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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.



MAY 8, 2022 - 4TH 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

Mon., May 9

8:00 Cameron Rzydik - Birthday
Blessings by *Mary Olsen*

Tues., May 10

8:00 Susan H.
by *Aunt Nancy Konieczny*

Wed., May 11

5:30 Loretta Raykowski & Raykowski
Family by *Rich Raykowski*

Thurs., May 12

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., May 13

8:00 Dearly Departed

Sat., May 14 - St. Matthias

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
by *Fr. Art*

4:30 In Memory of Ray & Shirley
Rasp by *The Bergman Family*

Sun., May 15

8:00 Rev. Arthur Mattulke on His
25th Anniversary of Priestly
Ordination
by *St. Teresa Women's Guild*

10:15 Joseph Cunningham

by *Martha Cunningham*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts 11:1-18
John 10:1-10

Tuesday - Acts 11:19-26
John 10:22-30

Wednesday - Acts 12:24-13:5a
John 12:44-50

Thursday - Acts 13:13-25
John 13:16-20

Friday - Acts 13:26-33
John 14:1-6

Saturday - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
John 15:9-17

Sunday - Acts 14:21-27
Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$44,448
Current Total: 74%

\$33,032

Thank you for your generosity!



May 8, 2022
4th Sunday of Easter

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice. We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal. We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.

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That young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life courageously follow Your will so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Austin Penn, 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, Matthew Yoder, Donna Stock, Martha Cunningham, Rita Whalen & Lorraine Sylvester.

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

Funds needed per week in April for Expenses: \$5,575

In Pew 4/24/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,054

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

Religious Education: We are followers of Jesus; we are the sheep He is talking about in today's Gospel. Jesus knows us as well as our family and our best friends. When we share eternal life, we will be closer to God as well. We will see God as he is and share fully in the life of God.

The Women's Guild is hosting a reception on Sunday, May 15th, following the 10:15 Mass in celebration of Fr. Art's 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. All are welcome to attend.

St. Teresa's Grounds Cleanup has been Rescheduled to Saturday, June 4th, at 10 am. Everyone is invited to come and join in the cleanup - no experience necessary! Please bring garden tools if you have them. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information or questions, please call Tony & Mary Jo Schumacher at 716-542-5138.

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

THANK YOU to the Parishioners of St. Teresa's for your generous support to the Baby Items Collection for the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center. The wonderful staff at the Center were overjoyed with so many bags and boxes of diapers, wipes, baby outfits, blankets, and so much more!! They want you to know that your donations will help so many families right here in our area! Thank you!!

Catholic Charities - HOPE Day is coming! Catholic Charities' one day "above and beyond" fundraising effort is Wednesday, May 11. Last year donors contributed nearly \$317,228 in 24 hours and this year we are aiming for another successful one-day giving blitz. Be sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more details on how you can make a contribution or help spread the word this Wednesday and to track our progress on HOPE Day. If you need help, please visit www.ccnw.org/services or call 716-218-1419 or the office in your area.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

INSPIRATIONAL CONCERT BY MARY PALMER - Monday, May 16, (7-8 PM) "Beloved: An Evening of Healing, Rejoicing, and Love of Jesus Through Music and Prayer!" Finger foods follow!! No charge. Free will offering. Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster, 14086, www.olpparish.com, 716-683-6522. RSVP appreciated but not required. All are welcome!



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



The new minister stood at the church door greeting the members as they left the Sunday morning service. While most of the people told the minister how much they liked his message, one man seemingly had a different opinion. "That was a very dull and boring sermon, Pastor," he said. The pastor was a bit baffled by this, but he continued shaking hands. A few minutes later, the same man again appeared in line and said, "I don't think you did much in the way of preparation for your message." Once again, the man circled back and appeared in line, this time muttering, "You really blew it. You didn't have a thing to say, Pastor." Finally, the minister could stand it no longer. He went to one of the deacons and inquired about the man. "Oh, don't let that guy bother you," said the deacon. "He's a little slow. All he does is go around repeating whatever he hears other people saying."

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, May 8** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Thursday, May 12** - Men's Ministry in the Rectory basement meeting room, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, May 13** - The Chosen Study Group meets at 8:45 am following 8:00 Mass
- **Friday, January 14** - Fully Alive Holy Hour/ Eucharistic Adoration, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, May 14** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, May 15** - Final Class, Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Sunday, May 15** - Reception for Fr. Art following the 10:15 Mass celebrating 25 Years of Priestly Ordination hosted by the Women's Guild

VOCATION VIEW

On Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let's pray together for an increase in all vocations: marriage, priesthood, diaconate, religious life -- especially in our diocese. May Jesus raise up new shepherds in our midst. If you are one of them, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"All Christian marriages should give joyful witness to the fact that children are never a chore or a burden, even in the most complex situations of life, but rather a project based on confidence and an inexhaustible source of happiness."

Cardinal Gerhard Muller from his book The Hope of the Family