

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

MAY 2, 2021 - 5TH 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, May 3

8:00 In Memory of Darrin Kunold  
by Ann Sayers

Tuesday, May 4

8:00 Birthday Blessing - Michael  
Olsen by Mary Olsen

Wednesday, May 5

5:30 Ed Redden  
by Flumerfeldt Family

Thursday, May 6

8:00 Pat Lederhouse  
by Bernadette Connolly

Friday, May 7

8:00 Birthday Blessing -  
Margaret Laciura  
by Mary Olsen

Saturday, May 8

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Loretta Raykowski  
by Rich Raykowski

Sunday, May 9

8:00 Helen Capan  
by Daughter

10:15 Connie Caprio

by Husband & Children



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Corinthians 15:1-8  
John 14:6-14

Tuesday - Acts 14:19-28  
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday - Acts 15:1-6  
John 15:1-8

Thursday - Acts 15:7-21  
John 15:9-11

Friday - Acts 15:22-31  
John 15:12-17

Saturday - Acts 16:1-10  
John 15:18-21

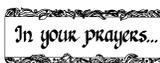
Sunday - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
1 John 4:7-10  
John 15:9-17



May 2, 2021  
5th Sunday of Easter

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human. The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life. Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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In your prayers...

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, Rich Raykowski, 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 and Sonny Grainy.

Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving in the military and for all first responders.

May is the Month of Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will be saying the rosary before each weekday Mass, including Saturday morning. Please arrive about 15 minutes before Mass starts and join us.

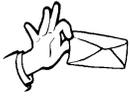
**Catholic Charities Update**  
**Parish Goal: \$41,602**  
**Current Total: 59%**

**\$24,267**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 2, 2021

**Religious Education** - Our children have demonstrated their love and concern for others by their participation in the Catholic Charities Appeal. This has been a challenging year for many of us. We all hope for better days to come. To help others the children took their Lenten boxes home and filled them with dollars and coins for needy people. This year their donations amounted to **\$314.00**. Thank you, children! Great job!



**Intercessory Prayer Group Meeting** - May 5th, Immediately following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. **Do you have a prayer request? Simply write your intention in an envelope marked "Prayer Group" and place it in the collection basket.** All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayers, scripture & hymns.

**Drive Thru Chicken BBQ** - June 6th, Noon to 1 pm, pre-order only, with tickets available after Mass starting the weekend of May 9th through May 30th, \$12 each. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 13661. Pick up at St. Teresa or Our Lady of Peace.

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions appeal. As a parish, we raised \$540 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle** - Tickets available for a chance to win a beautiful queen sized quilt. \$5 for 1 or 3 for \$10. The raffle Sunday, May 30th. Proceeds for the Women's Guild parish projects.

**GUYS' NIGHT OUT** - May 20th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, *I can do all things in God, Who strengthens me.* Men (adults only) are invited for an evening out to enjoy subs, soda and speakers. It will be a night packed with fun, food, fellowship and fabulous speakers.

**GIRLS' NIGHT OUT** - On May 27th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, *Embracing the Will of God.* Women (adults only) are invited for an evening out to enjoy soups and salads, and spirit-filled speakers. It will be a night allowing for sharing and stories, fun and games, and spiritual growth.

Please register for both evenings by contacting Sr. Jacinta 814-505-2290, [olcparishevent@gmail.com](mailto:olcparishevent@gmail.com). Suggested donation \$20. This event will take place at the parish hall of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 71 Center Ave, North Tonawanda.

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.



I was dismayed this afternoon when my wife told me my 6-year-old son wasn't actually mine. She then said I need to pay more attention at school pick up.



- **Sunday, May 2** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Weekend of May 1/2** - St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle tickets available before and after Mass.
- **Wednesday, May 5** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets immediately following the 5:30 Mass
- **Saturday, May 8** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, May 9** - Final Class Day for Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am

### A VOCATION VIEW

"Remain in me... I am the vine, you are the branches." Could there be any doubt that Jesus is talking about communion in His True Body & Blood in the Eucharist? We need priests to continue consecrating this amazing gift at the altar. If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"Call on Mary with devotion, and she will not leave your needs unattended, since she is merciful, indeed, the Mother of Mercy."*

*St Bernard of Clairvaux*

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