

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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APRIL 10, 2022 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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 3:30 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 11

8:00 Living Intention of Gail Mattulke
God Bless & Love, Margaret & Vittorio

Tues., April 12

8:00 Joan Kucial - Birthday Blessings
by Mary Olsen

Wed., April 13

5:30 Roy Laciura Jr. - Birthday Blessings
by Mary Olsen

Thurs., April 14

8 PM John & Helen Capan
by Daughter

Fri., April 15

2:00 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Sat., April 16

8 PM Parishioners of St. Teresa's
by Fr. Art

Sun., April 17 - Easter Sunday

8:00 In Memory of Rebecca Ziarniak
by The Ziarniak Family

10:15 Adeline Raykowski
by Rich Raykowski



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Isaiah 42:1-7
John 12:1-11

Tuesday - Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday - Isaiah 50:4-9a
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday - Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday - Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Saturday - Genesis 1:1-2:2
Exodus 14:15-15:1
Luke 24:1-12

Sunday - Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-3

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$44,448
Current Total: 63%

\$28,227

Thank you for your generosity!



April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love. God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur. Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues." It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so. ©LPi



REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For the ability to hear and bear God's message of peace in the midst of war, healing in the midst of division, and zeal in the midst of weariness; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Gloria Kintzel, Jim & Joe Vasi, 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 & 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 3/27/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 2,989

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.

ST. TERESA'S EASTER PLANT SALE - Pick Up after Masses this 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.

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.

Protecting God's Children Workshop - Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 6 PM at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. Are you looking to volunteer at your church or school and need to take the Safe Environment Program? The session lasts 3 ½ hours and light refreshments will be provided. There is a limit of 25 people and preregistration is required. To register, go to the Virtus website at www.virtus.org and click on first time registrant, then click on list of sessions and put in the Buffalo Diocese to bring up the list of places holding workshops and find St. Teresa's.

UPDATE FROM KENYA - Sister Joanne, the director of the Mission in Kenya, has recently reported that the 36 children who are being cared for under the programs that St. Teresa's parishioners generously donated \$10,023 to are flourishing. The younger infants & preschoolers who receive food daily under the *Milk & Porridge Program* are gaining weight and growing stronger & healthier. Those that have moved on to school at St. Elizabeth's are getting books, school supplies, uniforms & 2 meals a day under *Follow the Children Program*. She is grateful for the large donation in memory of Sister Bea Leising which has enabled them to update & renew the sewing and computer courses at the technical school that prepares young people to receive job training.

100th Anniversary at Our Lady of Peace HOME, GARDEN & TOOL RAFFLE on Saturday, April 30, 6-10 PM at 10950 Main St., Clarence, NY 14031. Food & Drinks are included, Limited Seating, contact Mark Baron at 716.864.2023 or stop into the Rectory! (DONATION: \$25)

11th Annual St. Gianna Banquet - Thursday, April 28th, 2022, 6:00 pm, \$75.00 per person. Reservations Only - Deadline: Mon., April 18. RSVP today by calling (716)847-2205. 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. 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.

Catholic Charities - Palm Sunday means we have reached the mid-point of our annual Appeal. Your gifts helped us bring HOPE to more than 125,000 lives last year. If you have not yet given to Appeal 2022, now is a great time! Visit www.ccnw.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321. No gift is too small to make a tremendous impact right here in Western New York

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.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Weekend of April 9/10** - Pickup of Easter Plants after weekend Masses
- **Sunday, April 10** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **REMINDER** - The Collection Barrel for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry is in the back of church - soups, beans, canned pastas are needed
- **Friday, April 15** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
- **Saturday, April 16** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, April 17** - No Religious Education Classes due to the Easter Holiday

VOCATION VIEW

The crowds acclaimed Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem, then days later they demanded His crucifixion. Public opinion can flip in an instant. But the will of God does not change.

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit: buffalovocations.org



A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect." "Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?" "Twelve thirty."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"They proclaimed, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.'"

Luke 19

