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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 24, 2022 - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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**
Sat., April 30

- 9:00** Parishioners of St. Teresa's
by Fr. Art
- 4:30** Betty & Bob Bergman -
Happy Anniversary

Sun., May 1

- 8:00** Margaret Laciura - Birthday
Blessings by Mary Olsen
- 10:15** In Memory of Gertrude
Bartels & Andrew
Korszykowski by Estate of
Gertrude Bartels


**Scripture Readings
For the Week**
Monday - 1 Peter 5:5b-14
Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday - Acts 4:32-37
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday - Acts 5:17-26
John 3:16-21

Thursday - Acts 5:27-33
John 3:31-36

Friday - Acts 5:34-42
John 6:1-15

Saturday - Acts 6:1-7
John 6:16-21

Sunday - Acts 5:27-32, 4b-41
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$44,448
Current Total: 65%

Thank you for your generosity!

April 24, 2022
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends. Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too! While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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May we be transformed through our encounters with the living Christ and be instruments of healing, forgiveness and, peace; 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 4/10/2022

Sunday Collection
\$ 4,400

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.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) - APRIL 24, 2022

Religious Education - We wish a Blessed Easter to all of our Religious Education Students and their families. Visit our website, stredakron.wordpress.com for all of the latest news and upcoming events.

Please Note: Fr. Art is on vacation until April 29. Daily Mass will not be held at St. Teresa's during his vacation. 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 is closed during the week of April 25 - 29. If there is an emergency, please call Our Lady of Peace at 716-759-8554.

Join Us in Welcoming the following new members of our St. Teresa's Family! During the month of April, we were blessed with the addition of: Mario & Tracy Candino and Richard & Susan Abraham.

The Chosen Season 2 - We will be showing Season 2 of the Chosen every Friday morning at 8:45 in the Rectory Meeting Room for 8 weeks ending June 10th. Hope you can join us for this exciting series about the Life of Christ.

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

The St. Teresa of Avila Youth Ministry Group (STOAYM), would like to thank everyone who donated and/or purchased an Easter plant. This was the first fund raiser we have done and you have helped us raise funds for future events! We will be announcing our next Donut Sunday for May shortly. A list of the memorials is on an easel in the narthex, please remember them in your prays.

STOAYM would like to announce the officers for our new board: President - Mary Diggs, Vice President - Hailey Reigle, Secretary - Emily Fox, and Treasurer - Micah Gehl. Our next meeting is tonight, April 24th, from 6 to 8pm. All High School Students are welcome to join us.

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)

St. Max Annual Chicken BBQ - May 1, 8656 Church St., E. Pembroke, Noon - sold out. Tickets \$12. Chicken only \$8. Presale tickets at the parish office or by calling 585-599-4833. Limited number of tickets available at the door.

Catholic Charities - No gift to Appeal 2022 is too small. In fact, each dollar raised during the Appeal leverages an additional \$3-\$4 of government support. Your donation helps strengthen thousands of individuals and families across the 8 counties of WNY. To make a donation today, visit ccwny.org/donate or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321. If you need help, go to www.ccwny.org/services or call 716-218-1419.

Catholic Home Missions - Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! More information can be found at www.usccb.org/homemissions.

WALK FOR LIFE - April 30 - 9 am - 12 pm - This is a family event with bounce houses, face paint, etc. Free lunch for walkers. Starts at Delaware Park. Circle our city with the power of prayer to end abortion in our neighborhood. www.CompassCareWalk.com to learn more and click "register".

😊 A woman goes away on vacation and has her brother watch her cat. On the second day, when she calls her brother to see how things are going he tells her that the cat is dead. The woman immediately goes into hysterics, really upset and says, "You can't tell a person bad news like that. The first day, you should have said that Fluffy was stuck on the roof and couldn't get down. The second day, you could have said that she had fallen, but the vet said she would be ok. The third day you could have said that she died from complications." The next day the brother calls the woman up and says, "I have news." "What?" "Grandma is stuck on the roof and can't get down ..."

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **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
- **Thursday, April 28** - Men's Ministry in the Parish Hall, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, April 29** - The Chosen Study Group meets at 8:45 am in Rectory Meeting Room
- **Saturday, April 30** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, May 1** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus sent His Apostles out with the mission "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven." The Apostles handed this task on to the priests of today in the Sacrament of Confession. Join us, and carry on the "ministry of reconciliation." 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:

"Beauty and every charm of this life passes.... The only thing that remains eternal is love, the cause of every good work, which outlives us, which is our hope and our religion, because God is Love."

St. Giuseppe Moscati from the book St. Giuseppe Moscati: Doctor of the Poor by Antonio Tripodoro, SJ.