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APRIL 11, 2021 - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

Monday, April 12

8:00 Joan Kuciel - Birthday
Blessings by *Mary Olsen*

Tuesday, April 13 - St. Martin I

8:00 Fr. David Borowiak

Wednesday, April 14

5:30 The Benker Family
by *Estate*

Thursday, April 15

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Friday, April 16

8:00 Roy Laciura - Birthday
Blessings by *Mary Olsen*

Saturday, April 17

9:00 Christina Lemdke - Living
Birthday Blessing
by *Karen & Mark Molitor*

4:30 Frederick Wysocki
by *Jean Ottney*

Sunday, April 18 - 3rd Sunday of
Easter

8:00 Mary Patricia Paxon
by *Bill Paxon & Susan Molinari*

10:15 Gloria Rembas
by *Estate*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts 4:23-31
John 3:1-8

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 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31



April 11, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin. "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives. Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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For the success of this year's Catholic Charities drive;
we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially John Ernst, Shirley Lantz, Baby Vivian, Liam Williams, Crystal and Leah Howard, Nancy Tordy, Sister Bea Leising, Paul Schifferle, Matthew Hanlon, George Cunningham, Lorraine Sylvester, Darlene Duke, Nicole DeGolier and Sonny Grainy.

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

2021 Masses - There are several weekday and weekend Masses available for the year. Please call the Rectory during office hours to get your preferred dates.

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$41,602
Current Total: 43%

\$17,392

Thank you for your generosity!

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 11, 2021



St. Teresa's Parish welcomes
Rev. Arthur E. Mattulke
Wednesday, April 14th.

Religious Education - Classes resume this Sunday for children in the first period, that is, Grades One thru Six. Confirmation candidates, teens in Grade Ten, who were not in attendance on Palm Sunday, March 28, missed their interview with Sister Ruth. Call the Religious Ed office (716 542 5777) to schedule your appointment for next Sunday morning between 11:15 and 12:00.

Bible Study - For any participants wishing to complete the Gospel of St. Matthew study online, the online availability has been extended through March of 2022. Please call the office if you need help accessing the study.



St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle - Tickets available before & after masses for a chance to win a beautiful queen sized log cabin pattern quilt. Tickets are \$5 for one or 3 for \$10. The raffle will take place on Sunday, May 30th, after the 10:15 Mass. Proceeds to be used for the Women's Guild parish projects.

Chicken BBQ - St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Sunday, May 2, 2021, Noon - 1:30 PM or sold out, East Pembroke Hall, 8656 Church Street, East Pembroke (off Angling Road). Homemade desserts! Presale tickets available by calling 585-599-4833. Chicken by St. Max Pit Crew.

Cardinal O'Hara High School Spring Open House: in-person event on April 20 from 4-7 pm by appointment only; or a virtual tour on April 27 at 6:30 p.m. Each will give visitors an opportunity to meet students and faculty and learn what O'Hara has to offer. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Thomas Wilkie, admissions director, at 716-695-2600, ext. 357 or visit www.cardinalohara.com.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK in re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. Case No. 20-10322
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date"). If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call 855-292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. **IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

☺ A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple of blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new Pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle, "aww, come on.... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."



- **Sunday, April 11** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Weekend of April 10/11** - St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle tickets available before and after Mass.
- **REMINDER** - The Collection Barrels for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry are in the back of church - pasta & sauce are needed!
- **Saturday, April 17** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, April 18** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am

A VOCATION VIEW

God's mercy is shown most clearly through the Sacrament of Confession, which Jesus gave to the Apostles in today's Gospel. But who will minister this Sacrament to those in need of God's mercy? If you feel called to take up this powerful task as a priest, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or 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. Amen.



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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Divine Merch Chaplet

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