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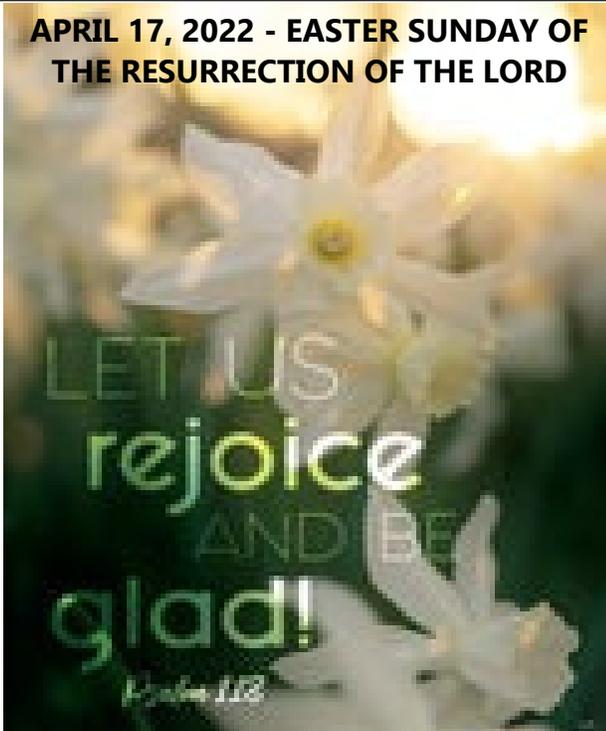
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



APRIL 17, 2022 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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 3:00 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 18

8:00 Gloria Rembas
by Estate

Tues., April 19

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
by Fr. Art

Wed., April 20

5:30 Michael Burt - Birthday
Blessings by Mary Olsen

Thurs., April 21

8:00 Tim Olsen - Birthday Blessings
by Mary Olsen

Fri., April 22

8:00 David Ross
by Ron & Sherry Shimmel

Sat., April 23

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

4:30 Msgr. Robert Williamson -
Birthday Blessings by St. Teresa
Women's Guild

Sun., April 24 - Divine Mercy Sunday

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

10:15 Geraldine Benker
by Estate



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts 2:14, 22-33
Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday - Acts 2:36-41
John 20:11-18

Wednesday - Acts 3:1-10
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday - Acts 3:11-26
Luke 24:35-48

Friday - Acts 4:1-12
John 21:1-14

Saturday - Acts 4:13-21
Mark 16:9-15

Sunday - Acts 5:12-16
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

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

\$28,877

Thank you for your generosity!



MASS
INTENTIONS

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



April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things. They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won't succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn't Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don't! Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For our children and grandchildren that they will grow to cherish the Easter faith that has brought us safely through many difficulties and losses and given us reason to be joyful; 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 April for Expenses: \$ 5,575

In Pew 4/3/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,991

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



Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, April 17** - No Religious Education Classes due to the Easter Holiday
- **Thursday, April 21** - Men's Ministry in the Parish Hall, 6:45 PM
- **Thursday, April 21** - Pastoral Council meets, 7 PM
- **Saturday, April 23** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, April 24** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Tuesday, April 26** - Protecting God's Children Workshop in the Parish Hall, 6 PM

Please Note: Fr. Art will be on vacation April 23 - April 29. Daily Mass will not be held at St. Teresa's during his vacation except for Saturday, April 23. Please join our sister Parishes for daily Mass. Our Lady of Peace in Clarence has weekday Mass on Mon 8:00 AM, Tue-Thu 6:30 & 8:00 AM, Fri 6:30 AM. St. Maximilian Kolbe weekday Mass is Monday and Friday - 8:00 AM at Corfu Site; Tuesday and Thursday - 8:00 AM at E. Pembroke Site; Wednesday - 7:00 PM at Corfu Site. The Office will be closed during the week of April 25 - 29. If there is an emergency, please call Our Lady of Peace at 716-759-8554.

Religious Education: We are familiar with the phrase, "Keep Christ in Christmas" but the bigger challenge is keeping Christ in Easter. Society seems to enjoy or at least tolerate nativity scenes. We celebrate Easter with bunnies, flowers, and jelly beans with barely a mention of the Risen Christ. Here are a couple of ideas.....Together with your children, design and color a banner with the word "Alleluia" on it and display it in the front room of your home. Another thought, as a family, create an Easter basket for a family in need.

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 1/2 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.

St. Teresa's Women's Guild Flea Market - Sat. May 28th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Indoor \$30, Outdoor \$20, add'l table \$5 each. Call to reserve your spot: Judy:716-983-0166, Trish:716-462-2883.

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)

Catholic Charities - Jesus' resurrection and triumph over sin and death is our everlasting reason for HOPE. Today we celebrate and rejoice in his glory and his promise of eternal life through him! We also want to express our gratitude to you, our generous Appeal supporters, for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Teresa of Calcutta through your compassion and care for those in need in our community. Thank you for your continuing support of Appeal 2022!

Catholic Home Missions - Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/homemissions.

☺ One Easter, a father was teaching his son to drive when out of nowhere a rabbit jumped on the road. Slamming on the breaks, the son said, "I nearly ruined Easter! I almost ran over the Easter Bunny." His father replied, "It's okay son—you missed it by a hare."

 **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.

VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is truly risen! Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus affords us new life. You must now decide how you are going to live that new life. Will you answer His call? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, And your Holy Spirit take not from me."

Psalm 51

He is risen, Alleluia