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APRIL 3, 2022 - FIFTH 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., April 4

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Tues., April 5

8:00 Bob Bergman - Birthday Blessings
by *The Bergman Family*

Wed., April 6

5:30 Special Intentions
by *Rich Raykowski*

Thurs., April 7

8:00 Christen Ware for Return to
Health by *Sr. Ruth*

Fri., April 8

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Sat., April 9

9:00 Emma Lembke - Living
Birthday Blessings
by *Mark & Karen Molitor*

4:30 Ruth & Lester Schock
by *Family*

Sun., April 10 - Palm Sunday

8:00 Ottney Family
by *Family*

10:15 Katherine DiAddario - 101st
Birthday
by *The Bacon Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62
John 8:12-20

Tuesday - Numbers 21:4-9
John 8:21-30

Wednesday - Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95
John 8:31-42

Thursday - Genesis 17:3-9
John 8:51-59

Friday - Jeremiah 20:10-13
John 10:31-42

Saturday - Ezekiel 37:21-28
John 11:45-56

Sunday - Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

Catholic Charities Update

Parish Goal: \$44,448
Current Total: 58%

\$26,102

Thank you for your generosity!



April 3, 2022
5th Sunday of Lent

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another? Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love. When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy. There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

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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 Linda Larouere, Sue McCann, Sterling McCarriagher, Virginia Maloney, Elena Coppola, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, William and Nancy O'Donnell, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Martha Cunningham, Rita Whalen and Lorraine Sylvester.

Please also pray for the sacredness of all human life from conception until natural death.

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

Funds needed per week in March for Expenses: \$5,992.50

In Pew 3/20/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,459

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



MASS
INTENTIONS

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



Holy Week at St. Teresa's

Holy Thursday 8:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
9:00-10:00 pm - Adoration in the Church

Good Friday 2:00 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 1:00 pm - Blessings of Easter Baskets
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00 am and 10:15 am

REMINDER - There will be no confessions heard during Holy Week.

Holy Week Ministers and Altar Servers - Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are able to serve.

Religious Education: The donations that the children place in their Lenten box go to Catholic Charities, a wonderful charity in our diocese that helps so many people in many ways. Thank you to our parents who help the kids keep up this collection throughout the season of Lent. The children are learning to help others in a personal and thoughtful way.

ST. TERESA'S EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 9th at 10:00am in the front of the school. Please come to the Parish Hall to register and make some crafts before we begin. Children must be able to collect on their own. Bring a bag or basket. We will be separating groups by age. Event will be held outside, dress for the weather. Event sponsored by Youth Ministry.

ST. TERESA'S EASTER PLANT SALE - Orders are due today. Pick Up at the Easter Egg Hunt and after Masses next weekend. Money helps support Youth Ministry sponsored events like Donut Sunday, the Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treats and other activities. Thank you for your support.

Lenten Retreat - Come join us on Wednesday, April 6th, for the last session after the 5:30 Mass. 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.

100th Anniversary at Our Lady of Peace HOME, GARDEN & TOOL RAFFLE on Saturday, April 30, 6-10PM at 10950 Main St., Clarence, NY 14031. Food & Drinks are included, admits one with Limited Seating, contact Mark Baron at 716.864.2023 or stop into the Rectory! (Need not be present to win prizes listed below) DONATION: \$25 *** Buy / Sell 10 Tickets to Get 1 Free



175th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diocese of Buffalo - To mark the actual 175th anniversary date of the establishment of the Diocese of Buffalo, all parishes will ring bells for 15 minutes on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. The ringing of bells is a "joyful noise," reminding all of God's presence in the world!

Are you looking for a way to make a difference? Consider volunteering at Brothers of Mercy Nursing Home in Clarence. They are looking for volunteers to help transport patients and to brighten someone's day by visiting with them. Please call Rich Gleason at 716-430-5825.

11th Annual St. Gianna Banquet - Thursday, April 28th, 2022-St. Gianna Beretta Molla Feast Day-6:00 pm, \$75.00 per person at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst. Keynote Speaker Gary Zimak, Author of several best-selling books. Reservations Only - Deadline: Mon., April 18. *RSVP today by calling (716) 847-2205 (no credit cards accepted over the phone or at the door). Online Reservation at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna/> or by email at StGianna@buffalodiocese.org. There will be a Gift Baskets Raffle and Cash Bar. ***Gift Basket Raffle*** - If you are not able to attend, would you be able to help us by donating a gift basket or gift card? Call Pat @ 207-6509 for basket details.

Q. Why can't a rabbit's nose be twelve inches long?
A. Because then it would be a foot.

The Parish Survey link is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/yxyc5y> or is available on the St. Teresa's website. Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey. We have until the end of Sunday to complete surveys, so if you haven't had time to fill out a survey, now is the time!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, April 3** - Last Day to complete the Parish Survey online
- **Sunday, April 3** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Wednesday, April 6** - Lenten Reflection Retreat, 6:00 in the Church.
- **Thursday, April 7** - Men's Ministry in the Parish Hall, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, April 8** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm with Fully Alive Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration following
- **Saturday, April 2** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Weekend of April 9/10** - Pickup of Easter Plants at the Easter Egg Hunt or after weekend Masses
- **Saturday, April 9** - Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM
- **Sunday, April 10** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am

VOCATION VIEW

St. Paul considered the things of this world to be "rubbish" compared to the grace of God. Priesthood requires much sacrifice, but we surrender it all for a much higher good. Don't be afraid of the cost! If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"It is clear to me, Lord, that children hold a special place in Your heart. It follows then, that You would want me to do everything I can to protect their lives. Help me to become like a child in thought and deed for the sake of my salvation. Open the doors to opportunities to protect the unborn."
Mary Sambo from her book *The Life Rosary*