4 years.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, March 20** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, March 20** - Youth Ministry meets in the Parish Hall at 6 pm
- **Wednesday, March 23** - Lenten Reflection Retreat, 6:00 in the Church.
- **Thursday, March 24** - Men's Ministry in the Parish Hall, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, March 25** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
- **March 26 & 27** - Donations of Baby Items for St. Gianna Outreach Center
- **Saturday, March 26** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, March 27** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am-12:30 pm - Last Class

A Time of Prayer
for Ukraine



WELCOME!

We look forward, with anticipation, to you joining us for a UNITED time of Stations and Prayer for Ukraine!

Bishop Michael Fisher, Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo

extends his heartfelt invitation to join him as we pray the Stations of the Cross for Peace in Ukraine.

People of all faiths are asked to come to stand and unite together to support our efforts for all those who are affected by this tragedy against human life.

Please encourage your church, friends and families to attend as we pray for Peace and Justice.

Reflection by:
Reverend Marijan Procyk
Pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Friday, March 25, 2022
6:30 pm

St. Joseph Cathedral
50 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
Free parking

Let us PRAY for UKRAINE!

МОЇМЦЯ ЗА УКРАЇНУ!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Where we see sin, God sees pain; and He wishes to heal us, refresh us, and free us."

Fr. Eamonn Bourke from his book *Make Your Home in Me: Reflections on Prayer*